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## **PROVINCES BENEFIT FROM GREEN JOBS TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH AFRICA**

9 - 13 March 2015, Vulindlela Academy, Midrand, Gauteng Province, South Africa

From 9 to 13 March 2015, more than 50 officials from provincial and local governments in South Africa gathered at the Vulindlela Academy, Development Bank of Southern Africa's (DBSA), Midrand, South Africa to participate in the second Green Fund training course on "Green jobs for sustainable development: concepts and practices". The event followed a similar learning initiative for national departments that was implemented in November 2014 and is part of a two-year capacity building programme (2014-15) - supported by the Department of Environmental Affairs Green Fund which is implemented by the DBSA. International Labour Organization (ILO), through its International Training Centre, Green Jobs Programme and Decent Work Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa has been appointed to undertake the training.

The event brought together delegates from the public and private sectors who had the opportunity to explore the job creation potential of a greener South African economy, and to discuss both opportunities and challenges to make this happen at the local level. Training sessions alternated with panel discussions, group work and a one-day knowledge fair, sought to help participants discuss existing policies at national and local level, understand investment options, skills gaps and sectoral strategies, share good practices and create a community of practice across the nine provinces, all of which were represented in the course.

Throughout the week, participants facilitated by international experts from the ILO, as well as national green economy specialists, delved into concepts and approaches to promote green jobs and decent work in the transition to a greener economy in South Africa. They assessed what was happening and what was still needed in the different provinces to boost new and better employment opportunities in key economic sectors for the green economy, such as: sustainable agriculture, integrated waste management, green transport, renewable energy and natural resource management.



The interactive discussions resulted in the formulation of nine consolidated action plans which will be followed up in the coming months through an on-line community of practice which will connect delegates from the various green jobs courses and projects, as well as any public, private and civil society organisations and practitioners committed to unleash the decent job potential of a low carbon, resilient and resource efficient economy.

Forthcoming courses will focus on Green Jobs in the Waste Sector (29 June –3 July 2015) and Green Jobs in the Natural Resources Sector (7-11 September 2015) to introduce the concept of green jobs to key stakeholders in these sectors, and support the development of specific policies and strategies to promote green jobs.

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