

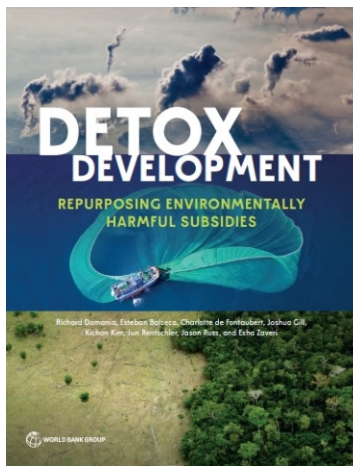


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FEATURE STORY



KGGTF funded World Bank flagship report "[Detox Development: Repurposing Environmentally Harmful Subsidies](#)" launched in Korea

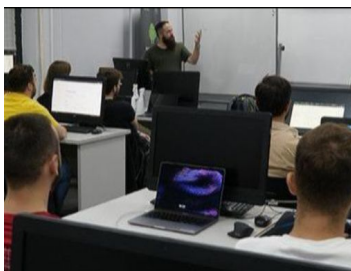
The event, hosted in cooperation with the Global Knowledge Exchange and Development Center (GKEDC) at Korea Development Institute (KDI), highlighted the report's key findings including new evidence on the destructive impact of subsidies for fossil fuels, agriculture, and fisheries on the degradation of clean air, land, and oceans, which are critical for human health and the global economy.

It also raised awareness among policymakers, civil society organizations, private sector actors, and the public on the impact of harmful subsidies and fostered conversations on the importance of exploring policy options to reform and repurpose them to safeguard the world's natural assets and transition towards a more sustainable future.

The report is co-authored by Esteban Balseca, Richard Damania, Charlotte de Fontaubert, Joshua Gill, Kichan Kim, Jun Rentschler, Jason Russ, and Esha Zaveri

Download the report [here](#) | Watch the highlights video [here](#)

KGGTF PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



[2014 KGGTF grant, Innovative and Green Growth for Rural Areas: Investing & Scoping, continues to pay dividends nearly a decade later](#)

Kosovo's Ministry of Economy's recent success in connecting its final village to high-speed broadband internet, with support from the IDA-financed US\$ 25 million Kosovo Digital Economy Project (KODE), can trace its origins to a US\$ 485,000 KGGTF grant. The grant provided technical assistance and advice to help Kosovo design a rural broadband program to give access to everyone in selected underserved areas. Now nine years later, Kosovo has one of the highest numbers of high-speed internet subscriptions per household in Europe.

Read more [here](#)

The grant, Innovative and Green Growth for Rural Areas: Investing & Scoping, was approved in 2014, led by Natalija Gelvanovska-Garcia

NEWS AND UPDATES



[Building a Global Career as a Korean Woman](#) [A Conversation with Jie-ae Sohn](#)

Jie-ae Sohn, KGGTF consultant, was recently featured at an IMF-WBG Korean Staff Association seminar where she shared experiences and lessons learned over the course of an impressive career in varying roles including, amongst others, CNN's bureau chief and correspondent, spokesperson of the Presidential Committee for the Seoul G20 Summit, and first female head of the Korea International Broadcasting Foundation (Arirang TV & Radio).

Read more [here](#)



[Knowledge Exchange | Urban Wastewater Management](#)

Clients from the Government of Indonesia visited Korea on a study tour (May 07 -12) with support from KEITI (Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute), funded by KGGTF, where they interacted with Korea's experts on urban wastewater management methods with the aim of helping Indonesia to implement a Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approach and increase access to safely managed sanitation for its population living in selected cities.

Read more [here](#)

Partners: Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), Korea Ministry of Environment (MoE), K-water & K-water Academy, Korea Environmental Corporation (KECO), Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG), K-EXIM

The grant, Support to Development of National Program for Citywide Inclusive Sanitation, was approved in 2020, led by Irma Magdalena Setiono



[Knowledge Exchange | Improving Water Quality](#)

Stakeholders from the [Lake Victoria Basin](#) visited Korea (May 30 – June 02) where they participated in a series of lectures, interactive workshops, and study visits funded by KGGTF and hosted by K-water Academy.

Participants were equipped with tools to contribute to reversing the deteriorating water quality of Lake Victoria and improve the health and dignity of communities living in participating countries in the basin.

