



Development Alternatives at the PAGE Ministerial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa

Development Alternatives (DA) participated at the 3rd PAGE Ministerial Conference on 'Advancing Inclusive, Green and Sustainable Economies', in Cape Town, South Africa, on 10-11 January 2019. More than 500 conference delegates participated in a robust discussion on tools and strategies for shaping greener economies to achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Zeenat Niazi (Vice President, DA) and Anshul Bhamra (Senior Manager, DA) participated in the conference. As a speaker on the panel on 'Innovations and solutions for sustainable consumption and production – circular economy' on 10th January 2019, Zeenat Niazi elaborated on the need to integrate waste as a part of value chain of brown sectors, in the prospects of greening the sector. Enabling ecosystem – including enterprise support services, preferential procurement systems are instrumental for upscaling green business. Prior to the PAGE Conference, DA participated at 'The Green Economy Coalition (GEC) Global Meeting 2019' on 8th and 9th January 2019. As one of the country hubs under GEC, DA Shared about the Green Economy Barometer of India and also shared its experience of greening the brick sector, reducing pressures on agriculture sector by supporting Fly Ash MSMEs in Bihar. This was done by building an enabling ecosystem through dialogues amongst policy makers, entrepreneurs and experts and practitioners.