Can the quest for growth and increased well-being be reconciled with a stable



Decoupling

Growth

Environment degradation



The Green Economy

A path to sustainable development but must meet objectives of poverty alleviation, mutual growth through a fair trading system, as well as social cohesion.



The Green Economy

- Must be compatible with sustainable development
- Entails risks and challenges



Philippines' Strategies

- Establishment of climate-smart industries
- Promotion of green jobs
- Promotion of "ecotowns"



Adaptation: a priority for the Philippines

- More frequent and more devastating storms
- Alters agricultural, coastal and marine ecosystems and farmlands
- Threatens food security, productivity
- Reduces availability of fresh water
- Increases incidence of climate-sensitive diseases
- Threatens biodiversity



Fundamental considerations

- Rethinking the definition of growth
- The peril of "business as usual"
- Seriousness about sustainable consumption and production (SCP)
- A New Regime of International Cooperation
 - Distribution and equity
 - International complementing local
 - Trade to support sustainability



Thank you.

