

## 15<sup>th</sup> Korea Green Innovation Days

May 6 – 8, 2026  
Sejong, South Korea

### INTRODUCTION

The **15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Korea Green Innovation Days (KGID 2026)** will be held on **May 6-8, 2026** in **Sejong, Republic of Korea** bringing together 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 work together to deliver rapid economic transformation while advancing resilience. Korea’s experience shows how to move from policy ambition to implementation by aligning **financing, regulation, technology, and delivery systems**, and by mobilizing **partnerships** across government, academia, and the private sector.

KGID 2026 will focus on translating these lessons into action. The event will emphasize implementation, **replication, and partnership driven scale**, highlighting how collaborative approaches can adapt proven solutions to diverse country contexts and convert innovation into **measurable development outcomes**.

### 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 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** between World Bank teams, client countries, Korean institutions, and global experts
- **Accelerate implementation and replication**, by linking knowledge exchange directly to operations, investments, and policy dialogue

## Why Sejong

Established in 2012, Sejong City is Korea's administrative city and a cornerstone of its national decentralization strategy. It hosts 23 central government ministries and 22 affiliated agencies, including the Ministry of Economy and Finance, 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).

As a planned city, Sejong reflects Korea's forward-looking approach to development, integrating smart city solutions, sustainable infrastructure, and innovation-driven growth.

Its highly concentrated governance ecosystem makes it an ideal setting for 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 reinforces the event's core objectives: strengthening the link between policy and implementation, and advancing partnership-driven solutions that can scale globally.



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)
<b>Technical Breakout Sessions</b> (Bilateral Meetings in parallel) <b>Site Visits</b>	<b>Technical Breakout Sessions</b> (Bilateral Meetings in parallel)	<b>Plenary Sessions</b>

- **Plenary Sessions:** High-level discussions on global green growth challenges, and opportunities, featuring World Bank sector leadership and global experts
- **Parallel Breakout Sessions:** Sector focused exchanges highlighting case studies, lessons learned, and innovative approaches
- **Bilateral Meetings:** Curated, pre-scheduled meetings to explore partnerships, financing, and collaboration
- **Networking & Partner Spotlights:** Showcasing Korean and global expertise, tools, and solutions
- **Site Visits:** Field based learning on Korea’s 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

## KGID Event Overview (Tentative)

Day 1 May 6 (Wed)					Day 2 May 7 (Thu)			Day 3 May 8 (Fri)	
<b>AM</b>	<b>AGF 1</b> (Smart Agriculture)	<b>TR</b> (Digital Transport)	<b>EEX 1</b> (Green Energy)	<b>Youth Session</b>	<b>ENV 1</b> (Green Transition)	<b>Climate Tech</b>	<b>URL</b> (Public-Private Delivery)	<b>Plenary Session</b>	
	<b>RDA Session</b>								
	<i>Coffee Break (10:40-11:00am)</i>				<i>Coffee Break (10:30-10:45am)</i>				
	<b>AGF 2</b> (Smart Agriculture)	<b>NIGT Session</b>	<b>EEX 2</b> (Nuclear)		<b>ENV 2</b> (AQM)	<b>Digital</b> (Digital solutions)	<b>URL</b>		
<b>PM</b>	<i>Lunch (12:00-1:30pm)</i>				<i>Lunch (12:00-1:15pm)</i>				
	<b>KGID Site Visit</b>				<b>Korea Office Session</b>				
					<b>Parallel Financing with Korean Institutions</b>				
					<i>Coffee Break (3:15-3:30pm)</i>				
					<b>WTR</b> (Smart Water & Resilience)	<b>Climate Finance</b> (GVCN/ GGGI)		<b>Working with the WB</b> (K-Partners only)	<b>Cultural Site Visit</b> (WB Staff & clients only)
<b>Evening</b>					<i>Cocktail Reception (5:00-7:00pm)</i>				

