

# Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Partnership

Advancing low emission, climate resilient development across Asia



An increasing number of countries, including many in Asia, are preparing and implementing low emission development strategies, or LEDS, as the foundation for climate-smart, transformative development. LEDS support the strategic planning, analytical, and policy processes to achieve low carbon, climate resilient development.

Launched in 2012, the Asia LEDS Partnership serves as a platform to promote and support low emission development across the region. The partnership supports peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing, and improved coordination and cooperation among governmental and non-governmental partners to help Asian countries achieve transformative, sustainable economic growth in the 21st century.

## Objectives

The Asia LEDS Partnership objectives are to:

- Identify and disseminate tools, models, approaches, and best practices to enable low emission, climate resilient growth and development in the region;
- Foster information exchange, coordination, and collaboration in Asia among programs and countries working on LEDS, working to maximize results while minimizing duplication;
- Promote capacity building of practitioners to make Asia a leader in designing and implementing LEDS and green growth; and
- Build awareness of and support for LEDS development and implementation across Asia by inspiring and catalyzing leaders of change.



## Collaborative Activities

Examples of Asia LEDS Partnership activities planned for 2013 include:

- A regional event to bring together development finance institutions with bankers and investors to understand and discuss climate finance strategies;
- Training on LEDS modeling techniques and policy integration;
- Launch of a regional training facility to serve as a hub for training on an array of LEDS disciplines;
- Workshops on the renewable energy Geospatial Toolkit (GsT) to build capacity on national-level resource assessments and planning; and
- Training on cost-benefit analysis for agriculture, forestry, and other land uses.

## The LEDS Global Partnership

The Asia LEDS Partnership is one of three regional platforms of the LEDS Global Partnership, an international initiative founded in early 2011 to enhance coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among programs and countries working to advance low emissions growth. The partnership currently brings together more than 100 government and international institutions. For more information, visit: <http://en.openei.org/wiki/LEDSGP>

## Governance

The Asia LEDS Partnership is led by two Co-Chairs (noted below) and a Steering Committee, comprised of the following organizations:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AusAID)
- Cambodia Ministry of Environment, Climate Change Department
- Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (India)
- Clean Air Asia
- Climate & Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- Indonesia National Council on Climate Change (DNPI) (ALP Co-Chair)
- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Laos Ministry of Energy and Mines, Institute of Renewable Energy Promotion
- Malaysia Land Public Transport Commission
- Nepal Ministry of Environment, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre
- Philippines Climate Change Commission
- Thailand Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- US Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID/RDMA)(ALP Co-Chair)
- Vietnam Ministry of Planning and Investment, Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment
- World Bank Institute
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF) – Greater Mekong Programme



The USAID-funded Low Emissions Asian Development (LEAD) Program serves as the ALP Secretariat.



International experts discuss funding options for LEDS and green growth initiatives at the Asia LEDS Forum in Bangkok, Thailand in September 2012.

## Membership

Members of the ALP are individuals and organizations working within the public, private, and non-profit sectors to advance low emission development in Asia. This includes, but is not limited to, Asian government ministries and departments, development organizations, non-governmental organizations, technical or research institutes, and businesses. Membership is voluntary. For information about joining or to be added to the Asia LEDS Partnership email listserv, please contact the Asia LEDS Partnership Secretariat at: [asialedspartnerhip@lowemissionsasia.org](mailto:asialedspartnerhip@lowemissionsasia.org).

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