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**Global Green Growth Summit 2016 opens today,  
celebrating Vietnam as a new partner country**

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THE GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH (3GF) 2016 SUMMIT – a global public & private partnership forum opens in Copenhagen today, June 6, 2016. The summit engages 250-300 top leaders from corporations, governments and civil society from all over the world including leaders from 3GF partner countries: China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Qatar and Vietnam.

The Vietnamese delegation at 3GF Summit is led by Minister for Environment and Natural Resources Tran Hong Ha and representatives from Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Construction, and Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The delegation also includes members of the business sector which are Pan Group, Phu Cuong Group and Victory Group.

Minister Tran Hong Ha is going to give a remark at the opening session of 3GF summit, and then deliver a remark together with Danish Prime Minister at the headline session “A call to Action - Enabling Solutions at Speed and Scale”.

In the afternoon of June 6<sup>th</sup>, Minister Tran Hong Ha will have a courtesy meeting with Danish Minister of Environment and Food Mr. Esben Lunde Larsen. The two ministers will discuss strategic areas of cooperation between Vietnam and Denmark in environmental sector including better environmental disaster prevention, pollution control and food safety.

Also in the afternoon of June 6<sup>th</sup>, a small ceremony to celebrate Vietnam as new partner country of 3GF will be held.

Within 02 days, on 6 – 7 June, under the theme “A Call to Action – Enabling Solutions at Speed and Scale”, all delegations will join discussions about cities, energy, water, food, land-use, circular economy and other elements along the sustainable value chains.

3GF Summit 2016 will launch a new partnership called “Food loss and Waste protocol”. The partnership developed a global standard for measuring food loss and waste in a consistent, credible and transparent manner under the circumstance that food waste is a global challenge for sustainable and green growth.

## **Background**

### **3GF mission**

The mission of the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF) is to explore and demonstrate how better collaboration among leading businesses, investors, organisations and key public institutions can effectively realise the potential for long-term global, inclusive green growth.

While 2015 was a year for agenda-setting and public commitment on sustainable development – with the agreement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in New York and the conclusion of a landmark Climate Agreement in Paris – 2016 is a crucial year to translate these promises into concrete actions and plans. This is the central task of 3GF 2016 Summit taking place in Copenhagen 6-7 June 2016. By following on with the Summit, 3GF is playing a vital role as part of the global process - moving the world beyond promises – and into proof of action.

### **3GF - A Global Public-Private Partnership**

3GF was initiated by the Danish Government in 2011 in collaboration with the Republic of Korea and Mexico. In 2012 China, Kenya and Qatar joined the partnership, and in 2014 Ethiopia became the 7th partner. Other partners of 3GF include: ABB, Alstom, Bidco Group & Kenya Private Sector Alliance and East African Business Council, Danfoss, Hyundai Motors, McKinsey & Company, Novozymes, Samsung, Siemens, Vestas, OECD, the International Energy Agency (IEA), UN Global Compact and International Finance Corporation (IFC), Climate Policy Initiative, Global Green Growth Institute, Inter-American Development Bank and World Resources Institute. For full list, see [Partners](#).

The 3GF provides an annual summit of high-level green growth leaders from governments, businesses, institutional investors and international organisations willing to take leadership and promote concrete solutions for the transition to a green economy.

### **3GF and Vietnam**

With the signing of the formal MoU on 9 November 2015 (VN MONRE Minister/DK Minister for the Environment & Food) Vietnam has become the 8<sup>th</sup> core government partner of 3GF.

Vietnam has participated in the **3GF** since its first event in 2011. During 3GF 2014 the Vietnamese delegation led by MONRE vice minister Tran Hong Ha played a key role in further developing the “Race to the Top” initiative on Sustainable Apparel Value Chain which is now developing a Public-Private-Partnership with Vietnam as a pilot country.

Admitting Vietnam as 3GF core member will:

- ✓ help strengthening the VN-DK partnership within green growth areas and realizing mutual benefit and objectives stated in the above mentioned agreements.
- ✓ support Vietnam in the ongoing process of restructuring its economy toward greener and more quality growth, where the Vietnamese government has expressed its commitment in making the green transition happen. Therefore, Vietnam has ideal conditions for exploring and demonstrating how collaborations among policy makers, public and private actors, and other stakeholders can drive market penetration and realise potential for long-term inclusive green growth.
- ✓ underpin related partnership initiatives, eg. the Race to the Top partnership on creating sustainable apparel value chains and others, where Vietnam has already demonstrated commitment.

*For information about 3GF Summit 2016, please visit: <http://3gf.dk/>*

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