

SUB-NATIONAL INTEGRATION OF LEDS WORKING GROUP

The Sub-National Integration of LEDS Working Group (SNI-LEDS WG) aims to mobilize climate-resilient, low emission development by enhancing capacity, capturing synergies and by improving and supporting coordination among national and subnational governments that are implementing low emission development strategies and climate change action plans. The working group facilitates collaboration between national and subnational governments through a number of services and resources including peer learning and exchange, case studies, best practices, webinars, and more.

The SNI-LEDS WG is one of eight issue-focused working groups that develop and deliver technical resources and training, provide expert assistance, engage topical networks, and convene virtual forums under the LEDS GP.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Mapping of Current and Planned Activities and Resources

The SNI-LEDS WG will compile a portfolio of informational and technical resources to understand the scope of current and planned work in this area and to provide technical support to LEDS teams on integrated national and sub-national approaches and measures. This toolkit will include:

- Listing of projects conducting similar work
- Inventory of existing practices and technical resources for SNI
- Identification of key barriers to integrated national and sub-national action

The inventory of resources will inform and guide capacity building activities.

Capacity Building Trainings

The SNI-LEDS WG will build capacity of LEDS teams on SNI issues through sessions held at regional and global workshops, webinars, and pilot support to countries. Experiences from these pilot activities will be shared through workshop sessions and webinars and case studies and will inform future work. Capacity building activities will include:

- Technical sessions on SNI issues at regional and global LEDS GP events
- Webinars on SNI topics to promote broad peer learning and information exchange
- Pilot projects to team with countries in supporting approaches to improve coordinated LEDS development and implementation across sub-national and national levels
- Training program for sub-national officials on GHG inventories and accounting and for linking national and sub-national inventories.

ABOUT THE SUB-NATIONAL INTEGRATION OF LEDS WORKING GROUP

Increasingly, sub-national actors are taking a leading role in achieving GHG emission reductions and building resilience to climate change. According to a 2012 UNDP report, “most investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change (50-80% for mitigation and up to 100% for adaptation) take place at the sub-national and local levels.” City, state and regional action is a critical component of global action on climate change. The world’s 50 largest cities—those with more than 500 million people—generate about 2.6 billion tCO₂e annually, making them the third largest anthropogenic source of emissions behind the entire emissions of the United States and China combined.¹

Along with current urbanization trends, the growing demand for energy, and the rapidly increasing share of national GDP produced by cities, national climate strategies often call for the key participation of sub-national actors in developing and implementing LEDS. Many of the national-level emission reduction policies, programs and activities necessary to drive low emissions development must be implemented at the sub-national level, e.g., through building codes, transportation system design, and land use planning practices. With a continuing global trend towards decentralized governance, enhancing coordination and collaboration between national and sub-national actors is fast becoming an essential factor for advancing effective and durable low emission development.

However, understanding of how to ensure effective integration of this kind is limited and there is an acknowledged need to share and document experiences of effective multi-level government approaches to low emission development. This need was recognized by participants at the second annual LEDS GP meeting in Pattaya, Thailand in February 2013 and resulted in the creation of the SNI WG.

JOIN US

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¹ <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTUWM/Resources/340232-1205330656272/CitiesandClimateChange.pdf>