



Ref: ODG-01-090516-03

Ms. Ane Halsboe-Jørgensen  
Chairperson of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee  
Folketinget  
Christiansborg

9 May 2016

Dear Ms. Halsboe-Jørgensen,

Last week, I visited Copenhagen for meetings with the Danish Government and the NGOs. While the meeting with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament did not materialize, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you and with the Committee some information on the work of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

Denmark is a critical contributing member and partner to GGGI, both in financial and technical terms. Denmark's investment in the organization is paying off. Through the support from Denmark and GGGI's other donors, GGGI has developed from a nascent international organization to a respected organization supporting developing countries to pursue green growth pathways in over 24 countries.

As the organization continues to respond to the global goals arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement and in-country green growth opportunities, GGGI's technical support and services are in increasing demand among its members and partner countries. For example, this includes continued GGGI support for Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy plan, which aims to make Ethiopia a middle-income country by 2025 with no net-increase in greenhouse gas emissions. Another example is GGGI's support to Jordan's National Green Growth Plan whereby green growth opportunities are identified, and a platform is provided for knowledge sharing and financing of bankable projects. A third example is GGGI's support to an Eco-town project in the Philippines, which targets green growth approaches to strengthen growth and climate-resilience capacity of the coastal municipality of San Vicente; the approach is now planned for replication in other provinces in the Philippines.

In addition, GGGI has followed up on recommendations from a Danish appraisal and a Joint Donor Review conducted by Denmark and other donors. The steps that GGGI has taken include strengthening GGGI's focus on social safeguards, poverty reduction and social inclusion, increasing GGGI's focus on the Least Developed Countries, and ensuring value for money through strengthening its results-based management system.

During my visit, I was pleased to meet with the CEO of the Danish Climate Investment Fund (IFU), and with Vestas for discussions on areas of collaboration in relation to GGGI's work to address the barriers for private sector engagement.

Let me also mention that GGGI is organizing a Global Green Growth Week on 5-9 September this year on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea. The attached brochure gives a brief overview of the week's program. I would be pleased if representatives of the Foreign Affairs Committee would be able to participate in relevant sessions.

GGGI has positioned itself as a credible international actor to support governments in achieving sustainable and climate-resilient development aligned to their national development priorities. Enclosed is a brochure which reflects GGGI's approach to support partner countries' in their follow up to the Paris Agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you on the Global Green Growth Week and to continue our cooperation on our shared mission of promoting sustainable green growth.

Sincerely,

Yvo de Boer  
Director-General  
Global Green Growth Institute

**Enclosures:**

1. GGGW 2016 Brochure
2. Implementing the Paris Agreement: Our Service Offerings