



LEDS GP: Building skills in low emission development and NDC implementation

Many countries around the world are developing and implementing low emission development strategies. These seek to achieve social, economic, and environmental development goals while reducing long-term greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate change impacts. The Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) harnesses the collective knowledge and resources of 118 countries and over 350 institutions, as well as the experiences and knowledge of thousands of practitioners, to rapidly scale up climate resilient, low emission development efforts around the world. It does this by enabling practitioners to work together on innovative and early mover projects, draw on technical support and advice, and share learning and knowledge with their peers.



Priority areas:

- **Peer learning:** Bringing together LEDS practitioners to share their experiences, lessons, and good practices through workshops, a Fellowship program, remote forums, and communities of practice.
- **Technical assistance:** Our Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) service offers short-term, no-cost advisory support to countries to support LEDS and NDC planning and implementation, through sharing and enabling access to analysis, tools and data, technical reports, good practice studies, and communication products.
- **Knowledge resources:** Creating key tools and guides to enable practitioners to take action. Discover all our resources at ledsgp.org/resources
- **Early mover projects:** Helping leaders and innovators progress LEDS and NDCs in practical ways and building learning from those experiences.

Our support is delivered through four vibrant regional platforms: the Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP), Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP), Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Platform (LEDS LAC) and the Europe and Eurasia LEDS Platform (LEDS EEP). Each regional platform defines common country priorities to focus LEDS GP's efforts on member-driven programs.

Supporting the regional platforms are global working groups providing technical support in such areas as: finance; subnational integration; energy; transport; and agriculture, forestry, and other land use. A steering committee sets the strategic direction for LEDS GP, and a global secretariat coordinates implementation, knowledge management, outreach, and collective services.

LEDS GP has enabled peer learning, training, and knowledge exchange across thousands of practitioners and helped to strengthen policies and technical capacity in more than 50 countries.

Spotlight on our work

The LEDS Country Leadership Explorer features over 60 examples of country leadership and innovation on low emission development strategies, searchable by country and sectoral theme. Each country page demonstrates exemplary actions that have led to concrete outcomes towards achieving low emission development goals and NDC targets.



LEDS GP has teamed with the European Commission and UNEP to support practitioners in eight countries across Africa with the planning, modelling, and implementation of LEDS. We have assisted in developing tailored policy measures for Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Morocco, Mozambique, Kenya and Zambia and formed in-country technical working teams that lead on implementation. Five sub-regional peer learning forums are being designed for 2018 to enable those countries to present their initial LEDS outcomes, lessons, and good practices to their peers; propelling the development of integrated mitigation and adaptation goals, plans, and measures across the region.

The LEDS LAC Regional Platform, together with our Energy Working Group have collaborated to create a community of practice on bioelectricity. This ongoing community of practice brings together multiple LAC government leaders and key international experts to exchange good practices and provide tools and resources to advance bioenergy in participating countries. The community of practice is comprised of online and in-person sessions that are highly participatory and offer participants the opportunity to work together towards common goals.

Taking concrete steps that drive forward investments to implement LEDS and NDCs is critical in progressing low emission development. LEDS GP is collaborating with ten countries around the world (Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, and Vietnam) to accelerate public and private investment in priority NDC sectors. This includes using an investment accelerator approach, in which LEDS GP brings together private sector clean energy purchase commitments, investment instruments (such as blended capital facilities), and policy reforms to scale up private investment. Our Finance Working Group is also convening communities of practice on clean energy minigrids financing in Africa and clean energy project finance in Asia, and offers no-cost advisory support to all countries.

Get involved and join the LEDS Global Partnership

To find out more about LEDS GP and how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.ledsgp.org or contact the Secretariat directly at secretariat@ledsgp.org

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