



Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP)

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KEY MESSAGES

- **The importance of a strategic and increasingly ambitious approach to low emission development is recognized in the Paris Agreement on climate change. This establishes the submission every 5 years of successive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to hold global average temperatures to well below 2°C (Article 4) and calls on all Parties to the agreement to formulate and communicate long term, low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (Article 4, paragraph 19).¹**
- **This publication sets out how the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP)—a platform through which practitioners collaborate to direct their knowledge towards climate resilient LEDS—will help to progress these international objectives between 2017 and 2020.**

¹ UNFCCC (2015) *Adoption of the Paris Agreement*. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

WHAT IS LEDS GP?

LEDS GP was founded in 2011 to facilitate peer learning, technical cooperation, and information exchange to enhance the formation and implementation of LEDS, especially in developing countries and regions.

The Partnership engages leaders from over 300 institutions across government agencies, technical institutes, international agencies, and NGOs. It operates through active regional platforms in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, along with six technical global working groups, and a global secretariat. Developing country leaders in each region set priorities for learning, collaboration, and advisory support delivered collectively through the Partnership. LEDS GP has enabled peer learning, training, and exchange between thousands of practitioners, enhancing capacity to design and implement LEDS and NDCs, and has helped strengthen policies and measures in over 50 countries.

HOW WE CAN TAKE ACTION

Practitioners within LEDS GP are progressing a wide range of national and subnational LEDS. These include national climate change laws, green growth strategies and plans, sectoral plans for low emission development, nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), and NDCs.

The Partnership showcases examples, approaches, and tools for low emission development. This creates opportunities to identify and pool current needs and questions among the membership, who then work collaboratively to address needs through peer learning, targeted technical assistance actions, and collaborative projects, drawing on resources and know how from within LEDS GP and its partner institutions and networks.

ASSETS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- Key institutions, experts, and policy makers enable all network members to access cutting edge thinking, collaboration, and support.
- Developing country LEDS leaders drive the Partnership and set priorities.
- Membership of a professional association enables LEDS practitioners to build their own technical know how, synthesize knowledge into guidance, and work collectively to champion LEDS.
- Practitioners are enabled to collaborate across regions.
- Regional platforms are supported by topic specific technical working groups.
- Members can capture systems thinking and gain an integrated view of low emission development.

HOW LEADS GP WORKS



LEADS GP delivers support through its vibrant regional platforms—the **Africa LEADS Partnership**, the **Asia LEADS Partnership**, the **Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Platform**, and the soon to be launched **Europe and Eurasia Regional Platform**. Each regional platform defines common country priorities that focus LEADS GP's efforts on member driven, high impact needs.

The regional platforms are supported by six global working groups providing technical support in **agriculture, forestry, and other land use; benefits assessment; energy; finance; subnational integration; and transport**. A steering committee provides guidance and sets strategic direction for LEADS GP, and a global secretariat coordinates implementation, knowledge management, outreach, and collective services.



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Our vision

A world in which low emission climate resilient development for all is delivered and safeguarded over time by high quality and ambitious LEADS, set and effectively implemented within all countries, subnational systems, and sectors.

Our mission

To harness the collective knowledge and resources of policy practitioners, governments, donors, businesses, and international organizations to build the capabilities of low emission development practitioners, especially in developing countries. In so doing, LEADS GP will help to scale up and strengthen the implementation and ambition of climate resilient LEADS and NDCs by governments and subnational entities.

THE FOCUS FOR 2017–2020²

LEDS GP is seeing emerging needs for rapid advancement of action, greater finance and investment in programs, and stronger integration of national and subnational approaches. Since the climate change agreement in Paris there has been a rapid shift towards practical action to implement climate resilient LEDS and NDCs. Our objective for the next 4 years is to:

strengthen the capability and knowledge of practitioners, especially in developing countries, to increase the quality and ambition of LEDS and NDCs and enhance their implementation.

Goal and purpose for 2017–2020 with critical success factors



² This document summarises LEDS GP's draft Strategic Plan, which is in development and will receive further consideration by the Steering Committee in mid-November 2016.

To achieve this objective, the Partnership is working towards two key outcomes.

Outcome 1

LEDS/NDC practitioners have enhanced their knowledge and climate results in specific areas through action (learning by doing, innovation, and technical assistance).

