



Reflections on the Green Growth Index for developing countries

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A green economy ensures improved human well-being, social inclusion and equity, while critically reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. In a green economy, income growth and employment is driven by carbon emissions and pollution reducing investments, biodiversity, energy and resource efficiency. The paper computes a Green Growth Index for developing countries. The exercise is premised on the importance of developing countries implementing green growth strategies. Base indicators allow countries to monitor and evaluate progress in the green growth agenda.

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