

LEDS GP Energy Working Group

2016 Work plan

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The LEDS GP Energy Working Group consists of nearly 500 energy experts worldwide. Many practitioners within national governments, multilateral institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and private companies have already benefited from its initiatives. The group's work consists of core secretariat activities and signature knowledge projects, each of which have several components. The following activities are planned within the new allocation (\$102,202) that is projected to support activities for 2016.

Core secretariat activities

- **Advisory services and technical support** provided to LEDS GP participants, including its regional platforms, working groups, and country level stakeholders, policymakers, and experts. The Energy Working Group supports requests covering areas of analysis, planning, finance, and implementation, as well as measurement, reporting, and verification of climate compatible action in the energy sector.
- **Peer learning, training, and knowledge sharing opportunities** are offered to practitioners tasked with planning and implementing LEDS in the energy sector. This component includes the development and dissemination of energy LEDS online support materials such as toolkits, advisory notes, and policy papers; the design and execution of webinars; and the

About us

The Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) was founded to advance climate resilient low emission development through coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among programs and countries working to advance low emission growth. Launched in 2011, the partnership now brings together more than 160 governments and international institutions.

The Energy Working Group is one of LEDS GP's longest standing workstreams. By providing opportunities for learning, information exchange, and greater cooperation, the Energy Working Group assists countries around the world in designing and implementing successful climate compatible development strategies. Over 260 working group member practitioners from national governments, multilateral institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and private companies have already benefited from initiatives organized by the Energy Working Group.

organization of energy sector sessions and in-person workshops at global and regional LEDSGP events.

- **Assisting in LEDSGP efforts to diversify fundraising resources** has been identified by the LEDSGP Secretariat as a priority action area across working groups and regional platforms. This effort is critical in supporting the continued development of capacity building, technical assistance, knowledge sharing, and collaborative activities across the Partnership. Through close collaboration with other working groups and regional platforms, and with a targeted focus on development of planned signature knowledge projects, the Energy Working Group will actively seek and incubate additional sources of funding.
- **Working Group administration and support activities** are provided to the LEDSGP Secretariat and working group members, including:
 - monitoring and evaluation quarterly reporting development and implementation (submitting reports as required by LEDSGP)
 - leading and reporting on quarterly working group and other coordination calls
 - coordinating with similar initiatives (such as the Climate Smart Planning Platform, Greening the Grid, etc.) to leverage common work and avoid duplication of effort
 - providing key resource content: data management and quarterly delivery of updated content for the Energy Working Group webpage and factsheet, newsletter, and annual global work program and strategy. Key content includes lists of new members, events, available tools, and other resources.

Signature knowledge projects

These targeted projects respond to current knowledge and information gaps identified by the LEDSGP regional platforms and/or countries participating in LEDSGP. They have high global relevance and are implemented in close collaboration with the regional platforms. Two signature knowledge projects are planned for 2016.

LEDSGP Energy Communities of Practice

Formulated to support deeper technical collaboration and peer to peer learning on specific energy sector topics, the LEDSGP Energy Communities of Practice will help facilitate the implementation of effective and innovative energy sector policymaking at the country level across LEDSGP regional platforms. In 2016 the Energy Working Group will establish a Community of Practice focusing on a targeted energy sector topic of interest to multiple countries within one region, informed by key areas of need and interest identified by the regional platforms. Members will work jointly on developing and implementing solutions to a shared and specific challenge building on experience gained from successful country policies and approaches, using these countries as models, and will be supported by world-leading issue experts. In support of these efforts, the Energy Working Group will provide interactive online sessions to connect Community of Practice members; design and execution of an in-person Community of Practice workshop at a LEDSGP regional or global event; and presentation of outcomes at the LEDSGP annual event. All of these outputs may be used to inform similar efforts

within other working groups and to pursue external funding opportunities for further development. Interactive online sessions and in-person events will focus on providing technical support and guiding development of effective strategies and measures to address the chosen topic of interest. The Energy Working Group will also explore development of an expanded initiative to provide support to early mover countries on the selected topic, which could serve as a model to enable broader regional and global replication of effective measures. This could include development of a concept note and proposal, and efforts to secure support for such an expanded initiative.

A scoping policy paper is available <here> and the concept note for the first Community of Practice on bioelectricity <here>.

Sustainable Energy and Development World Atlas

Targeting both LEADS experts and nonexperts, the *LEADS Sustainable Energy and Development World Atlas* aims to serve as a powerful tool for presenting successful energy LEADS and their broader cross-sectoral development impacts, while providing the LEADS GP network with a central forum for the exchange of energy sector knowledge. The *Atlas* will document low emission and climate compatible energy development projects from around the world which can serve as best practices. In 2016, the Energy Working Group plans to develop two compelling LEADS energy sector development benefit case studies. Besides documenting the development benefits of these projects, the case studies will also identify best practices to serve as examples for action elsewhere. The key objectives of the case studies are to:

- enhance near-term knowledge sharing on LEADS benefits in the energy sector through broad dissemination of the case studies to key LEADS decision makers and other stakeholders
- support fundraising for the *LEADS Sustainable Energy and Development World Atlas* by providing potential funders with substantive, high quality examples of the information to be provided in the *Atlas*
- provide content for the published *Atlas* after additional funding is secured.