**Day 1, May 6 (Wed), 2026**

<b>Breakout Sessions by Sector &amp; Theme</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>
8:00-8:30am	<b>Registration</b>
8:30-9:40am (70')	<p><b>Agriculture Session 1   Harnessing Digital Innovation for Smarter Agricultural Systems</b></p> <p>This session explores how digital platforms, remote sensing, and AI-driven tools are transforming agricultural decision-making — from soil intelligence systems to satellite-based crop monitoring. Presenters from the World Bank and Korean institutions will share cutting-edge approaches to building data-driven public infrastructure that supports climate-resilient and precision farming.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ghada Elabed</b>, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank - “Strategic Focus of the KGGTF Grant: Green Growth Acceleration: Digital Platforms and Soil Intelligence for Resilient Farming”</li> <li>• <b>Francisco Javier Bueso Ucles</b>, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank - “Strategic Focus of the KGGTF Grant: Remote Sensing and AI-Driven Methodology for Corn and Bean Area and Yield Estimation in Honduras: A Pilot in the Departments of Olancho and El Paraíso”</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)</li> <li>• Rural Development Administration (RDA)</li> <li>• <b>Kwang Soo Kim</b>, Professor, National Center for Agro Meteorology (NCAM), Seoul National University - “From SISAGRO to Smart Agricultural Policy: Building Digital Public Infrastructure for Targeted and Climate-Resilient Agriculture”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
9:10-10:40am (90')	<p><b>Transport Session   Smarter Mobility in Practice: Digital Solutions for Smarter, Safer, and Greener Transport</b></p> <p>This session explores how digital technologies can strengthen transport systems to improve safety, efficiency, and sustainability. Drawing on Korea’s experience and World Bank supported projects, speakers will share lessons from implementing intelligent transport systems (ITS), digital rail solutions, and smart urban mobility. The focus is on how these tools can be applied in different countries’ contexts to deliver real improvements in mobility and service delivery.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gladness Rwejumura</b>, Transport Specialist, World Bank - “Development of ITS-Led Tanzania Railway System Strengthening Climate Resilient Infrastructure Based on GIS”</li> <li>• <b>Matthew Brian Gough</b>, Infrastructure Specialist, World Bank - “Integrated Solutions for Green Urban Mobility and Smart City Planning to Improve Livability in Kandy City, Sri Lanka”</li> <li>• <b>Dominic Patella</b>, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank - “Morocco &amp; Tunisia: Smart, Integrated Ticketing and Data Management”</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sue Park</b>, Director, ITS Korea – “The Current Status and Future Vision of ITS in Korea”</li> <li>• Korea Railroad Corporation (KORAIL)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunghoon Kim</b>, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) – “Smart City and Smart Mobility Projects in South Korea”</li> <li>• <b>Dong Chang Lee</b>, Head of Bus Operations Team, Sejong City – “Integrating BRT and DRT for Inclusive Urban Mobility: The Sejong City Case”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>9:30-10:40am (70')</p>	<p><b>Energy Session 1_Green Energy Transformation: Driving Decarbonization and Sustainable Solutions</b></p> <p>As countries work to expand energy access while advancing climate goals, this session brings together World Bank teams delivering practical, scalable solutions from solar energy expansion to grid digitization and integrated low-carbon transitions. Drawing on experience across Africa, Central and East Asia, speakers will highlight how renewable energy investments, digital tools, and data-driven planning are improving system efficiency, strengthening resilience, and supporting more inclusive energy systems. Grounded in real operations, the discussion will focus on how adaptable models can accelerate clean energy transitions at scale.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yae Jun Kim</b>, Energy Specialist, World Bank - “Digitization of Power Transmission and Distribution System in Kyrgyz Republic”</li> <li>• <b>Yun Wu</b>, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank - “Accelerating Mongolia Green Energy Transformation: Digitalization, Decarbonization, and Inclusive Access”</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MoCEE)</li> <li>• <b>Youngsung Park</b>, General Manager, Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) - “AI based digitalization in power grid”</li> <li>• <b>Hanki Kim</b>, Department Head, Distributed Energy Dep’t, Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER) - “Marine Energy Platform for the Commercialization of OTEC and Seawater Battery Technologies in Papua New Guinea”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>9:30-10:40am (70')</p>	<p><b>Youth Session_ Shaping the Next Generation of Climate Solutions</b></p> <p>This session spotlights the next-generation professionals driving green growth across sectors and borders. Drawing on Korea’s experience of scaling green growth, young World Bank staff and partners will share their perspectives, exchange approaches across different sectors, and explore how their generation can accelerate the transition from evidence to impact. The session combines short professional spotlights, peer dialogue, and interactive discussion — creating a space where young practitioners connect, inspire each other, and collectively shape the future of green growth.</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Chanmi Kim</b>, 2025 KGGTF YIP &amp; Graduate Researcher at Planning Lab for Sustainability and Climate Change (PlaSC2) in KAIST - “Navigating Green Growth: A Personal Journey”</li> <li>• <b>Jihye Kang</b>, 2026 KGGTF YIP &amp; Researcher Researcher at the Daegu Carbon Neutrality Center - “From Seawater Samples to Climate Policy: Growing Up with Green Growth and AI”</li> <li>• <b>Myungcheol Kim</b>, VP, MT Square</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion highlights</li> <li>• Internship Certificate Award Ceremony (Photos)</li> </ul>
9:40am-10:40am (60')	<p><b>RDA Session_ Bridging the Gap: Leveraging Tech and Global Synergy to Combat Poverty and Malnutrition</b></p> <p>This session explores how technological innovation and global partnerships can contribute to addressing poverty and malnutrition. It will highlight practical approaches to improving agricultural productivity, food systems, and nutrition outcomes through climate-resilient technologies and evidence-based interventions. Drawing on Korea’s experience, the session will also examine how international collaboration and development programs can support sustainable food production and promote healthier diets.</p> <p><b>K-Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E&amp;S Consulting - “Trends in Agri-Food and Nutrition and ODA Programs in Korea and Globally”</li> <li>• National Institute of Horticultural and Herbal Science (NIHHS), Rural Development Administration (RDA) - “Climate-Resilient Cultivation Technologies to Enhance Vegetable Productivity and Quality”</li> <li>• National Institute of Crop and Food Science (NICS), Rural Development Administration (RDA) - “Technologies for Sustainable Food Crop Production and Healthy Diet Management”</li> <li>• Rural Development Administration (RDA) - “Multilateral Collaboration Initiatives to Address Poverty and Malnutrition”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
10:40-11:00am (20')	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
11:00am-12:10pm (70')	<p><b>Agriculture Session 2   Policy and Practice: Toward Low-Carbon and Targeted Agricultural Development</b></p> <p>This session examines how evidence-based policy design and sustainable land management practices can drive more equitable and environmentally responsible agricultural outcomes. Drawing on experiences from Sub-Saharan Africa and Korea, presenters will discuss fertilizer subsidy reforms, low-carbon agriculture, and the role of rural institutions in supporting green growth.</p> <p><b>World Bank Grant Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sergiy Zorya</b>, Lead Agriculture Economist, World Bank - “Strategic Focus of the KGGTF Grant: Leveraging Soil Information System for Fertilizer Subsidy Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa”</li> </ul> <p><b>K-Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)</li> <li>• <b>Hyoungcho Park</b>, Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI) - Case Studies on Low-Carbon and Sustainable Agriculture Practices</li> <li>• Korea Agency of Education, Promotion and Information Service in Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (EPIS)</li> <li>• Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC)</li> </ul>

