



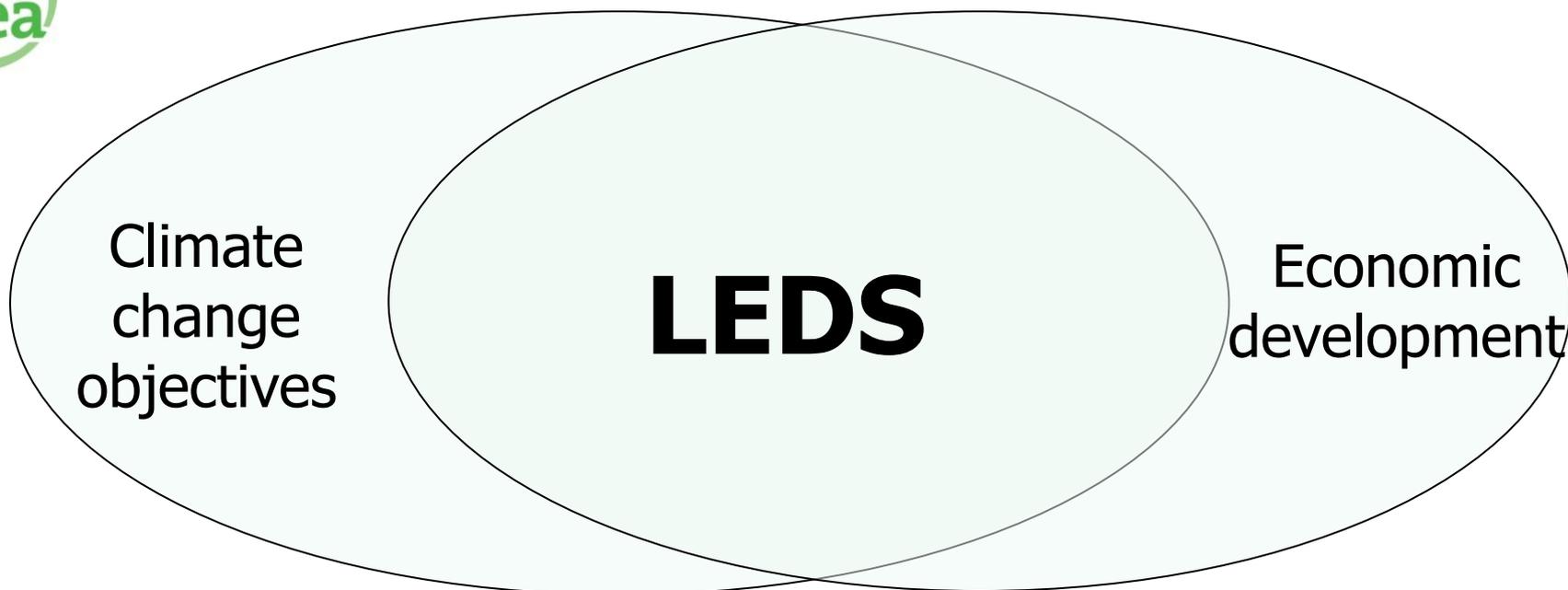
# **Low-Emission Development Strategies (LEDS): Technical, Institutional and Policy Lessons**

Christa Clapp

OECD Environment Directorate

Workshop on LEDS Initiatives,  
Washington DC  
2-3 February 2011

# What is a LEDS?



## Three criteria:

1. Covers both climate change and development
2. Senior economic policymakers involved
3. Sources of financial support identified

# Case studies

**UK**

Low Carbon Transition Plan

**Israel**

National Climate Change Strategy  
(under development)

