

The Low Emission  
Development Strategies  
Global Partnership  
(LEDS GP)



## Introduction

The importance of a strategic and increasingly ambitious approach to low emission development is recognised in the Paris Agreement on climate change. This establishes the submission every five years of successive 'nationally determined contributions' (NDCs) to hold global average temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius (Article 4) and calls on all Parties to the agreement to formulate and communicate long-term low emission greenhouse gas emission development strategies (Article 4, paragraph 19).

This booklet sets out how the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) – a platform through which practitioners come together to direct their knowledge and collaborate towards climate resilient low emission development – will help to progress these international objectives in a four-year period between 2017 and 2020.

## About LEDS GP

LEDS GP engages leaders from over 300 institutions across government agencies, technical institutes, international agencies, and NGOs and operates through robust 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 across thousands of practitioners thus enhancing capacity to design and implement LEDS and NDCs and helped strengthen policies and measures and technical capacity in over 50 countries.

## Where we can take action

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.

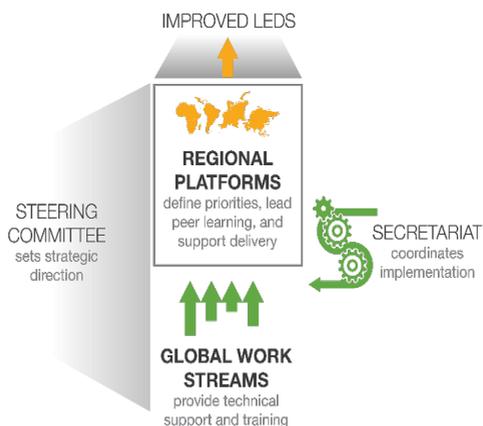
LEDS GP practitioners are progressing a wide range of national and subnational low emission development strategies. These strategies include national climate change laws, green growth strategies and plans, sectoral plans for low emission development, Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and NDCs. The Partnership showcases examples, approaches and tools on low emission development, and it creates opportunities to identify and pool current needs and questions amongst the membership. Those in LEDS GP then work collaboratively to address needs through peer learning, targeted technical assistance actions and collaborative projects, drawing on resources and know-how from within the Partnership and partner institutions and networks.

## Assets of the Partnership

- Key institutions, experts and policy makers, providing access by all network members to cutting edge thinking, collaboration and support.
- Developing country LEDS-leaders that drive the Partnership and set priorities.
- Strengths of a 'professional association', which enables LEDS practitioners to: build their own technical know-how; synthesize knowledge into guidance; and work collectively to champion LEDS.
- Collaboration across regions.

- Regional platforms supported by topic-specific technical working groups.
- The ability to capture systems thinking and an integrated view of low emission development.

### How the Partnership works



LEADS GP delivers support through vibrant regional platforms – the Africa LEADS Partnership (AfLP), the Asia LEADS Partnership (ALP), the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Platform (LEADS LAC), and the soon to be launched Europe and Eurasia (E&E) Regional Platform. Each regional platform defines common country priorities that focus LEADS GP's efforts on member-driven, high-impact needs.

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

## Our Vision

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

## Our Mission

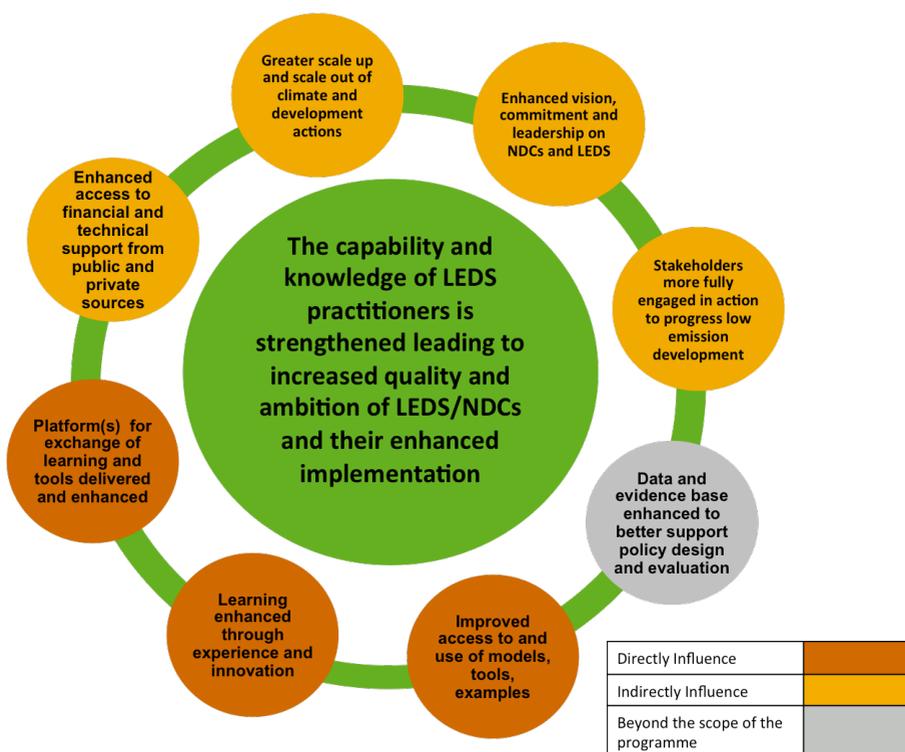
To harness the collective knowledge and resources of policy practitioners, governments, donors, businesses and international organizations, to build the capabilities of low emission development practitioners, especially those in developing countries. In so doing, LEDES GP will help to scale up and strengthen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

## The Focus for 2017-2020

LEDES GP is seeing emerging needs for a 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 low emission development strategies and NDCs. Our objective for the next four years is to:

***“Strengthen the capability and knowledge of practitioners, especially in developing countries, to increase the quality and ambition of LEDES and NDCs and enhance their implementation”.***

## Goal and purpose for 2017-2020 with critical success factors



To achieve this objective, the Partnership works 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:

**1.1 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.

***1.2 Working with groups of early movers and innovators from different national and subnational administrations to pilot innovative approaches and advance their LEDS and NDCs***, together with efforts to capture learning, approaches and tools to disseminate these out 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 NDCs 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.