Drawing on our ability to deliver technical collaboration, advisory support, and access to learning opportunities, LEDS GP is:

- **Working with national and subnational teams of practitioners to progress specific LEDS and NDC actions that they have identified as priorities.** The Partnership offers peer learning and training opportunities, communities of practice, technical advisory support including Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL), and access to technical resources. By 2020, LEDS GP will have:
 - strengthened the implementation of at least 12 LEDS and NDCs policies and measures per year (80 in total over the Strategic Plan period)
 - progressed broad based LEDS and NDC investment actions in at least 15 individual countries in addition to early mover projects listed below.
- **Working with groups of early movers from different national and subnational administrations to pilot innovative approaches and advance their LEDS and NDCs, along with efforts to capture learning, approaches, and tools to disseminate these more widely.** Early mover projects include an innovative NDC Investment Accelerator approach and assistance to countries with NDC and LEDS investment; progressing low emission transportation in NDCs through action at the subnational level; and supporting selected countries in Africa to progress their LEDS and NDC planning and implementation.

By 2020, we will have:

- conducted at least five early mover initiatives involving at least 30 early mover countries, and replicated exemplar actions in at least 10 additional countries
 - substantially improved the quality and impact of LEDS and NDCs in eight countries in Africa, with at least 20 additional countries applying learning from this initiative
 - exposed at least 80 national and subnational governments to approaches and learning on LEDS and NDC analysis and planning, including approaches for vertical integration, with documented improvements in at least 30 cases
 - piloted innovative early mover NDC investment initiatives (including the NDC Investment Accelerator) in at least 10 countries.
- **Providing fellowships to enable LEDS practitioners to take up specific learning and exchange opportunities related to NDC and LEDS implementation.** LEDS GP will:
 - share learning, new methods, and tools resulting from fellowships with at least 10 countries each year.



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Outcome 2

Access to new and improved knowledge resources will have been enhanced and these will be used by practitioners to progress their LEDS and NDCs.

The Partnership will curate tools, resources, and examples of leadership and best practice, enabling access to these through peer to peer learning, training events, and virtual platforms including webinars and the website. Specifically, LEDS GP is:

- **Improving and creating new knowledge products on LEDS and NDC measures.** These will focus on the specialist areas of the six technical working groups (agriculture, forestry, and other land use; energy; finance; transport; integrated national and subnational action; and the benefits of low emission development approaches) to produce toolkits, case studies, slide packs, and other resources for practitioners. LEDS GP's regional platforms and technical working groups will create and curate knowledge to address priority concerns of the membership, using the website for delivery:
 - at least five new knowledge products each year (20 in total) with at least 100 documented uses of each product during the Strategic Plan period (specific targets vary according to product type).
- **Developing a resource for LEDS/NDC practices and leadership that will provide information and intelligence on national and subnational priorities and actions,** as well as examples of leadership that can be shared more widely, fostering peer to peer exchanges among countries. This key resource will enable us to identify those within the network who have transferable skills and experience enabling them to support new LEDS processes, and to provide analysis on where efforts might be targeted to champion new LEDS and NDC progressions. The resource is being developed in

close consultation with our partner institutions and networks, including the World Resources Institute (WRI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the NDC Partnership, to ensure complementarity and added value. We will provide:

- an enhanced searchable resource (with a map) to be launched in early 2017
- leadership examples showcased and promoted through LEDS GP events, webinars, website, and other activities in at least three technical/sectoral areas, with examples profiled each year within each region
- biennial LEDS Leadership Awards in 2017 and 2019.

- **Enhancing access to knowledge through tailored peer to peer learning and training events** such as webinars and workshops, curated website materials, and linking resources to the technical assistance provided. Between 2017 and 2020 our members will benefit from:

