

#### GREEN ECONOMY COALITION GLOBAL MEETING

# **Code Red for Nature & People:**

Is the COVID-19 recovery agenda up to the task?

A week for diagnosis, debate and action.

November 29 – December 3, 2021

# Our vision: Prosperity for all within one planet limits

Our mission: Economic reform within a generation For our next **Green Economy Coalition Global Meeting**, we are proposing to hold an **online multi-stakeholder event over five days (2 core hours/day)** to:

- bring together the Coalition,
- reflect on the state of the global economy,
- give space to our members to share their work,
- and agree on shared interventions.

This document is a draft **outline** for the event based on conversations with our members.

We invite you – our member organisations – to comment and shape our meeting agenda. Let's co-create this event together.

If you have suggestions or questions, please get in touch: emily.benson@greeneconomycoalition.org

### **Our proposition:**

Through the pain and suffering of COVID-19, we have seen glimpses of a better future.

A world in which governments can be agile, innovative and science-led; where businesses big and small can transform themselves at short notice; where communities can be resilient, proactive and collaborative.

We all – citizens, communities, government, business, workers – shared the same realisation. **This could be a turning point**. From the ashes of this crisis, a fairer and greener economic system could be created.

Two years on from the outbreak of COVID-19, some countries and institutions have taken bold steps to prioritise a just and nature-based recovery.

But too many decision-makers are missing this opportunities to make structural changes. As a result, the recovery agenda is not sufficient for tackling the "Code Red" that nature and people are facing.

The GEC Global Meeting 2021 is focused on one question: How we can work together to focus the COVID-19 recovery agenda to deliver the system wide changes needed to tackle the loss of nature and rising inequality gap?

The moment is here to accelerate the transition – we must take it. **Join us.** 

# **Global Meeting: Themes and content**

Core sessions will be held from 12:00 – 14:00 GMT, so that as much of the Coalition as possible is able to join.

Side sessions will be held in the mornings and afternoons as a space for deeper thematic dives, regional focus, and showcases for member's work and projects.

We propose to structure the five days of the Global Meeting around broad themes, uniting the side sessions and core sessions as follows:

#### *Nov. 29 -* **Code Red for nature & people**

What are the top priority interventions to transform a collapsing system? Focusing on diagnosing the state of play, how COVID recovery playing out around the world, and what our members are seeing.

#### Nov. 30 - Inequality

How a new social contract can drive the green transition? Focusing on small enterprise, inclusion, and tackling social and economic inequality.

#### Dec. 1 - Nature

How can the green transition restore nature in time? Focusing on nature-positive policies that restore ecosystems and biodiversity while protecting livelihoods.

#### Dec. 2 - The Green Recovery On Trial

Is the Green Recovery agenda up to the challenges facing humanity? A media-focused debate empowering young green activists.

#### Dec. 3 - Coalition Day

Strategy, shared interventions, and the future of the GEC. For members of the Coalition only.

## **Global Meeting: Draft agenda & themes**

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	
	Side sessions	Side sessions	Side sessions	Side sessions	SIGE
Code Red for Nature and People.  What are the top ten priority interventions to transform a collapsing system?	How a new social contract can drive the green transition? [Focus on small enterprise and inclusion]	Nature Day  How can the green transition restore nature in time?	Media debate: The Green Recovery On Trial  High level dialogue asking if the Green Recovery agenda is up to the challenge facing humanity?	Coalition Day  Strategy and shared interventions.	Core
Side session	Side sessions	Side sessions	Side sessions	Side sessions	Side

# **Global Meeting: Priorities & key goals**

- Bring the Coalition together to strengthen connections, forge alliances & demonstrate value of a distributed network.
- Give a platform to our dialogue partners to share their work at the grassroots and build understanding of green economy in different contexts.
- Empower underrepresented groups (youth, women, indigenous, non-white).
- Advance our shared conceptual understanding of "green recovery" – ensuring that it has explicit commitments to both justice and to nature.

## Global Meeting: Structure & format

- Core sessions to be held Monday Friday from 12:00 – 14:00 GMT, so that as much of the Coalition as possible is able to join.
- Side sessions to be held Monday Friday, in the mornings and afternoons.
- Side sessions will allow for deeper thematic dives, regional focus, and showcases for member's work and projects.
- We urge all members to use the side sessions for their own needs. These can be small, informal events for your own national or local stakeholders, or open to all the GEC membership and wider network. The secretariat is on hand to support you.

### Got an idea for a session?

# Want to present your organisation or share your latest project?

**Get in touch!** 

We want the Global Meeting to be a co-created event that delivers maximum value and opportunities to our membership – wherever they are in the world and whatever their focus.

To help us achieve this goal, we'd love to hear from you.

We've deliberately kept a lot of space in the agenda free so that our members can have a platform to share their work, present on their impact, run a panel discussion – or whatever else you would like to propose.

We also invite interested members to join our Global Meeting taskforce. It won't involve responsibility for actually organising the event – that's still on us! – but will meet occasionally to ensure the overall focus, messaging and content is aligned with the interests of our members.

If you have suggestions, ideas, thoughts or questions, please do share them:

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