

# **Green Economy in the South**

## **Negotiating Environmental Governance, Prosperity and Development**

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DODOMA, TANZANIA JULY 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The Conference is hosted by:  
The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Dodoma

It is co-hosted by:  
The Institute for Poverty Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape;  
The Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester; and,  
The Institute for Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University.

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### **Context and Rationale**

The momentum gathering behind the idea and practice of the Green Economy is coinciding with financial instability and continued economic woe in the North, but generally happier economic circumstances in the South. Economies are growing and ‘green economic initiatives’ are part of these changes. Carbon payments, ecotourism, community-based wildlife management, Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and offsets by mining companies exploiting new resources are all a part of a landscape offering new commodities, opportunities for commercialization and integration into wealth-generating markets. And so too are growing incidents of land (and water) grabbing, displacement and alienation of resources required for wealthy tourists, bitter local conflicts over the locally-defined rules of access to carbon (e.g. firewood) purchased by wealthy northerners, green washing and other harmful activities that either cause poverty, or else distribute the fortune and misfortune of the green economy inequitably. Equally demands for alternatives to market-driven environmental degradation, and for market-dominated solutions are also gaining strength and coherence.

In this context we invite papers and panel proposals for a three-day international conference critically examining these phenomena. The conference will be held in Tanzania and builds on a series of sister conferences held in Europe and North America (most recently Grabbing Green and Nature Inc). We are convening it in Tanzania because we want the focus of this conference to be about the growth of the Green Economy in the South, and therefore this conference must be more accessible to Southern speakers, researchers and activists.

In addition to the conference itself we will also be organizing field trips to sites after the conference is formally finished to locations where interventions of the green economy are unfolding, in carbon forestry, wildlife management and eco-tourism.

We welcome papers, films, website launches and panels on all topics associated with, but not limited to:

- Carbon forestry
- New forms of wildlife management
- Neoliberal environmental governance
- Eco-tourism
- Green offsets
- Bio-fuels and Agriculture
- Green agricultural growth
- Transgenic crops (GMOs) and patent rights
- Challenges to neoliberal hegemony
- Post-democracy and environmental social movements
- Poverty Reduction and Green Economic Initiatives
- Green CSR in Developing Economy Contexts
- Mining and the environment
- And theoretical initiatives pertaining to all of the above and more

### **Practical Details**

- **How do I take part?**

**Paper proposals are due 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.** Please send a 300 word proposal, with title, contact information, and three keywords as a Word attachment to **GreenEconomyintheSouth@gmail.com**. Proposals for complete panels are welcome and should contain the information just stated for each paper as well as a title and 300 word summary of the panel.

*Proposals to show films or launch websites are also welcomed. Websites might include teaching resources, research and activist networks or collating research resources.*

Proposals are welcome in any international language.

Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

Complete papers are due by **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

- **How much does it cost?**

Registration fees are:

For Tanzanian residents, \$50 for students and unwaged; \$100 for waged.

For non-residents \$100 for students and unwaged; \$200 for waged.

Payment will be required after your proposed contribution is accepted.

Registration includes accommodation in student quality rooms on campus a short walk from the meeting rooms. More salubrious accommodation will be available at extra cost a short taxi ride away in the main town.

- **I want to come but cannot afford it, will sponsorship be available?**

Watch this space. We are approaching funders and have also begun negotiations with airlines for cheaper flights for group-bookings.

Concessionary rates will be available in special cases. Please explain your circumstances when you send in your proposed contribution.

- **Where is Dodoma and how do I get there?**

Dodoma is in the middle of Tanzania and a convenient location from which to visit green economic initiatives. We will be arranging and advising on transport from the nearest airports.

- **Who is behind this?**

**The Conference Organizing Committee** comprises:

Davis Mwamfupe, Abiud Kaswamila, Thabit Jacob, Mathew Bukhi, (University of Dodoma); Emmanuel Sulle (PLAAS); Dan Brockington, Sarah Bracking (IDPM); Bram Büscher (ISS); Jim Igoe (Dartmouth College), and Baruani Mshale (University of Michigan).

**The Conference Advisory committee** (which is still under construction) includes:

Amita Baviskar (IEG, Delhi University)	Rob Fletcher (University of Peace)
Tor Ave Benjaminsen (Norwegian Univ of Life Sciences)	Jens Lund (University of Copenhagen)
Jun Borrás (ISS, Erasmus University)	Faustin Maganga (University of Dar es Salaam)
Deborah Bryceson (University of Glasgow)	Katja Neves (Concordia Univ)
Noel Castree (Univ of Manchester)	Christine Noe (University of Dar es Salaam)
Catherine Corson (Mount Holyoke College)	Sian Sullivan (Birkbeck College)
Rosaleen Duffy (Univ of Kent)	

- **Where can I find out more information and be kept up to date with the conference news, twitter feeds, facebook contacts and other buzz?**

Go to the conference website:

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