**1.3 Providing fellowships** to enable LE DS practitioners to take up specific learning and exchange opportunities related to NDC and LE DS implementation. LE DS GP will:

- Share learning and new methods & tools resulting from fellowships with at least 10 countries per annum.



**Outcome 2: Access to new and improved knowledge resources will have been enhanced, and these will be have used by practitioners to progress their LE DS and NDCs.**

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

**2.1 Improving and creating new knowledge products on LE DS and NDC measures**

These will focus on agriculture, forestry, and other land use, energy, transport, finance, integrated national and subnational action, and the analysis and communication of benefits of low emission development approaches; as well as on products such as toolkits, case studies, slide packs, and other resources for practitioners to use. LEADS GP, Regional Platforms, and Technical Working Groups will create and curate knowledge to address priority concerns of the membership, using the website for delivery of:

- 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.<sup>1</sup>

**2.2 Developing a LEADS/NDC Practices and Leadership resource** 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 and fostering peer-to-peer exchanges among countries.

This key Partnership resource will enable us to identify those within the network that have transferable skills and experience who can support new LEADS processes, and provide analysis on where efforts might be targeted to champion new LEADS and NDC progressions. This resource is being developed in close consultation with other institutions such as WRI, UNDP, GIZ, and partnerships, such as 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 LEADS GP events, webinars, website and

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<sup>1</sup> Product usage targets are being set for each type of product, and vary from product to product.

other activities in at least three areas, with examples profiled each year within each region

- LEADS Leadership Awards made biennially in 2017 and 2019.

**2.3 Enhancing access to knowledge** through tailored peer-to-peer learning and training events such as webinars and workshops, curated website materials, and by linking resources to technical assistance that is provided.

Between 2017 and 2020, our members will benefit from:

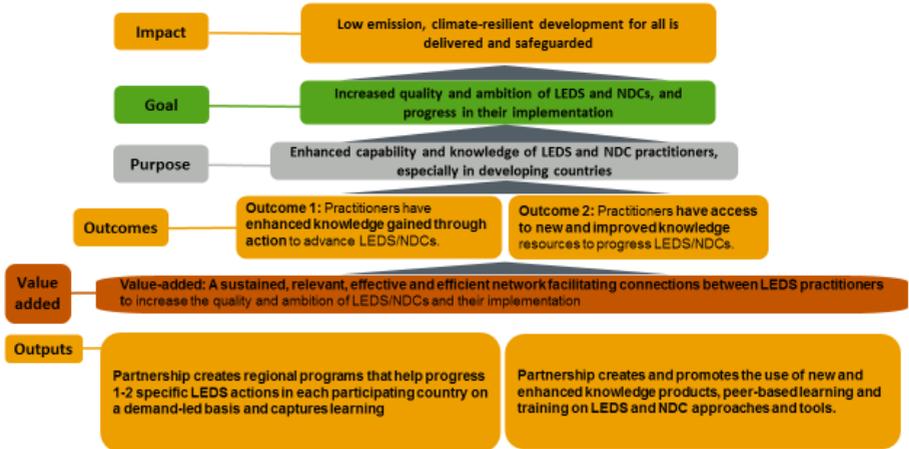
- Peer learning and training at annual Regional Platform meetings; at least one additional topic-specific face-to-face learning event and three topic-specific webinars each year in each region
- At least three in person global meetings of the Partnership with inter-regional learning and strategic discussion
- Training opportunities taken up by at least 1000 LEADS practitioners per annum (4,000 in total)
- Progression of design(s) for improved training collaboration and resource sharing with partners (such as a training portal)
- Curation of 60 examples of how LEADS GP members have enhanced specific capabilities, through training opportunities, advisory support, early mover activities, and access to knowledge products and tools. Learning from this process will help us improve services in the future.

## Strengthening our value in the future

The Partnership 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. It is this 'partnership' or 'platform provision' function, which is the added-value of LEDS GP. It operates through a distributed leadership model that taps best available expertise from institutions around the world. In the next phase, we are:

- Strengthening LEDS GP's delivery and alignment to emerging needs. This will be done 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 strategies related to membership, and communications.
- Maintaining and strengthening its development and delivery of a relevant work plan with impact through Regional Platforms, Technical Working Groups and Global Secretariat services.

## LEDSGP's Chain of Results



## Conclusion

The Partnership is at a critical stage of transformation both with the advent of NDCs and its growing maturity as a network. LEDS practitioners will be at the front line of global efforts to deliver on global ambitions to hold long-term mean temperature increases well below 2 degrees Celsius. In LEDS GP, they have created a vibrant, dynamic mechanism to deliver peer-to-peer support. The Paris Agreement has transformed efforts to ensure that climate resilient low emission development rapidly becomes the dominant development model, and the next four years will lay the solid foundations for this transformation.



## Join us

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

- Becoming a member
- Participating in an event
- Subscribing to our newsletters
- Sharing LEDS resources.

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

## LEDS GP Steering Committee members



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