The full concept note is available <here>.

The organizational structure of the LEADS GP Energy Working Group reflects its service function in responding to requests from LEADS GP members, particularly through the regional platforms, and its key goal of implementing projects in cooperation with the regional platforms (see Figure 1).

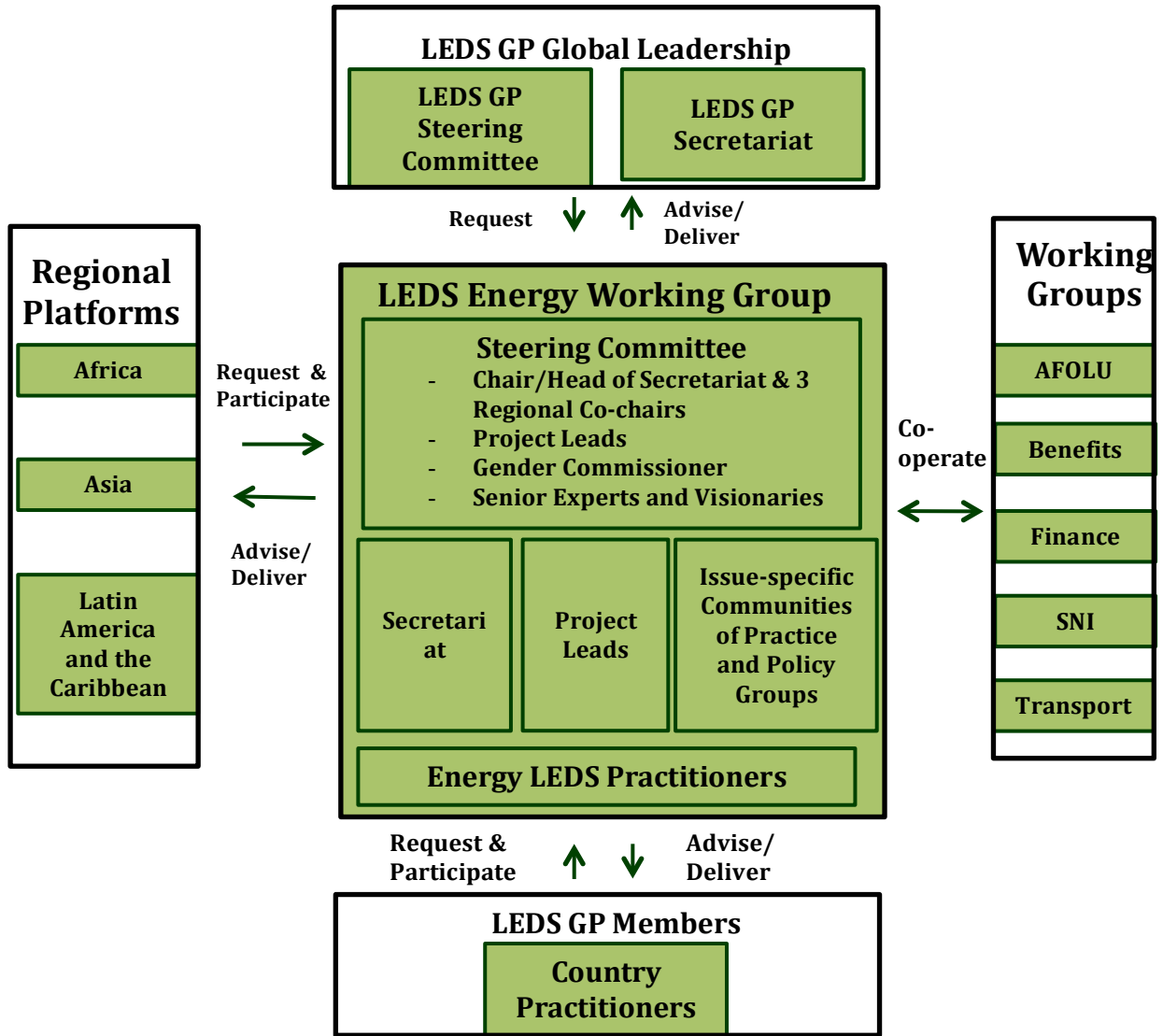


Figure 1 The Energy Working Group within the LEADS GP

The Energy Working Group's 2016 work plan responds to the following priority areas identified by the regional platforms.

- **Africa:** expanding regional peer to peer learning through toolkits, case studies, training; developing local advisory expertise networks and opportunities. The Africa Regional Platform identifies energy as a sectoral priority.
- **Asia:** improving assessment and communication tools on the associated economic benefits of LEADS planning; expanding capacity for energy planning; supporting the development of a renewable energy grid integration network. The Asia Regional Platform also identifies energy as a sectoral priority.
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** supporting the development of economic and financing

tools for private sector investment and carbon market development; facilitating subnational integration of LEEDS solutions for sustainable urban development planning within the energy sector; and enabling learning and application of effective bioenergy measures to support rural development.