



## Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS

Connecting members with world-class experts and peers on low emission development

Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) is a global advisory network providing timely, high quality, no-fee technical assistance and matchmaking services to developing countries on climate resilient, low emission development. REAL's international team of experts provides objective advice, conducts reviews and brief assessments, collects data, connects people working on similar matters, and recommends sources of longer-term support for developing countries.

REAL supports requests from developing country teams, including government agencies and consultants, technical institutions, and non-governmental organizations that are working directly with country governments to advance climate resilient low emission development goals. Teams may submit multiple, successive requests, including follow-on inquiries.

To submit a request:

- If not already a member, become a LEDS GP member at [ledsgp.org](http://ledsgp.org)
- Visit "Technical Assistance" at [ledsgp.org/assistance](http://ledsgp.org/assistance) or send an email to [technicalassistance@ledsgp.org](mailto:technicalassistance@ledsgp.org)

More than 90 experts are available to provide advice on climate resilient low emission development through REAL and partner organizations. Please visit our webpage for a list of experts and partner organizations.



### Priority areas:

REAL provides assistance to support climate resilient, low emission development plans, policies, and programs on the following topics:

- Policies and programs for implementing climate resilient, low emission energy; waste; agriculture, forestry and other land use; and transport.
- Methods and tools for assessing LEDS baselines and goals, technology and policy options and pathways, and impacts.
- Strategies and measures for mobilizing private and public investment in LEDS priorities.
- Methods and resources for linking national and subnational governments in the LEDS process.
- Understanding and communicating the impacts and benefits of LEDS.

## Spotlight on REAL

LEDS GP has collaborated with more than 40 developing countries to deliver expert assistance through REAL to advance low emission development planning and implementation. Two examples of such assistance are presented here.

### **Thanh Hoa's Green Growth Provincial Plan**

Thanh Hoa province, located in north central Vietnam, is a leader among Vietnam's provinces in promoting low emission development or green growth. Provincial leaders are working with the private sector to make Thanh Hoa one of the first provinces in Vietnam to develop a high quality provincial Green Growth Action Plan. The Plan could become a model document for the country. A REAL expert has provided a technical review of the Green Growth Action Plan and shared lessons learned from other countries on subnational LEDES plans and planning processes. In addition, a REAL expert provided advice on strategies and best practices to support mobilization of investment for the implementation of the Plan, which was approved in 2016.

### **Kenya's Climate Change Framework Policy**

REAL experts provided a technical review of Kenya's Climate Change Framework Policy. Experts from six different institutions and governments provided valuable suggestions to strengthen Kenya's Framework for Climate Change Policy, including suggestions on strengthening measurement and evaluation indicators and benefits of the policy. Comments provided by the LEDES GP experts were incorporated into the revised version of the policy, which was validated by the Cabinet and presented to Parliament for approval, which came through in 2016. This policy provides a framework for action that promotes low carbon development in Kenya and is an important milestone in the country's path to developing its economy while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### **REAL Roster of Experts: Meet Scott A. Muller**



Scott leads the Sustainable Cities Team at the Spatial Informatics Group. An environmental engineer and a dual citizen of Panama and the United States, Scott's background consists of practical projects for renewable energy, urban sustainability, and the valorization of ecosystem services in social-ecological hotspots across Latin America and Asia. His experience includes advising diverse national and municipal governments; serving as city director for the Clinton Foundation's Climate Initiative and C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group in Lima, Peru; and working in small and medium enterprise green business start-ups. In addition to his field work, he has been appointed as a technical expert with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

## Join us

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