	<b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b>
11:00am-12:10pm (70')	<p><b>NIGT Session_ K-Climate Technology Demonstration Program for the Global South (R&amp;D): From Korean Innovation to Global Application</b></p> <p>This session, led by the National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT) under the Ministry of Science and ICT of Korea, introduces the K-Climate Technology Demonstration Program for the Global South (R&amp;D) — an initiative that translates Korea's public R&amp;D into real-world climate solutions for developing countries. Drawing on innovations from government-funded research institutes and universities, the session highlights climate technologies across smart energy, resilient transport, and AI-driven environmental monitoring, and explores how they can scale through international financing partnerships across the Global South.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ji-hee Son</b>, Director, National Climate Technology Cooperation Center, NIGT</li> </ul> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jungho Lee</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute</li> <li>• <b>Jonglock Choi</b>, Professor, Korea National University of Transportation</li> <li>• <b>Yoonseok Lee</b>, Professor, Hankyong National University</li> </ul> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yun Wu</b>, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Yonas Eliesikia Mchomvu</b>, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Partner Countries (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chimidkham Dashdondog</b>, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Mongolia)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
11:00am-12:00pm (60')	<p><b>Energy Session 2   Nuclear in the Energy Transition: What It Takes to Deliver Reliable Power</b></p> <p>This session examines the role of nuclear energy in delivering reliable, low-carbon power as part of the broader energy transition Drawing on Korea's experience and World Bank engagement, speakers will share practical lessons on long-term plan operation, investment readiness and institutional capacity. The discussion will focus on how nuclear can complement renewable energy systems, while addressing the operational, financial, and policy challenges countries face.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pierre Audinet</b>, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank - "Scoping Investment Pipeline and Promoting Knowledge Sharing for Long Term Operation of Nuclear Power Plants"</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yongsu Hwang</b>, Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) / KEPCO International Nuclear Graduate School (KEPCO KINGS)</li> <li>• <b>Jiyong Oh</b>, Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) / KEPCO International Nuclear Graduate School (KEPCO KINGS)</li> <li>• <b>Se-Bin Cheon</b>, Overseas Business Development Department, Korea Hydro &amp; Nuclear Power (KHNP)</li> </ul> <p>Panelist</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seunghan Lee</b>, Senior Operations Officer, East Asia Pacific Vice Presidency, World Bank</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
12:00-1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30-5:30pm	<b>Sectoral Site Visit</b> (Time for site visit varies by sector)
<b>Day 2, May 7, 2026</b>	
	<b>Breakout Sessions by Sector &amp; Theme</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>
8:30-9:00am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-10:30am (90')	<p><b>Environment Session 1   Green Transitions in Practice: Cross-Thematic Approaches to Green and Resilient Development</b></p> <p>This session brings together World Bank grant teams and Korean partner organizations to share innovative approaches to environmental sustainability and green development across diverse geographies and environmental topics. The presentations collectively highlight the breadth of approaches being deployed — from waste management and industrial policy to ecosystem-based solutions and forestry — offering lessons and opportunities for cross-thematic and international collaboration.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Irina Ghaplanyan</b>, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank - “Strengthening Hazardous Waste Governance for a Green and Resilient Ukraine”</li> <li>• <b>Albert Sole</b>, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank - “Technical Assistance to Support Green Industrialization through Rwanda’s Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones Program”</li> <li>• <b>Felipe Lizana</b>, Environment Specialist, World Bank - “Leveraging Seaweed to Lower Emissions and Increase Competitiveness of Agri-Food Systems in the Andes”</li> </ul> <p>K Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kikang Bae</b>, Team Lead, Strategic Planning Team, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) - “Driving Green Growth through Forest Cooperation: AFoCO’s Collaboration with the World Bank &amp; KGGTF”</li> <li>• <b>Yeonwoong Choi</b>, Senior Staff, International Forest Cooperation Division, Korea Forestry Promotion Institute (KOFPI)</li> <li>• <b>Youngkyun Kim</b>, Manager, International Cooperation Center, Korea Occupational Safety &amp; Health Agency (KOSHA) - “Introduction to KOSHA and Its International Cooperation Activities”</li> <li>• <b>Hungsuk Park</b>, Chief Technical Advisor, Ulsan EID Center</li> </ul> <p>Panelist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sandhi</b>, Deputy Director of Sanitation, Ministry of Public Works, Indonesia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
9:00-10:30am (90')	<b>Urban Session   From Plans to Projects: Delivering Green Cities through Partnerships and Practice</b>

