



Outcomes of the Fourth Nevsky International Ecological Congress

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St. Petersburg Declaration on Green Industry for Environmental Protection

We, participants of the Fourth Nevsky International Ecological Congress, held on 17 May 2011 in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation in preparation for the Rio+20:

Reaffirming our commitment to the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992) and the provisions of Agenda 21, and the outcomes of the World Summits on Sustainable Development;

Recognizing the adverse impact of climate change and the need to address this issue through adaptation and mitigation measures, including the transition to Green Industry and Green Economy in broad terms;

Acknowledging that the lack of finances and the necessary technologies is still an obstacle to achieving sustainable development and internationally agreed development goals;

Considering national differences in natural and human capital, the level of socioeconomic development, as well as the geographically uneven regional distribution of production facilities and natural resources, especially fresh water and energy sources;

Recognizing the need to organize cleaner production, effective utilization of materials, fostering of innovation, and development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies;

Being determined to promote co-operation and to encourage market expansion with a clear vision of environmentally friendly production and the environmental service industry;

Considering the fact that the global financial and economic crisis makes it necessary for countries to review their strategies on the basis of advantages of the Green Growth policy tools;

Believing that cleaner production innovations, and research and development that leads to them, as well as training and education and their overall support at all levels, will be the key to launching and developing suitable environmentally sound technologies;

Considering the need to implement the Green Industry concept in the context of sustainable development, which will contribute to poverty reduction, job creation, social development and better environment for all;

Aiming at promotion of joint efforts towards preparation for the Rio+20 Summit;

Have agreed to intensify our efforts towards implementation of the following actions and measures:

1. Strengthen regional and international cooperation in adoption of the Green Growth strategy to promote long-term and environmentally sustainable pattern of development;
2. Examine the tools of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in development and transfer of technologies and practices for environmentally cleaner production and industry;
3. Accelerate agricultural and industrial development to achieve the goals of poverty eradication and environmental protection;
4. Examine the opportunities of active incorporation of cleaner production policies in national development plans, setting goals and formulating action plans, as appropriate, for promotion of low-carbon and resource efficient industries;
5. Promote through appropriate political and other measures the capacities to design environmentally friendly manufacturing processes and products, and to promote other green innovations;
6. Actively engage in intergovernmental partnerships the private sector, academia and the civil society, including strengthening capabilities and offering more opportunities for environmentally safe manufacturing by small and medium enterprises;
7. Provide legal frameworks for building resource-efficient and low-carbon economies and modernizing of the respective business support, which would help convert the existing resource-intensive production models to the sustainable ones;
8. Foster a viable business environment conducive to investment in, and financing of, clean energy, cleaner production, resource efficient and low-carbon industries, and other areas of the Green Economy. In this regard, measures should be also taken for accelerated use of renewable energy sources and environmentally sound technologies;
9. Encourage adoption of strategies and plans for transition to Green Growth, and elimination of irrational economic growth through extensive use of energy, materials and water in production processes;
10. Undertake necessary actions to incorporate concepts, tools and methodologies of Green Growth into education and training curricula for training and retraining at all levels;
11. Support and promote development of national supply capacities for environmental goods and services, including the recycling and waste management industries;
12. Reduce emissions of harmful substances into the environment through promotion of non-waste industries, waste management and recycling;
13. Support permanent monitoring of harmful emissions into the atmosphere;
14. Engage more actively the community and mass media in tackling environmental problems, designing of plans and programmes on greening of economies.

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