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Financing Green Economy: Private Sector Perspective

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A Green Economy or a Greener Economy?

- The economy is the arena... where goods and services are produced and consumed... wealth is created and deployed
- Progress must involve the entire economy including all sectors and across supply and value chains
- Greening is a process, not an outcome, challenges evolve over time:
 - ... BaU implies continuous change
- Greening requires economic growth; widespread skepticism that greening inevitably induces growth
- Business will be the primary source of innovation and global deployment of advanced technology, finance, and know-how to address challenges
- Green economy policies to mobilize sustained business effort require sound enabling frameworks that promote investment and innovation and account for "green" externalities

Vocabulary: Finance, Invest, Investment?

Finance

(noun) the way in which large amounts of money are used and handled by governments and companies

(verb) to provide money for (something or someone)

Invest

(verb) to commit (money) in order to earn a financial return, e.g. by putting it into financial schemes, shares or property, or by using it to develop a commercial venture

Investment

(noun) the outlay of money usually for income or profit: a capital outlay, a thing invested in, e.g. a business or a major capital project

For operating companies, as opposed to financial firms, investments typically refer to major capital projects

Private Sector's Role

- Create goods and services that meet demand: Business to Consumer,
 Business to Business, Business to Government
- Grow shareholder and societal wealth, create jobs, innovate
- Investment Drivers: growth, productivity, turn over of capital stock, Health, Safety and Environmental improvements, risk management, strategic change through innovation ...
- **Green Drivers**: efficiency (energy, resource, waste), consumer demand and preference, reputation, policy and regulation ...
- **Investment Inhibitors**: Policy and regulatory uncertainty; missing infrastructure, capacity and skills; permitting delays ...

Private sector functions best in a market-based economy... in which companies bear the risks and benefit from rewards

Government's Role

- Establish stable policy/regulatory environment
- Build societal capacity
 - Education/training especially in science and engineering
 - Fundamental Research
 - Infrastructure
- Create enabling frameworks
 - Governance and rule of law
 - Intellectual Property Rights
 - Investment
 - Technology deployment
 - Access to markets
 - Technology transfer

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