	<p>How do cities move from vision to implementation? This session explores how coordinated governance and public-private partnerships can turn green urban plans into investable, job-creating projects. Drawing on practical experiences, speakers will highlight lessons in integrated planning, land development, and phased delivery, showing how cities can structure institutions and partnerships to deliver scalable, resilient urban transformation.</p> <p><b>World Bank Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minkyung Kim</b>, Urban Specialist, World Bank – “Smart, Green, and Inclusive Urbanization in Cambodia”</li> <li>• World Bank Korea Office Urban Team</li> </ul> <p><b>K-Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>So Young Lee</b>, Senior Researcher, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) - “Spatial Expansion Patterns of Cambodia’s Secondary Cities: Implications for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth”</li> <li>• Korea Land and Housing Corporation (LH)</li> <li>• International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK)</li> <li>• <b>Nojun Park</b>, Senior Manager, Korea Overseas Infrastructure &amp; Urban Development Corporation (KIND) - "Enabling Green Growth through the K-City Network: The Bandung Smart Town Master Plan in Indonesia"</li> <li>• Intelligent City Department, Sejong City</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>09:00am-10:30pm (90')</p>	<p><b>Climate Tech Session_ Leveraging Private Sector Innovation</b></p> <p>This session explores how climate tech companies’ technologies and implementation experience can be applied in the field of development cooperation. The discussion will focus on practical pathways for integrating private sector climate solutions into international development domains, including collaboration models with governments and multilateral institutions.</p> <p><b>K-Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suhyoon Kang</b>, International Impact Project Team, World Vision - “The Catalyst: Bridging Climate Tech and the Field”</li> <li>• <b>Jongkyu Kim</b>, Chairperson, Korea Climate Tech Association; CEO, 60 Hertz - “Introduction to Korea Climate Tech Association &amp; 60 Hertz”</li> <li>• <b>Jungbin Kim</b>, CEO, SuperBin</li> <li>• <b>Sungwoo Kim</b>, CEO, VERYWORDS</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>10:30-10:45am</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>10:45-12:00pm (75')</p>	<p><b>Environment Session 2   Clearing the Air: Integrated Solutions for Cleaner, Healthier Cities</b></p> <p>This session explores how countries are tackling air pollution through coordinated, data-driven approaches. Speakers will share lessons on strengthening governance, building emissions inventories, and designing effective policies and enforcement systems. The discussion will focus on how cities can translate data into action, aligning institutions, capacity, and policy tools to deliver sustained improvements in air quality and public health.</p>