Read more [here](#)

Partners: K-water & K-water Academy, Korea Environmental Corporation(KECO), Water sector SMEs, Green Climate Fund (GCF)

The grant, Supporting Lake Wide Inclusive Sanitation for Improving Water Quality in Lake Victoria Basin, was approved in 2021, led by Shyam KC



[Knowledge Exchange | Water Supply & Sanitation Services](#)

Ten managerial officials from Uzbekistan participated in a K-water Academy ran study tour (June 07 -13), funded by KGGTF, where they were guided through Korean best practices on water supply & sanitation (WSSC) services. The experts left with their capacity strengthened around WSSC matters and knowledge deepened on the Water Academy establishment.

Read more [here](#)

Partners: K-EXIM, Korea Water and Wastewater Works Association (KWWA), K-water & K-water Academy

The grant, Capacity Building and Water Academy-Uzbekistan, was approved in 2021, led by Khairy Al-Jamal

GRANT OUTPUTS



[Report | Digital Technology for Traceability in Vietnam's Fruit and Vegetable Value Chains](#)

This report assesses the current state of existing traceability systems in Vietnam's fruit and vegetable (F&V) value chains, examines pertinent policies and regulations, shares international good practices, and explores their potential applicability to Vietnam.

It identifies potential intervention areas and makes recommendations to policy makers and food business operators (FBOs) in Vietnam regarding the implementation of digital traceability systems and the regulatory environment that facilitates their use. The interventions would contribute to re-establishing public confidence in the quality and safety of Vietnamese agri-food as well as its current food safety oversight regime.

Download the report [here](#)

The grant, Harnessing Digital Agriculture Technologies for Smallholder Farmers, was approved in 2020, led by Binh Thang Cao



[Training for Construction Workers: General Induction: Safety, Health, and the Environment](#)

Contractors have a huge influence on the safety of people on site and the community, and how well the environment is protected. Making sure they know what to do is essential to delivering good project performance.

This course, funded by a 2017 KGGTF grant, helps contractors to build the capacity of workers who will then be able to carry out

their activities safely and in a way that minimizes environmental and social impacts while meeting the requirements of the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) as well as good international industry practice.

Read more [here](#)

The grant, Green Growth via Green Infrastructure Construction, was approved in 2017, led by Michael James Hall



[World Bank Open Learning Campus \(OLC\) course, "Introduction to Air Quality Management"](#)

Air pollution has long been a challenge to global health. Recent wildfires throughout Central Canada left plumes of smoke blanketing the Northeastern United States and severely impacted air quality for millions of persons including World Bank staff based at its headquarters in the Washington Metropolitan area.

KGGTF funded a 2017 OLC course, "Introduction to Air Quality Management", developed by [Ernesto Sánchez-Triana](#), that remains instrumental in understanding the concepts of air pollution and its management.

Learn more [here](#)

The grant, Learning from Korea's Green Growth Experience to Tackle Environmental Health Challenges, was approved in 2017, led by Ernesto Sánchez-Triana

UPCOMING EVENTS



KGGTF Knowledge Exchanges

KGGTF Knowledge Exchange in Korea | **Ukraine energy storage and ancillary services market development support** | July 05-07, 2023

Key partners: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy(MOTIE), Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), and Privates
TTL: Silvia Martinez Romero

KGGTF Knowledge Exchange in Korea | **Greening Urban Development in Bamako, Mali** | July 10-14, 2023

Key partners: Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG), Sudokwon Landfill Site Management Corporation (SLC), and Incheon Metropolitan Government
TTL: Megha Mukim

KGGTF Knowledge Exchange in Korea | **Towards Green, Secure, and Climate-Resilient Data Infrastructure** | July 10-14, 2023

Key partners: Ministry of Science and ICT(MSIT), Ministry of Interior and Safety (MOIS), National Information Society Agency (NIA), Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG), Korea Data Centre Council (KDCC)
TTL: Timothy John Charles Kelly



Development of Digital Government, Smart City, and ICT Technologies from Korea | WeGO-NIA Joint Training Course

Seoul, Korea | July 24-28, 2023

WeGO has partnered with the National Information Society Agency (NIA) to host a joint training course to build capacity through knowledge sharing and open access on the topics of Digital Governments and Smart City Technologies.



2023 Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Marrakech, Morocco | October 9-15, 2023

The Meetings bring together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, private sector executives, civil society, media, and academics to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook, global financial stability, poverty eradication, inclusive economic growth and job creation, climate change, and others.

Learn more [here](#)

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The Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF) is the green growth partnership between the World Bank Group (WBG) and the Republic of Korea. Since its inception in 2012, as a technology-driven and implementation-focused trust fund, the KGGTF has supported partner countries in their innovative and sustainable solutions, strategies, and investments geared towards Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development (GRID). The KGGTF portfolio has now supported 196 green growth programs and activities across the world, reaching a total of \$106 million and leveraging over \$19 billion in WBG lending and external co-financing.

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