



LEDS GP: Enabling 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 more than 79 countries and over 300 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 facilitates cooperation and develops, improves, shares, and enables 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.
- **Early mover projects:** Helping leaders and innovators progress NDCs in practical ways and building learning from those experiences.

Our support is delivered through vibrant regional platforms. The Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP), Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP), and Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Platform (LEDS LAC) were recently joined by a new Europe and Eurasia 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: benefits and their communication; 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 across participating countries.

Spotlight on our work

LEDS GP is working with early movers to deliver multilevel governance training in Asia. The training supports diverse multilevel teams for implementing NDCs and creates peer-to-peer learning to shift NDC practice and start scaling up multilevel governance approaches. The first session kicks off in Bhutan in March 2017.



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 are establishing work plans with Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Mozambique, and Zambia, with activities beginning between April and May 2017. Five sub-regional peer-learning forums will also 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 in charge of designing and implementing bioelectricity policies and programs, and provides tools for gathering and processing bioelectricity data as an input for smart decision-making. The Community of Practice is comprised of three online sessions that prepare participants for a final in-person hands-on workshop in which they have the opportunity to discuss their results and collaborate on shared challenges with supporting experts.

Taking concrete steps that drive forward investments to implement LEDS and NDCs is critical in progressing low emission development. LEDS GP is collaborating with nine countries around the world (Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, and Vietnam) to accelerate public and private investment in priority NDC sectors. This can include using an investment accelerator approach, in which LEDS GP will bring together private sector clean energy purchase commitments, investment instruments (such as blended capital facilities), and policy reforms to scale up private investment.

Get involved and join the LEDS Global Partnership

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