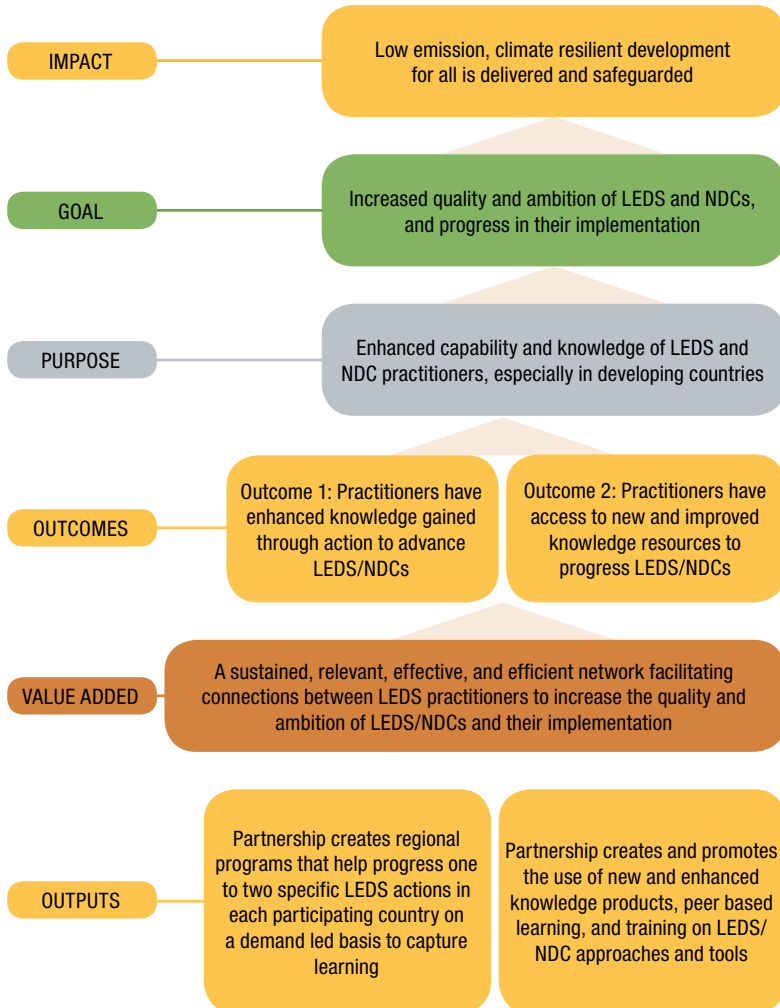
- peer learning and training at annual regional platform meetings, at least one additional topic-specific face to face learning event, and three topic-specific webinars each year in each region
- at least three in-person global meetings of the Partnership with interregional learning and strategic discussion
- training opportunities taken up by at least 1,000 LEDS practitioners per year (4,000 in total)
- progression of designs for improved training collaboration and resource sharing with partners (such as a training portal)
- curation of 60 examples of how LEDS GP members have enhanced specific capabilities through training opportunities, advisory support, early mover activities, and access to knowledge products and tools.

STRENGTHENING OUR VALUE

LEDS GP facilitates connections between practitioners and delivers support to enable them to cooperate and learn in an effective and efficient way. This will lead to an increase in the quality, ambition, and implementation of LEDS and NDC plans, policies, and measures. This partnership or platform provision function provides the added value of the Partnership. It operates through a distributed leadership model that taps the best available expertise from institutions around the world. In the next phase, we are:

- strengthening LEDS GP's delivery and alignment to emerging needs through strategic discussions; expanding to Europe and Eurasia; aligning the work plan to the NDCs; looking into diversification of funding; expanding collaboration with the private sector and other networks supporting NDCs; and enhancing our membership and communication strategies
- maintaining and strengthening development and delivery of a relevant work plan for the Partnership, with impact through regional platforms, technical working groups, and global secretariat services.

LEDS GP's chain of results



With the advent of NDCs, and its growing maturity as a network, LEADS GP is at a critical stage of transformation. LEADS practitioners will be at the frontline of worldwide efforts to deliver on global ambitions to hold long term mean temperature increases well below 2°C. In LEADS GP they have created a vibrant, dynamic mechanism to deliver peer to peer support. The Paris Agreement has invigorated efforts to ensure that climate resilient low emission development rapidly becomes the dominant development model, and the next 4 years will lay the solid foundations for this transformation.



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JOIN US

LEDS GP is open to all interested parties who agree to our operating principles. Participate by:

- becoming a member
- taking part in an event
- subscribing to our newsletters
- sharing LEDS resources.

To find out more about LEDS GP and how you can be involved, please visit our website or contact the secretariat directly. You can email secretariat staff (Jebi Rahman, jebi.rahman@cdkn.org or Caroline Uriarte, Caroline.Uriarte@nrel.gov), or use the general address: secretariat@ledsgp.org

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- Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP)
- Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)
- Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
- ClimateWorks Foundation (CWF)
- European Commission
- German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)/ Programme Office International Climate Initiative (IKI)
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- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
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