

Introducing LEDS LAC

The Low Emission Development Strategies Regional Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (LEDS LAC) is a network of organizations and individuals working to promote, design, and implement LEDS across Latin America and the Caribbean. LEDS LAC is coordinated by a steering committee comprising representatives from 15 organizations, including national and local governments as well as civil society institutions. The LEDS LAC Secretariat is operated by Libelula (Peru) with support from CATIE (Costa Rica). LEDS LAC now has a vibrant membership of more than 900 members.

Our services:

- **Connecting experts and establishing links:** We identify opportunities for assistance, technical advice, and support that will help countries to establish links and undertake sectoral measures, analysis, planning, and financing of LEDS. We also connect stakeholders with their peers and international experts. LEDS LAC has organized five training sessions under our Virtual Exchange Sessions scheme.
- **Capacity building:** Providing peer exchange and training, early mover support, knowledge products, and communities of practice.
- **Expert assistance:** The Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) service provides access to timely, high quality, and free technical guidance on low emission development strategies. Examples include training in energy and emissions inventories in eight cities with the Inter-municipal Public Consortium of the Western Metropolitan Region of São Paulo (CIOESTE), and assistance on Peru's Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) for urban transport.

Priority areas

- Integrating the adaptation, mitigation, and development agendas.
- Encouraging sectors, government, and stakeholders to adopt low emission and climate resilient rural and urban development.
- Integrating the private sector in the design and implementation of LEDS and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).



Collaboration

Expert workshops on priority issues: We provide workshops, gather lessons learned, and share best practices with other countries in the region. In 2016, our workshops in Peru, Colombia, and Costa Rica attracted more than 70 attendees from over 10 countries.



Virtual capacity building activities: Between 2013 and 2015 we developed and facilitated 34 webinars on low emission development strategies topics. In all, more than 2000 participants took part in these events.

Annual regional workshops: The most recent event delivered peer learning on such topics as: advances and challenges in integrating mitigation and adaptation; the role of measurement, reporting, and verification in NDC implementation; and integrating sectors and stakeholders for resilient and low emission urban development. The event brought together a community of practitioners from the public and private sectors, funding organizations, and civil society to share knowledge and experiences. It attracted 230 participants from 33 countries in LAC as well as 50 panelists and 25 initiatives participating in the Market Place networking exchange. An additional 200 stakeholders joined in through live streaming.

Join us

LEDS LAC is open to governments, organizations and individuals working on LEDS. For more information and to join the Partnership, please visit: www.ledslac.org

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If you are interested in providing support or would like to recommend a colleague or institution, please email Alejandra Granados at the LEDS LAC Secretariat: secretaria@ledslac.org

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