

About the Green Growth Index

GGGI developed the Index with the primary aim of providing a concept-driven and evidence-based tool to assess the impacts of green growth policy implementation and investments in countries and to compare their performance with peers in their respective regions. The Index is intended to raise awareness and help sustain the momentum for green growth by measuring, tracking, benchmarking, and communicating the green growth performance of countries.

Highlights

- GGGI's Green Growth Index pioneered an inclusive and rigorous process that is concept-driven, expert-guided, and policy-relevant
- Less than 25% of the 115 countries ranked in the Index are close to reaching sustainability targets for green growth
- Gaps in SDG indicators to track performance in green economic opportunities is a challenge to developing the Index
- Rising momentum for green growth offers huge opportunity for global actions to reach targets and close gaps

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Our Approach

- Partnering with developing and emerging countries to design and deliver programs and services that demonstrate new pathways to pro-poor economic growth.
- Providing Member countries with the tools to help build institutional capacity and develop green growth policy, strengthen peer learning and knowledge sharing, and engage private investors and public donors.
- Leveraging a comprehensive network and governance structure to facilitate a multi-directional and multi-sectoral sharing of knowledge between South-South countries, while gathering global actors with the potential to set and drive the international agenda on green growth.

Global Green Growth Institute

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization dedicated to supporting and promoting strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies. GGGI was established in 2012, at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and currently consists of 31 Member countries around the world. GGGI's mission is to support the transition of its Member and partner countries toward a model of green growth by developing and implementing strategies that simultaneously achieve poverty reduction, social inclusion, environmental sustainability and economic growth. By pursuing this mission, GGGI aims to achieve its vision of a resilient world of strong, inclusive and sustainable green growth.

GGGI's interventions emphasize change in four priority areas considered to be essential to transforming countries' economies including:



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The Green Growth Index

The 2019 Green Growth Index measures the performance of 115 countries across the four dimensions of green growth. A total of 36 indicators were identified based on their relevance to the objectives of green growth and the availability of high-quality data from international sources as well as their role in tracking the implementation of goals and targets reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Change Agreement, and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

A product of more than two years of intensive and constructive consultations with more than 300 experts globally, the Index is intended to engage policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders in identifying priorities and opportunities for achieving socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic development through green growth.

Distance to sustainability targets

Out of the 23 countries scoring high in the 2019 Green Growth Index, Denmark and Sweden rank highest, both with scores of about 75. But these top scores are still 25 points from the green growth target of 100. With 54 countries still halfway to reaching this target and 38 even further behind, there are ample opportunities to improve performance and make the world a greener place.

Performance on Index dimensions

Among the four green growth dimensions, performance is lowest for many countries for efficient and sustainable resource use, and green economic opportunities. Lack of green trade and innovation is the main constraint to reaching the targets for green economic opportunities across all regions. In addition, poor sustainable land use hinders efforts to improve performance in efficient and sustainable resource use, particularly in many countries in Africa, the Americas, and Asia.