	<p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daniel Mira-Salama</b>, Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Elena Strukova Golub</b>, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank - “Uzbekistan: Catalyzing Transformative Air Quality Improvement through Integrated Green Growth Solutions”</li> <li>• <b>Sameer Akbar</b>, Senior Environment Specialist, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korea Environment Corporation (KECO)</li> <li>• <b>Seungmin Lee</b>, Director, Atmospheric Environment Division, Korea Environment Institute (KEI) - “Regional Cooperation Strategies for Air Quality Management Technologies in Asia”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>10:45-12:00pm (75')</p>	<p><b>Digital Session   From Digital Government to AI-Enabled Services: Pathways to Better Delivery</b></p> <p>This session explores how governments are strengthening digital foundations to unlock the next generation of AI-enabled public services. Korean institutions will share how they are building interoperable platforms and preparing for trusted AI adoption, while World Bank teams highlight lessons from KGGTF-supported programs in different regions. The discussion will focus on practical steps—what it takes to move from digital systems to smarter, more responsive service delivery.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Tanui</b>, Principal Secretary, Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy, Kenya - “Strategic Focus of the KGGTF Grant: Enhancing Data Sharing and Use for Scalable AI Solutions in Kenya” and/or Lessons from other World Bank digital projects</li> <li>• <b>Lulezon Jagxhiu</b>, Minister of Digitalisation and Public Administration (MDPA), Kosovo - “KGGTF Grant: Boosting Innovation for Kosovo Digital Transformation”</li> <li>• <b>Ji Eun Choi</b>, Senior Digital Specialist, World Bank - “Governing AI: Korea’s Policy and Institutional Model”</li> <li>• <b>Seunghan Lee</b>, Senior Operations Officer, East Asia Pacific Vice Presidency, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hyejeong Lim</b>, Director, Department of Global ICT Cooperation, National Information Society Agency (NIA) - “AX journey and enablers of AI services - key AI/Data strategy of Korea and key enablers of AI public services (use cases)”</li> <li>• <b>Byungkon Kim</b>, Director, Data Industry, Korea Data Agency (Kdata) - “From Data to Impact: Building Trust-Based Digital Ecosystems for AI and Economic Growth”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>12:00-1:15pm</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p>1:15-2:45pm (60')</p>	<p><b>Korea Office Session   Aligned for Impact: Expanding Partnership with the World Bank Korea Office</b></p> <p>This session highlights how the World Bank Korea Office and KGGTF are working together to strengthen knowledge exchange, capacity building, and operational collaboration. It will present the Korea Office's evolving role and Phase 4 strategic priorities, while showcasing past partnerships and new opportunities for engagement. The discussion will also offer a broader</p>

	<p>outlook of the Korea World Bank Group — spanning the World Bank, IFC, and MIGA — and how these collaborations are translating into practical support for country programs.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Jason Allford</b>, Special Representative for the Republic of Korea, World Bank Group</p> <p>World Bank Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jaehyung Kwon</b>, IFC, WBG</li> <li>• <b>Energy Global Department (Myoe Myint</b>, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank)</li> <li>• <b>Environment Global Department (Sameer Akbar</b>, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank)</li> <li>• <b>Digital Global Department (Ji Eun Choi</b>, Senior Economist, World Bank)</li> <li>• <b>Urban Global Department (Narae Choi</b>, Senior Urban Specialist / <b>Danilo Ramos Antonio</b>, Land and Geospatial Specialist), World Bank</li> </ul>
<p>2:15-3:15pm (60')</p>	<p><b>Parallel Financing Session   From Pilots to Scale: Aligning ODA, R&amp;D, and Investment for Greater Impact</b></p> <p>This session examines how countries and partners can move beyond stand-alone projects to build integrated portfolios that connect research, pilots and financing. Speakers will share collaborative development examples from ODA, R&amp;D, and pilot projects that are aligned across the project lifecycle—from innovation to deployment and scale. The discussion will highlight models for collaboration and multilateral development banks and the use of parallel financing to translate innovation into large-scale impact.</p> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gayoung Choi</b>, Senior Researcher, NCTCC, National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT)</li> <li>• <b>Kyoungeche Lee</b>, Director, Overseas Business Office, Korea Environmental Industry &amp; Technology Institute (KEITI)</li> <li>• <b>Dongil Park</b>, Director, Korea Meteorological Institute (KMI)</li> <li>• Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG)</li> <li>• International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p>3:15-3:30pm</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>3:30-4:45pm (75')</p>	<p><b>Water Session   From Systems to Services: Scaling Reliable and Resilient Water Delivery</b></p> <p>This session explores how countries are strengthening institutions and utilities to expand and sustain water services at scale. Drawing on practical implementation experiences, speakers will highlight how clear governance structures, coordinated planning, and phased investments can improve service delivery. The focus is on practical approaches to utility transformation, infrastructure integration, and operational models that deliver reliable, resilient water systems.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pascaline Wanjiku Ndungu</b>, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank - “Progress and Early Insights from KGGTF grant: Strengthening the Capacity of Kenya County Governments and Water Services Providers to Design and Implement Green and Climate Resilient Water Supply Systems”</li> <li>• <b>Odete Duarte Muximpua</b>, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank - “Central Asia Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Capacity Development Program for Scaling Up Access, Resilience and Innovation”</li> </ul>

