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Topic: Greening the Economy: Support for Green Jobs

Country: Mexico

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Topic Background

Fostering green jobs and changing the economy are inaugural to the combat of climate change, employment opportunities, and sustainability. The International Labour Organization (ILO) defines green jobs as those that aid in the prevention and sustained improvement of the state of the natural environment, including in industries other than the green ones that are still in development, such as construction and manufacture. Based on the global analysis of green economy as well as its applicability to the Mexican context a set of the main opportunities and threats can be identified with regard to the Mexican context: Mexican M&A deal with their opportunities and threats into the green economy has a good potential due to the country’s rich natural resources and the growing renewable energy industry.

Mexico has embarked on sustainable development projects including the “Sembrando Vida” reforestation and rural jobs program, solar and wind projects for the sparsely inhabited Oaxaca and Yucatan states. Such endeavours show that sustainable development of the economy and the protection of the environment are not mutually exclusive..

Key Issues and Recommendations:

 1. Education and Training Programs: It is recommended that many countries should provide post secondary and tertiary education and skill development for green jobs in renewable energy technologies, sustainable agriculture and waste management.

 2. Renewable Energy Investments: Mexico backs adding employment and cutting emissions by increasing investment in solar, wind, and other renewable power.

 3. Support for Rural Areas: Projects such as Sembrando Vida demonstrate how rural communities can gain from reforestation and ecological agriculture contributing to both, environmental and economic welfare.

 4. Empowering Women and Vulnerable Groups: Mexico aims at increasing opportunities of equal access of women, youths and indigenous people to green jobs through education.

 5. International Cooperation: Technological transfer, knowledge exchange, and financial cooperation should be active to unleash green employment and contain climate risks.

Conclusion

Mexico has no doubt that the shift to a green economy is essential for sustainable development. These are the key policies that when aligned with investment in green jobs, support to rural areas and inclusive policies will help countries to build back stronger and more sustainably. These goals will be achieved through working with international partners and through developing common solutions.