

Digest of Green Reports and Studies

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Summary	<p>This report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is part of the Green Jobs Initiative, which is supported by the UNEP, the International Trade Union Confederation, and the International Labor Organization. The article breaks down the future of green jobs into three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent climate change messages discuss the recent climate change, the potential for change, and the need for leadership against climate change. • The many drivers of green employment describe the specific areas where green jobs will be developing and growing in the future. The article mentions future job opportunities in the development of green buildings, transportation, and agriculture. • Six key policy areas that are important to the future of green jobs; government action, green investment strategy, green R&D and technology, international cooperation and aid, job training, and dialogue about the green initiatives. <p>The article states that the future of the green economy is bright if action is taken quickly and organizations are willing to work together.</p>
Key Findings	There are going to be more green jobs in the future as organizations and businesses make an effort to become green. Green initiatives have given companies certain advantages, including an increase in profits and access to a stronger innovative workforce.
Recommendations	It is important to find out how key policy efforts to create a green economy can be “linked to those (efforts) of the international business community” to promote a green economy on a large scale. Redefining the term “productivity” to include green efficiency would help companies assess how green they really are. The world is on its way to becoming a green economy; however, it is necessary to find out how to “make this transformation” to green as quickly as possible.
Definition of “Green”	“Green Jobs are defined as positions in agriculture, manufacturing, R&D, administrative, and service activities aimed at alleviating the myriad environmental threats faced by humanity. Specifically, jobs that help to protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity, reduce energy consumption, decarbonizes the economy, and minimize or altogether avoid the generation of all forms of waste and pollution. ‘Green jobs’ is a relative and highly dynamic concept—in other words there will be ‘shades of green’ in employment.”
Methodology	Literature research
Data Sources Cited	WorldWatch Institute, International Labor Organization, International Trade union confederation, the Stern Review
Report Geography	N/A
Green Occupations Cited	None
Green Industries Cited	Building, transportation, agriculture, wind power, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, biomass, biofuels, hydropower, geothermal, renewable energy
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