



Invitation to Workshop on Green Growth and Development in Africa

Hosted by Prof. Anthony Black and Prof. Mike Morris

PRISM/School of Economics

Understanding the key elements of the Green Transformation, Green Economic Inclusive Growth, and African Development

Date: Wed 14 March

Venue: Boardroom, 4th Floor, School of Economics, Middle Campus, UCT

Time: 14.30-16.30 (followed by light refreshments)

Tilman Altenburg (German Development Institute)

Belynda Petrie (One World Sustainable Investments)

Mike Levington (South African Photovoltaic Industry Association)

This workshop, limited to a manageable number of invited participants aims to ensure a focused discussion on the debate on green transformation strategies. It will provide an up-to-date overview of the debate on green growth and green industrial policy, exploring what countries can gain economically from pursuing environmental integrity, and what policy options are available to accelerate green transformation in ways that enhance economic growth, well-being and environmental sustainability. A Visiting Scholar to UCT, Tilman Altenburg, is the co-author of a major international study 'Green Industrial Policy - Concept, Policies, Country Experiences', produced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) in partnership with the DIE. The report sets out the framing intellectual issues for such a green transformation.

From an African perspective these issues are of major relevance since African countries have to place their economies on an inclusive growth trajectory at the same time as dealing with the need to redirect them into a carbon free green path. The 2016 UNECA Report for Africa on Greening Africa's Industrialisation (partly authored by Belynda Petrie) sets out the issues involved and discusses the implications of a *business as usual* or a *green agenda* approach. The green agenda considers what could happen if Africa's industrialisation was greened, using targeted improvements to urbanisation, energy and changes to the very basis of Africa's economies.

The critical questions that this throws up are: Does Africa have a green future? Do latecomers to the globalizing world economy have an advantage or is just about 'catching up' with today's rich nations? Can Africa build its cities, industries, energy and transport systems, and institutions in new, more sustainable ways? Is there a special role for renewable energy in this green transformation?

The workshop will be led by Tilman Altenburg focusing on an overview of the critical issues with discussant inputs from Belynda Petrie posing the question of Africa's role and potential, and Mike Levington (locating alternate energy in an Africa-wide green transformation. This will be followed by structured group discussion.

Please RSVP to Felicity Downes by 12th March: felicity.downes@uct.ac.za