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# The Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Working Group

Countries are facing multiple, interrelated challenges, including protecting their remaining forests and increasing food production in sustainable and resilient ways. Successfully achieving this will provide integrated benefits to all, ranging from safeguarding local livelihoods to protecting the biodiversity and ecosystems provided by forests and reducing rural poverty. Adopting low-emission strategies for both agricultural and forest production can also mitigate some of the effects of climate change.

The Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Working Group, part of the Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP), provides technical assistance, tools, training and platforms to support low-emission development across the agriculture, forestry and other land use sectors. The Working Group serves as a platform for engaging decision-makers, practitioners and researchers, for building a community of practice, and for linking networks of agriculture and forestry experts.

The Working Group aims to promote knowledge sharing and the adoption of solutions for climate-resilient, lowemission development across the agriculture, forestry and other land use sectors.

## Working Group objectives

- Communicate with stakeholders in the AFOLU sector, including regional, national and subnational decisionmakers, practitioners, private sector actors and researchers.
- Identify tools and solutions that could help to facilitate, design and implement LEDS for agriculture, forestry and other land uses.
- Facilitate and enhance knowledge-sharing between stakeholders in the agriculture, forestry and other landuse sectors, in the context of climate-resilient and low-emission development.
- Establish expert links for the 'Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS' (REAL) panel of support personnel.
- Advance the Working Group so that it is sustainable and can function well.

## The AFOLU Working Group in action

#### Peer learning and knowledge sharing

The Working Group facilitates knowledge sharing for stakeholders in low-emission planning and implementation within the agriculture, forestry and other land-use sectors. This includes providing advisory services for high-level policy planning and offering webinars, training and workshops for technical experts.

#### Tools and resources

The Working Group has developed a toolkit for LEDS approaches in the sector, which provides analysis, tools and technical resources to support decision-makers, practitioners and researchers who are planning and implementing at national and local levels. For more information, visit: www.ledsgp.org/working-groups/agriculture-forestry-and-land-use

The Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) was founded in 2011 to enhance coordination, information exchange and cooperation among countries and international programs working to advance low-emission, climate-resilient growth. The LEDS GP currently brings together LEDS leaders and practitioners from more than 160 countries and international institutions through innovative peer learning and collaboration forums and networks. For the full list of participants and more information on partnership activities, see: www.ledsgp.org | Email: secretariat@ledsgp.org



#### Advisory services

The Working Group provides timely, high-quality, no-fee technical assistance on agriculture, forestry and other land use issues as part of the REAL service. Experts from around the world are available to provide objective advice, conduct reviews and brief assessments, and recommend sources of longer-term support for individuals and organizations planning and implementing LEDS in agriculture, forestry and other land-use sectors.

We are seeking more experts to join our expert advisory team. If interested, please contact us at: ledsafoluwg@gmail.com or visit: www.ledsgp.org/assistance

### Join us

Membership of the AFOLU Working Group is open to all interested parties.

To join and to contact us about collaboration, please see the website below.

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