

Climate Change, Employment and Local Development OECD Sydney Project

Where do we go from here?"

AGENDA

12.30 – 1.00 pm *Lunch*

1.00 – 1.10 pm *Welcome on behalf of the Sydney partners*
Carole Maher, Regional Development Australia, Sydney

1.10-1.50 pm Sergio Arzeni, Director LEED Division, OECD *Enabling Local Green Growth:
Addressing Climate Change effects on Employment and Local Development*

Ms. Gabriela Miranda, Project Co-Manager, Policy Analyst, LEED Division, OECD
Climate Change, Employment and Local Development in Sydney

Graham Larcombe, Director, Strategic Economics, OECD Project Consultant
Climate Change Employment and Local Development – An action plan for Sydney

Discussion

1.45 - 2.45 pm *Panel - Sydney responses to the OECD report*

Phil Raskall, Strategic Manager, City of Sydney
TAFE NSW/DEC (TBC)
Andrew Petersen, CEO, Sustainable Business Australia
Australian Industry Group (TBC)

Discussion

3.00-3.20 pm *Afternoon tea*

3.20-4.20 pm *Interactive Break-out groups focused on prospective actions from the reports*

4.20-5.00 pm *Report-back and Plenary*

4.50 pm *Where to from here?*

Chaired by Bob Germaine, Executive Officer, Regional Development Australia, Sydney





Venue: Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Bicentennial Drive
(entrance off Australia Avenue),
Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park

Date: Monday, 5th December 2011

Time: 12.30 pm - 5.00 pm

The OECD is sending a team to Australia to launch two reports:

- *Enabling local green growth: addressing climate change effects on employment and local development*
- *Climate change, employment and local development in Sydney*

The OECD team is led by Mr Sergio Arzeni, the OECD Director Local Employment Economic Development. OECD produced these reports as part of a worldwide study on the impacts of climate change on employment and skills, and the creation of sustainability-focused jobs. The global report draws on innovative learning models around the world including case studies of green clusters, restructuring traditional industries, local government leadership and local innovation.

Metropolitan Sydney was one of the localities studied in detail, along with London UK, Extremadura Spain and Poland. The OECD sent a team of experts to Sydney to research and meet with state and local government, education and industry experts, and to survey local companies. The Sydney partners have been working together to strengthen their partnership with each other and are looking at ways of broadening the partnership with others across Sydney.

The aims of the workshop are to outline the key findings and recommendations of the two reports and to look at how we can develop stronger partnerships across Sydney to reduce carbon emissions and increase economic and employment opportunities. A critical dimension of the project is how industry, education and training agencies, state agencies and councils can work at local level to implement initiatives to support the transition to a low carbon economy.