**Thailand**

Strategic Plan on  
Climate Change

**Mexico**

Special Programme on  
Climate Change

**Guyana**

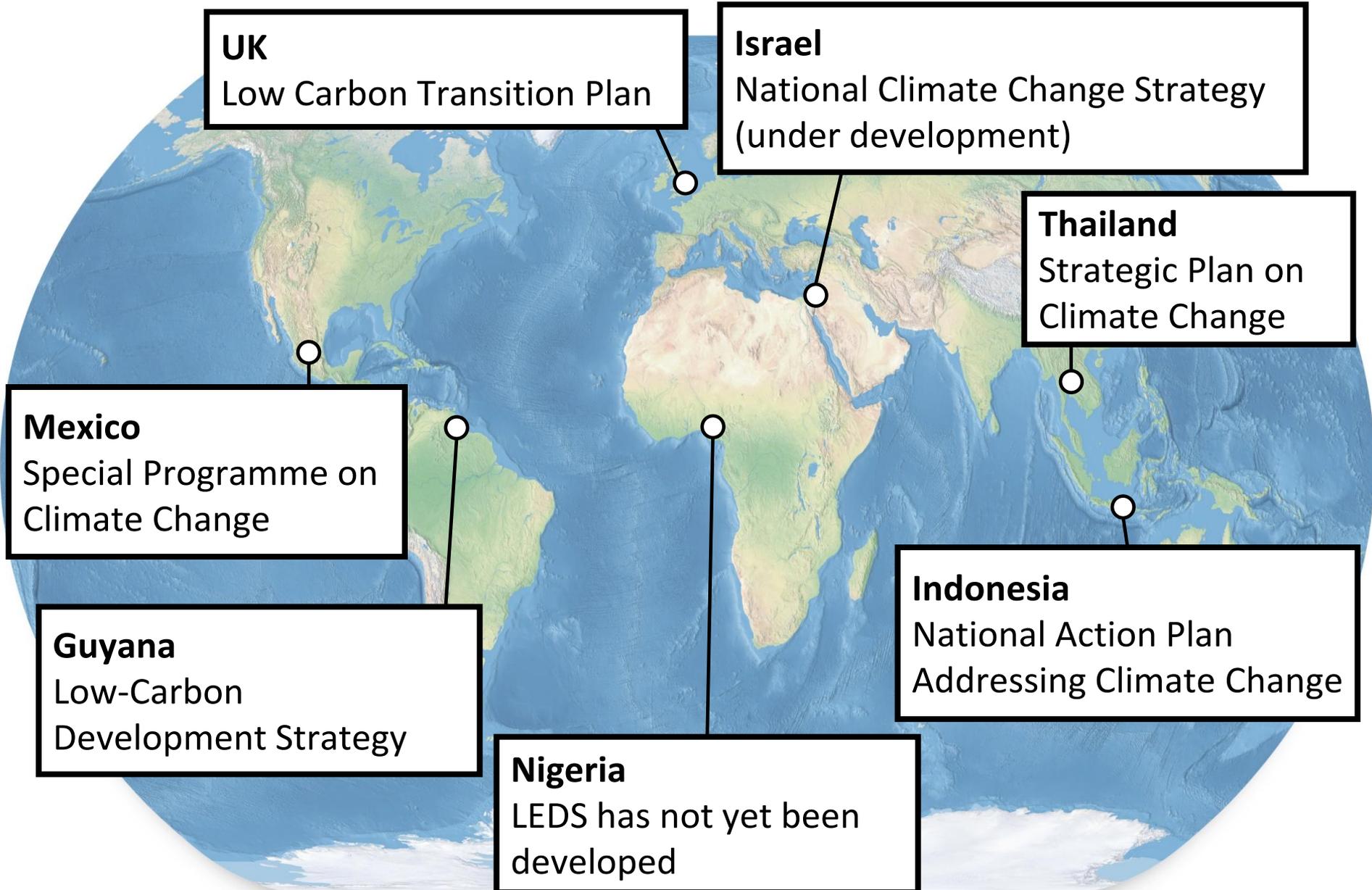
Low-Carbon  
Development Strategy

**Indonesia**

National Action Plan  
Addressing Climate Change

**Nigeria**

LEDS has not yet been  
developed



# LEDS planning cycle and lessons learned



## 1. Formulating goals

Align development and climate change goals  
Build on past reports and strategies  
Analyse appropriate and reliable data

## 2. Institutional framework

Clearly define roles  
Interministerial participation  
Coordinate stakeholder consultation

**Clear leadership**  
**Stakeholder consultation**

## 3. Prioritising policies

Identify & address implementation barriers  
Consider policy synergies and tradeoffs  
Consider policy interactions across sectors

## 4. Implementation

Identify sources of finance  
Coordinate funding disbursement  
Implement policies

## 5. Monitoring

Track progress towards goals  
Learn from experience  
Update and improve LEDS

# Potential benefits and challenges



## Benefits

- Policy integration
- Coordination
- Communication
- Early signals for private sector
- Global emissions trajectory
- Financing needs

## Challenges

- Agreement across government
- Data issues
- Barriers to implementation
- Capacity



© danielschoenen / Fotolia.com

# Concluding remarks

- **LEDS provides added-value for domestic and international stakeholders**
- **Support is needed to address challenges in LEDS preparation**
- **Preparing a LEDS should not slow down NAMA implementation**
- **LEDS should not be a pre-condition for financing**
- **Further work is needed to:**
  - **Coordinate efforts to maximise benefits**
  - **Measure effectiveness**

# Contact information

**Christa Clapp**

OECD Environment Directorate

[christa.clapp@oecd.org](mailto:christa.clapp@oecd.org)

+33 (0)1 45 24 16 89

**Climate Change Expert Group**

[www.oecd.org/env/cc/ccxg](http://www.oecd.org/env/cc/ccxg)