	<p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water &amp; K-water Academy)</li> <li>• Korea Environment Corporation Korea Water Cluster (KECO KWC)</li> <li>• Integrated Watershed Management Institute (IWMI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
3:30-4:45pm (75')	<p><b>Climate Finance Session   Unlocking Climate Finance: Scaling Investment for Real-World Impact</b></p> <p>This session explores how countries can mobilize and scale climate finance through innovative instruments, partnerships, and market-based approaches. Speakers will highlight practical lessons on strengthening policy frameworks, building institutional capacity, and crowding in private investment. The discussion will also introduce emerging initiatives such as the Global Voluntary Carbon Market (GVCM) examining how they can enhance market integrity, support results-based finance, and create new pathways for scaling high-impact climate action.</p> <p>World Bank Team (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zhou Cheng</b>, Senior Climate Finance Specialist, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>K-Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Taehoon Kim</b>, GVCM Unit, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) - “Introduction to GVCM Initiative”</li> <li>• <b>Hanna Kang</b>, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT)</li> <li>• <b>Gwangnam Ryu</b>, CEO, NewTonne - “From Policy to Pipeline: AI-Enabled Carbon Market Intelligence for Scaling Article 6 Climate Finance”</li> <li>• <b>Seungho Lee</b>, Deputy CEO, Thanks Carbon - “Empowering Smallholder Farmers to Earn Carbon Credits: A Proven Digital MRV Model from the Rice Paddies”</li> <li>• <b>Young-jun Cho</b>, Executive Director, Sustainable Management Institution, Korea Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (KCCI) - “Overview of Operations at the KCCI Carbon Reduction Certification Center”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
5:30-7:30pm	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<b>Day 3, May 8, 2026</b>	
8:00 – 9:00AM	<b>Registration &amp; Networking Breakfast</b>
9:00 – 9:30AM	<p><b>Session 1. Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p>Held on the final day of KGID 2026, the Opening Ceremony brings together senior leadership from the World Bank, the Government of Korea, and Sejong City to reflect on key insights emerging from the week’s technical sessions and to chart the path forward. Opening and congratulatory remarks will underscore the value of global partnerships and knowledge exchange, followed by a keynote address highlighting Korea’s experience in translating policy ambition into implementation—offering practical lessons for scaling green growth and sustaining momentum beyond the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks, <b>Guangzhe Chen</b>, Vice President, Planet Vice Presidency, World Bank</li> <li>• Congratulatory Remarks, <b>Yoonjin Kang</b>, Director General, Development Finance Bureau, Korean Ministry of Finance and Economy</li> <li>• Keynote Speech, <b>Seungwon Lee</b>, Vice Mayor for Economic Affairs, Sejong City</li> </ul>
9:30 – 10:30AM	<p><b>[Roundtable/Panel Discussion]</b></p> <p><b>Session 2. Scaling Green Growth: Aligning Policy, Investment, and Innovation</b></p>

(60')	<p>Scaling green growth requires more than successful pilot projects. It demands alignment across policy frameworks, investment pipelines, and innovation ecosystems to translate evidence into sustained impact. This plenary roundtable will examine how governments, development partners, and the private sector can work together to build the institutional, financial, and technological systems needed to move from isolated initiatives to scalable, investment-ready green transformation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Richard Damania</b>, Chief Economic Advisor, Planet Vice Presidency, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Kwangchul Ji</b>, Director General, Office for Hyper-Innovation Economy, Korean Ministry of Finance and Economy</li> <li>• <b>World Bank Client</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
10:30 – 10:40AM (10')	<p><b>Session 3. KGGTF: Our Global Impact, Today and Tomorrow</b></p> <p><b>Hyoung Gun Wang</b>, KGGTF Program Manager, World Bank</p> <p>This session will highlight KGGTF’s evolving global impact, showcasing how the program is translating knowledge into operations today while positioning partnerships, innovation, and scaled solutions to shape its future trajectory.</p>
10:40 – 10:55AM	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
10:55 – 12:00PM (65')	<p><b>Session 4. KGGTF: Powering the Continued Development Journey</b></p> <p>This session will demonstrate how the Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF) translates evidence and innovation into scalable, investment-ready green growth solutions that support the continued development journey of partner countries. Flagship initiatives will highlight KGGTF’s catalytic impact and innovative practices developed with Korean and global partners. The presentation will conclude with a moderated Q&amp;A exploring lessons learned and pathways to scale.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Odete Duarte Muximpua</b>, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank - “Central Asia Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Capacity Development Program for Scaling Up Access, Resilience and Innovation”</li> <li>• <b>Kyungjin Shin</b>, General Manager of K-water Academy, K-Water</li> <li>• <b>Essam Elshikhe</b>, Chairman of Board Director, Cairo Transport Authority “Accelerating Green Transport Industry Development and Job Creation in Egypt” “Topic: His presentation will address broader country-level topics on transport green growth and potential opportunities for partnerships with the Koreans.”</li> <li>• <b>Seung Yup Jang</b>, Professor, Korea National University of Transportation (KNUT) – “Recent progress in development of educational programs for Egypt Transportation University”</li> <li>• <b>Francisco Javier Bueso Ucles</b>, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank –“Remote Sensing and AI-Driven Methodology for Corn and Bean Area and Yield Estimation in Honduras: A Pilot in the Departments of Olancho and El Paraíso with KCAM” (or representative from SAG or CENAOS)</li> <li>• <b>Kwangsoo Kim</b>, Professor, National Center for Agro Meteorology (NCAM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>

