

15th Korea Green Innovation Days

May 6 – 8, 2026
Sejong, South Korea

INTRODUCTION

The **15th edition of the Korea Green Innovation Days (KGID 2026)** will be held on **May 6-8, 2026** in **Sejong, Republic of Korea**. It will convene global practitioners, policymakers, and partners to accelerate green growth solutions with clear potential to scale.

KGID is the annual flagship event of the Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF). Building on the momentum of past editions, KGID 2026 will be organized under the theme:

Learning from Korea: Scaling Green Growth for Global Impact

Korea offers a particularly relevant set of lessons for today’s green growth agenda. It demonstrates how **strong public institutions, innovation, industrial capability, and digital solutions** can come together to deliver rapid development while advancing resilient pathways. Korea’s experience also shows what it takes to move from policy ambition to implementation by aligning **financing, regulation, technology, and delivery systems**, and mobilizing **partnerships** across government, academia, and the private sector.

KGID 2026 will elevate these practical lessons and focus on how they can be adapted and replicated in diverse country contexts. The emphasis is on **implementation, replication, and partnership driven scale**, highlighting how collaborative approaches across governments, development institutions, and the private sector can translate innovation into **measurable development outcomes** and generate **global impacts for green growth**.

ABOUT KGID

KGID convenes World Bank project teams, client countries, Korea partner institutions, and global green growth leaders to exchange knowledge, showcase results, and catalyze new partnerships across seven priority sectors: *Agriculture and Food, Digital Transformation, Energy and Extractives, Environment, Transport, Urban, and Water*.

Through concrete examples from ongoing KGGTF-supported activities, KGID highlights **real-world applications of green growth**, demonstrating how policy reform, technology, and institutional partnerships can unlock investment, strengthen capacity, increase productivity, and create jobs.

Since its inception, KGID has been hosted in major global and regional hubs, including Seoul, Washington DC, Dar es Salaam, Cairo, and Jeju, serving as a trusted platform for dialogue between operational teams and solution providers. In 2026, KGID will be hosted in **Sejong**, Korea’s administrative city, offering unparalleled access to government institutions and policy leadership.

Key Participants

- World Bank project teams and client countries from seven green growth sectors
- Korean ministries, government-affiliated agencies, ODA institutions, and research bodies
- Global green growth organizations, international institutions, academia, private-sector innovators, and emerging leaders

Key Objectives

- **Showcase scalable green growth solutions** that drive innovation, productivity, and employment across sectors and regions
- **Strengthen partnerships** among World Bank teams, client countries, Korean institutions, and global experts to maximize development impact
- **Accelerate implementation and replication**, linking knowledge exchange directly to operations, investments, and policy dialogue

Why Sejong

Sejong City, established in 2012 as Korea's planned administrative city, is the policy hub of the Republic of Korea, home to 23 central government ministries and 22 affiliated agencies, including the Ministry of Finance and Economy (MOFE), the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment, as well as 26 national policy research institutes and public institutions such as the Korea Development Institute (KDI).

Developed as part of Korea's national decentralization strategy, Sejong represents a planned, forward-looking urban model, integrating sustainability, smart city solutions, green infrastructure, and innovation-driven growth.

Sejong offers a uniquely concentrated governance ecosystem that supports KGID 2026's theme and purpose by enabling:

- Direct engagement with policymakers and implementing agencies
- Policy-focused knowledge exchange and peer learning
- Exploration of institutional partnerships in a highly concentrated decision-making setting

Hosting KGID in Sejong, Korea's administrative hub and a fast-growing planned city located about 1–1.5 hours from Seoul reinforces the event's emphasis on policy-to-practice linkages and partnership-driven scale for global impact.



The panoramic view of Government Complex Sejong (Sejong City)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Dates:** May 6-8, 2026
- **Venue:** Sejong Convention Center, Sejong, South Korea
- **Expected participants:** approximately 300 participants
- **Program** (Tentative):

Day 1 May 6 (Wed)	Day 2 May 7 (Thu)	Day 3 May 8 (Fri)
Technical Breakout Sessions (Bilateral Meetings in parallel) KE/Site Visits	Technical Breakout Sessions (Bilateral Meetings in parallel) KE/Site Visits	Plenary Sessions

- **Plenary Sessions:** High-level discussions on green growth impacts, challenges, and opportunities, featuring World Bank sector leadership and global experts
- **Parallel Breakout Sessions:** Sector- and theme-focused exchanges highlighting case studies, lessons learned, and innovative approaches
- **Bilateral Meetings:** Curated, pre-scheduled meetings to explore partnerships, collaboration opportunities, and potential investments
- **Networking & Partner Spotlights:** Dedicated spaces for Korean and global partners to showcase expertise, tools, and solutions
- **Site Visits:** Thematic visits showcasing Korea’s green growth innovations and implementation experience

Note: Program details are tentative and subject to refinement. Pre-arranged bilateral meetings will take place throughout the event.

KGID 2026 is designed as a **hands-on platform for learning, partnership building, and operational impact.** Program details will continue to be developed, and updates will be shared regularly.

