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Appendix 1: Interview questions used in semi-structured interviews conducted with experts in the field of the informal economy as well as those involved in facilitating, planning or implementing green economy policies, plans, projects or activities.

1. What is your or your organisation's understanding of and experience with the green economy or informal economy?
2. Does the organisation that you represent engage in any green economy activities? If so, please describe these activities.
3. Would you say there are any green activities occurring in the informal economy? If so, what would these activities entail?
4. How do you think these activities could be supported and developed at different levels of organisation?
5. What are the benefits and opportunities for connecting the green economy and informal economy?
6. What are the challenges for connecting the green economy and informal economy?
7. Have you or your organisation engaged with informal economy entities or actors? If so, please describe your experience in detail.

Appendix 2: Online questionnaire circulated to a number of potential informants ranging from academics, to NGO practitioners and national, provincial and municipal level government officials.

1. I hereby consent voluntarily to participate in this study.
 - Yes
 - No
2. Contact information
Please note that this information will remain confidential.
3. Please indicate the type of organisation you are affiliated with.
 - NGO
 - Local government
 - Provincial government
 - National government
 - Informal actor or entity
 - Private sector firm
 - Other (please specify)
4. UNEP (2011) defines the green economy "as one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities". Green economy activities relate to the restoration of ecosystem services and mitigation of negative impacts on the environment, including activities that protect biodiversity; reduce use/demand for energy, materials and water; reduce carbon emissions; and reduce and/or circumvent all forms of pollution and waste (UNEP and ILO, 2011).
Does the organisation that you represent engage in any green economy activities?
 - Yes
 - No

5. If you answered Yes above, please describe these activities in more detail.

6. The informal economy is recognised as:

...economic activities by workers and economic units that are – in law or in practice – not covered or insufficiently covered by formal arrangements. Their activities are not included in the law, which means that they are operating outside the formal reach of the law; or they are not covered in practice, which means that – although they are operating within the formal reach of the law, the law is not applied or not enforced; or the law discourages compliance because it is inappropriate, burdensome, or imposes excessive costs (ILO, 2003).

Do you think that green economy activities occur in the informal economy?

- Yes (please continue to question 7 & 8)
- No (please continue to question 9)

7. If you answered Yes above, please give examples of green economy activities taking place in the informal economy.

8. How do you think the informal green economy activities you identified could be supported and developed?

- By your organisation

- By local government

- By provincial government

- By national government

- By civil society groups

- By formal enterprises

9. Please elaborate on why you feel that green economy activities do not take place in the informal economy.

10. Has your organisation engaged with informal economy entities or actors when planning or implementing green economy activities?

- Yes (continue to question 11)
- No (continue to question 12)

11. If you answered Yes in 10, please describe how informal economy entities or actors were engaged and the nature of their participation.

12. If you answered No in 10, please indicate the reasons why informal actors of entities were not engaged.

13. Do you feel that the current level of engagement between your organisation and the informal economy is sufficient?

- Yes (continue to question 14)
- No (continue to question 15)

14. If you answered Yes above, please indicate why you feel that the level of engagement between your organisation and the informal economy is sufficient.

15. If you answered No in 13, please indicate why you feel that the level of engagement between your organisation and the informal economy is insufficient.

16. The following is a sample of national policies and plans related to the green economy in South Africa. How would you rate each policy or plan in terms of its level of engagement with the informal economy? (Please only rate the policies and plans that you are familiar with.)

National policy or plan	Very high	High	Moderate	Low	Non existent	N/A
Framework for Environmental Fiscal Reform (NT, 2006)						
10 Year Innovation and Global Research Plan (DST, 2008)						
Framework for South Africa's response to the International Economic Crisis (2009)						
Medium Term Strategic Framework 2009 - 2014 and 12 Outcomes (NPC, 2009)						
Industrial Policy Action Plan (the dti, 2010, 2011 and 2012)						
New Growth Path, Green Economy Accord and Green Jobs Report (EDD, 2010)						
Integrated Resource Plan 2010–2030 (DoE, 2011)						
Draft Integrated Energy Plan (DoE, 2012)						
National Water Resource Strategy (DWA, 2013)						
National Climate Change Response (RSA, 2011)						
National Strategy for Sustainable Development (DEA, 2011)						
National Skills Development Strategy III: 2011–2016 (DHET, 2012)						

National Development Plan (NPC, 2011)						
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17. What do you think are the main barriers and challenges to connecting the green economy with the informal economy in South Africa?

18. What do you think are the main opportunities and benefits of connecting the green economy with the informal economy in South Africa?

19. Please rate your response to the following statements.

Informal economy actors or entities	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Should be involved at implementation or project stage				
Should be considered as part of the solution				
Have an important role in the green economy				
Are part of the problem				
Are unorganised and difficult to engage				
Have no role to play in the green economy				
Should be represented at committee level				
Should be considered during the planning stages				
Should be involved in co-producing solutions				
Should be engaged with more frequently				
Should be engaged with less frequently				
Should be engaged with directly				
Should be engaged with indirectly through representative organisations				
Should be incorporated into the green economy				