12:00 – 1:15PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 – 1:45PM (30')	<p><b>Session 5. Fire-side Chat: AI's Transformative Power — What It Means for the Developing World</b></p> <p>As AI rapidly redefines industries and governance worldwide, this fire-side chat takes a big-picture look at the technology's transformative potential — from frontier innovation to real-world applications in emerging and developing economies. Drawing on NAVER's global AI strategy and expertise, the session explores what this technological shift means for client countries and the evolving role of the World Bank.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Kyung Ryul Park</b>, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Science and Technology Policy, Korea Advanced Institute of Science &amp; Technology (KAIST)</p> <p>Speaker: <b>NAVER</b></p>
1:45 – 3:00PM (75')	<p><b>Session 6. From Vision to Delivery: Advancing Green Growth (or Shaping the Future of Green Growth)</b></p> <p>This session showcases how World Bank teams and Green Growth leaders are turning green growth ambitions into actionable, sector-wide strategies. It will highlight national visions for the future of key projects and how different sectors are preparing for and enabling this transition.</p> <p>The discussion will focus on practical implementation pathways, drawing on digital tools, integrated systems, and targeted technical support to address delivery challenges. It will also share what has worked so far and how these approaches can be adapted and scaled across countries to accelerate impact.</p> <p>World Bank Grant Teams (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Albert Sole</b>, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank - “Technical Assistance to Support Green Industrialization through Rwanda’s Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones Program”</li> <li>• <b>Environment specialist</b></li> <li>• <b>Urban specialist</b></li> <li>• <b>Digital specialist</b></li> </ul> <p>Korean Partners (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jongin Sun</b>, Head, Global Knowledge Cooperation Team 1, Korea Development Institute (KDI GKEDC)</li> <li>• <b>(Transport) Sujin Kim</b>, Principal Transportation Specialist, Seoul Urban Solutions Agency (SUSA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Q&amp;A</b></p>
3:00 – 3:03PM	<b>Guidance on Follow-up Sessions</b>
3:03 – 3:15PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:15 – 4:15PM	<p><b>Session 7A. Working with the World Bank (K-Partners only)</b></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of how the World Bank operates and engages with project partners and stakeholders. It will introduce the Bank's core operational principles and walk through</p>

	<p>key processes involved in project planning, implementation, and management. The session aims to strengthen participants' understanding of how to effectively navigate partnership and collaborate within World Bank-financed operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Bank Operations &amp; Procurement: Key principles, guidelines, and roles</li> <li>• Working with the World Bank in Practice</li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b></li> </ul>
3:15 – 5:00PM	<p><b>Session 7B. Cultural Session</b> (for World Bank staff and clients only) The closing cultural session offers visiting guests an opportunity to experience Korea’s rich heritage and contemporary culture, providing a meaningful and memorable conclusion to KGID 2026</p>

## BILATERAL MEETINGS

Bilateral meetings will take place throughout the first two days, bringing together World Bank teams, client countries, and Korean partners.

Meetings will be pre-arranged based on mutual interest and supported by advance coordination to ensure concrete outcomes, including:

- New technical collaborations
- Pipeline development
- Co-financing and partnership opportunities

## 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, established in 2012 to support countries in designing and scaling green, resilient, and inclusive development solutions.

A defining feature of KGGTF is its role as a **global bridge for Korean expertise**, connecting Korean institutions with World Bank operations and client country needs.