We warmly welcome green growth practitioners from around the world to join KGID 2026 and contribute to **inspiring collaboration, knowledge exchange, and scalable solutions.**

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KGID 2026 Venue: Sejong Convention Center, Sejong, Republic of Korea

ANNEX 1: AT A GLANCE

WHAT

The **Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF)** is a partnership between the World Bank and the Republic of Korea that advances the World Bank’s mission of **ending poverty on a livable planet**. Established in 2012, KGGTF is a **technology-driven, implementation-focused trust fund** that supports countries in designing, testing, and scaling **green, resilient, and inclusive development (GRID)** solutions.

A defining feature of KGGTF is its role as a **global bridge for Korean green growth expertise**. Through World Bank operations, KGGTF systematically introduces **Korean policies, technologies, institutions, and implementation experience** to client countries, connecting Korean ministries, public agencies, research institutions, and private-sector innovators with real-world development challenges and investment opportunities worldwide. This approach enables Korean solutions to be adapted to diverse country contexts while supporting client governments in moving from pilots to scalable impact.

KGGTF is fully embedded within World Bank lending operations and policy dialogue across seven priority sectors—Agriculture and Food, Digital Transformation, Energy and Extractives, Environment, Transport, Urban, Subnational Finance, Tourism and Disaster Management, and Water—ensuring that knowledge exchange, technical assistance, and partnerships are directly linked to operational pipelines and financing.

Impact to date includes:

- Over **\$31 billion** in World Bank lending and co-financing linked to KGGTF-supported activities
- **260 program activities** supported globally
- **24 new grants approved in 2025**, totaling **\$17 million** across **16 countries**

Key Priorities of KGGTF Phase 4 Program (2024-2027): The key priorities of the KGGTF Phase 4 Program include: (i) Maximizing Green Growth Investments, (ii) Building Implementation-Oriented Partnerships, (iii) Mobilizing Private Sector Engagement, and (iv) Inspiring Youth Engagement. This substantial increase in funding and the outlined priorities reinforce Korea’s commitment to driving sustainable development and fostering green growth initiatives worldwide, marking a new chapter of innovation, collaboration, and impact for KGGTF.

WHY

From World Bank Client to Global Leader:

The Republic of Korea has undergone one of the most remarkable economic transformations in modern history. In just a few decades, it moved from a resource-poor, low-income country and recipient of World Bank financing to a global economic and technological leader—and a major World Bank donor. Korea’s development journey offers powerful lessons for countries seeking inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth.

More recently, Korea has emerged as a global leader in **green growth strategies, low-carbon development, innovative governance, and green finance**. As one of the earliest adopters of green growth as a national development strategy in 2008, Korea has demonstrated how environmental sustainability can go hand-in-hand with **job creation, productivity gains, and economic competitiveness**.

Through decades of policy experimentation and institutional reform, Korea has developed integrated approaches that align environmental stewardship with economic opportunity. These experiences are highly relevant to developing countries navigating the transition toward climate-smart, inclusive growth, making Korea's knowledge and solutions especially valuable in today's development context.

HOW

KGTF delivers impact by:

- Providing grants and technical assistance through the World Bank's operational units
- Maintaining an active global portfolio with average annual grant disbursements of approximately **USD 10 million**
- Producing high-impact global knowledge products directly linked to country engagement and lending operations
- Building partnerships with international organizations, research institutions, and industry associations
- Supporting programs across all World Bank regions and seven sectors within the Sustainable Development and Infrastructure Practice Groups
- Mobilizing donor resources for Bank-executed activities to accelerate green growth at scale

For more information about KGTF activities, please visit our website www.wbgkgtf.org

ANNEX 2: History of KGID (2014-2025)

	Main theme	Location	Date
1	Green Growth in Action	Washington DC, USA	February 12-13, 2014
2	Leveraging Green Growth for Climate Change Action	Seoul, Korea	June 4-5, 2015
3	Korea Green Innovation Days (KGID) 2015 In Asia	Mohali and New Delhi, India	June 22-24, 2015
4	Investing in Green Resilience	Seoul, Korea	June 2-3, 2016
5	Working Together to Make Green Growth Happen	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	April 4-6, 2017
6	The Green Growth Effect	Seoul, Korea	May 17-18, 2018
7	Green Growth: Transforming the World	Seoul, Korea	September 26-27, 2019
8	KGID Spring 2021: Greening the Post-COVID Recovery	Virtual	April 22-23, 2021
9	KGID Fall 2021: Partnership Week	Virtual	September 27-29, 2021
10	KGID Spring 2022	Virtual	May 2-11, 2022
11	KGTF 10th Anniversary Conference	Seoul, the Republic of Korea	December 1, 2022
12	Leveling Up Green Growth Impacts	Cairo, Egypt	October 17-19, 2023
13	Green Growth for a Livable Planet	Jeju, Korea	November 4-6, 2024
14	Green Growth: The Path to Sustainable Jobs	Washington DC, USA	October 20-22, 2025