### Impact to Date

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

### Strategic Priorities (Phase 4: 2024–2027)

- Maximizing green growth investments
- Building implementation-oriented partnerships
- Mobilizing private sector engagement
- Inspiring youth engagement

### WHY

Korea's transformation—from a low-income, aid-recipient country to a global economic leader and World Bank donor—offers powerful lessons for development.

Its leadership in green growth demonstrates how environmental sustainability can align with:

- Economic competitiveness
- Job creation
- Technological innovation

These experiences are increasingly relevant for countries navigating complex transitions toward climate-resilient and inclusive growth.

### HOW

KGGTF 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 KGGTF activities, please visit our website [www.wbgkgtf.org](http://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	KGITF 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

**ANNEX 3: Potential List of K-Partners at KGID 2026**

#	Korean Partners	Sector	Organization Type
1	Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF)	Donor	Ministries
2	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)	Agriculture	Ministries
3	Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MoCEE) - TBC	Cross-sectoral	Ministries
4	Ministry of Interior and Safety (MOIS)	Cross-sectoral	Ministries
5	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT)	Urban/Transport	Ministries
6	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)	Cross-sectoral	Ministries
7	Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA)	Cross-sectoral	Ministries
8	Korea Fisheries Infrastructure Public Agency (FIPA) - TBC	Agriculture	Government Agencies
9	Korea Fisheries Resources Agency (FIRA)	Environment	Government Agencies
10	Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)	Digital	Government Agencies
11	Rural Development Administration (RDA)	Agriculture	Government Agencies
12	Sejong City	Urban/Transport	Local Governments
13	Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG)	Urban/Transport	Local Governments
14	Seoul Urban Solutions Agency (SUSA)	Urban/Transport	Local Public Institutions
15	International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK)	Urban	Public Institutions
16	Intelligent Transport Society of Korea (ITS Korea)	Transport	Public Institutions
17	Korea Railroad Corporation (KORAIL)	Transport	Public Institutions
18	Korea Agency of Education, Promotion and Information Service in Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (EPIS)	Agriculture	Public Institutions
19	Korea Agriculture Technology Promotion Agency (KOAT) - TBC	Agriculture	Public Institutions
20	Korea Data Agency (Kdata)	Digital	Public Institutions
21	Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) - TBC	Energy	Public Institutions
22	Korea Energy Agency (KEA) - TBC	Energy	Public Institutions
23	Korea Environment Corporation (Keco)	Environment	Public Institutions
24	Korea Environment Corporation Korea Water Cluster (KECO KWC)	Water	Public Institutions
25	Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI)	Environment	Public Institutions
26	Korea Eximbank (KEXIM)	Finance	Public Institutions
27	Korea Forestry Promotion Institute (KOFPI) - TBC	Environment	Public Institutions
28	Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power (KHNP)	Energy	Public Institutions
29	Korea Land & Housing Corporation (LH)	Urban	Public Institutions
30	Korea National Railway (KR)	Transport	Public Institutions

31	Korea Occupational Safety & Health Agency (KOSHA) - TBC	Environment	Public Institutions
32	Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND)	Urban/Transport	Public Institutions
33	Korea Rural Corporation (KRC)	Agriculture	Public Institutions
34	Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water)	Water	Public Institutions
35	Korean Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning (KETEP) - TBC	Energy	Public Institutions
36	Korea Water Resources Corporation Academy (K-water Academy)	Water	Public Institutions
37	National Information Society Agency (NIA)	Digital	Public Institutions
38	The National Agency for Administrative City Construction (NAACC)	Urban	Public Institutions
39	Ulsan EID Center	Environment	Public Institutions
40	Korea Development Institute Global Knowledge Exchange and Development Center (KDI GKEDC)	Urban	Government-funded Research Institutes
41	Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) - TBC	Environment	Government-funded Research Institutes
42	Korea Meteorological Institute (KMITI)	Environment	Government-funded Research Institutes
43	Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS)	Urban	Government-funded Research Institutes
44	Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI) - TBC	Agriculture	Government-funded Research Institutes
45	Korea Transport Institute (KOTI)	Transport	Government-funded Research Institutes
46	National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) - TBC	Environment	Government-funded Research Institutes
47	National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT)	Cross-sectoral	Government-funded Research Institutes
48	KEPCO International Nuclear Graduate School (KINGS) - TBC	Energy	Academia
49	Korea National University of Transport (KNUT)	Transport	Academia
50	National Center for Agrometeorology (NCAM), Seoul National University	Environment	Foundation Corporation
51	Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) - TBC	Environment	Private Sector
52	Naver - TBC	Digital	Private Sector
53	NewTone	Environment	Private Sector
54	Thanks Carbon	Agriculture	Private Sector
55	Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCo)	Environment	International Organization
56	Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) - TBC	Cross-sectoral	International Organization
57	Integrated Watershed Management Institute (IWMI)	Water	International Research Institutes