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PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

LECB Global Support Unit Launches the Enhanced Support Component



The Global Support Unit is pleased to announce that the Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Programme has launched a new line of support, known as *LECB Enhanced Support*, to specifically address barriers that limit low emission development strategy (LEDS) development. This line of support was made possible as a result of generous contributions by the Germany Federal Ministry of Environment.

The goal of *LECB Enhanced Support* is to enable select partner countries to overcome LEDS barriers by enhancing financial, implementation, and institutional readiness of key public and private sector actors. Support will be directed towards such activities as strengthening supportive institutional architecture and enabling environments, which would otherwise not be readily feasible without additional financial or technical support.

The *Enhanced Support* component was kicked off in December with a formal Call for Proposals from LECB participants. Proposals will be submitted by the first of February and reviewed by the LECB Global Support Unit, and subsequently by the LECB Global Steering Committee through a competitive process. A second round of proposals will be requested in the latter half of the year. If you are completing your proposal and have questions, please feel free to reach out to colleague James Vener (james.vener@undp.org)

LECB Resource Tip



In order to stay up-to-date on LECB resources and activities reminder to click the “Get Notifications” box on the [LECB Teamworks Space](#)

2nd Workshop of the LEDS/LAC Platform – Making Way for Low Emission Development in Latin America and the Caribbean



From the 4th to 6th of December in Lima, Peru, the Latin American and Caribbean LEDS Regional Platform organized, in partnership with the Government of Peru, held its second workshop, following the inaugurating event organized in November 2012 in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The workshop, which was organized in parallel with Interclima 2013, an annual national gathering for knowledge exchange on climate change in Peru, and set the path for the future organization and logistics of the COP 20, to be held in Lima from December 1st to 12th, 2014.

The event's goals, which had many similarities with the Latin American Carbon Forum previously organized in August 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, included promoting a low-carbon development approach with resilience through the exchange of approaches, experiences, expertise and good practices between experts from Latin America and the world, as well as socializing and strengthening ongoing initiatives relating to low carbon development (LED) through the exchange and learning between projects and professionals (peers) and promoting networking spaces.

A number of LECB colleagues attended the event, including colleagues from Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, and of course, Peru.

Further information on the workshop can be found here (in Spanish): http://ledsgp.org/LEDLAC/Segundo_Taller



RECENTLY UPLOADED
The [Livestock NAMA Concept](#) prepared by our colleagues in Costa Rica

The Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy – Progress made in December 2013



After more than two years of hard work, the Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy (CLCDS) finalized the study executed jointly with Los Andes University that aimed to identify sectoral low carbon development alternatives for the main GHG emitting sectors in Colombia: transport, waste, housing, electric energy, mines, hydrocarbons, industry and agriculture. The final results of this study were presented at an event held on the 9th of December in Bogota with the assistance of more than a hundred people. Main outcomes addressed were i) the sectoral emission scenarios up to 2040, and the ii) assessment of costs and abatement potential of mitigation options. The presentations and videos of the event can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.minambiente.gov.co//contenido/contenido.aspx?catID=658&conID=9072>

During December, the fourth CLCDS sectoral mitigation action plan (SMAP), was approved. This is for the Electricity Sector, and it will focus in 3 areas: a) Energy generation using renewable sources in off grid zones, b) Inclusion of renewable sources in the National interconnected System, and c) Energy efficiency.

Finally, several members of the CLCDS team participated in the II Workshop of the LEDS LAC Platform, held in Lima, Peru (mentioned above), where they were able to exchange experiences and lessons with other Latin-American colleagues as well as to participate in several panels, mainly climate finance and co-benefits calculations, were Colombia has made significant progress.

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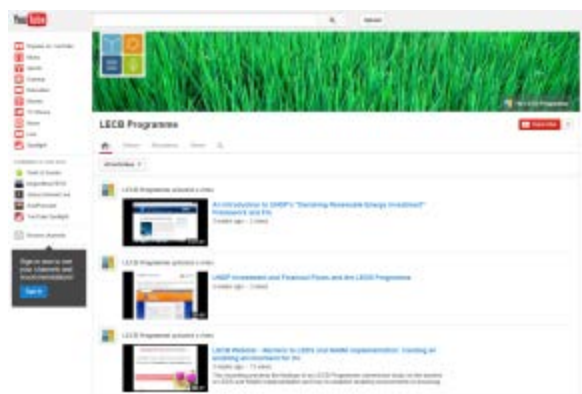
LECB Global Support Unit Launches the LECB Programme YouTube Channel

The LECB Programme is happy to announce the launch of the [LECB YouTube Channel](#). Over the month of December the Global Support Unit (GSU) worked with colleagues to record and share a short series of “Webinar Lites”.

By visiting the LECB YouTube Channel you can listen to presentations, in your own time and at your own leisure. The channel currently features the following presentations, with more to come in the near future!

1. [Barriers to LEDS and NAMA Implementation: Creating an Enabling Environment for Investment](#). Presented by Alina Averchenkova of the Grantham Research Institute of the London School of Economics.
2. [UNDP Investment and Financial Flows and the LECB Programme](#). Presented by LECB Climate Specialist, Susanne Olbrisch.
3. [De-risking Renewable Energy Investment](#). Presented by Oliver Weissbein of the UNDP Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology team and Tobias Schmidt of ETH Zurich.

Remember to subscribe to the channel to receive regular updates on future presentations.



Be sure to check out the December [Newsletter](#) of the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV which featured three stories on LECB activities – most notably the [stakeholder involvement process in Uganda](#).

UNFCCC Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean Region on NAMA Preparation, Submission, and Implementation



United Nations
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Climate Change

In response to the request by parties at the 2012 COP-18 in Doha, UNFCCC organized three regional workshops in 2013 to share experiences and provide a platform to exchange recommended practices about NAMA preparation, submission, and implementation. The last of the three installments was held on Dec. 10-13, 2013 in Mexico, and it included a UNDP presentation on strategic approaches for establishing institutional frameworks to catalyze NAMA development and lessons learned from the LECB Programme. The LECB session reinforced a recurring theme of the workshop: establishing supportive policies and institutional systems can play a critical role in attracting investment in mitigation activities.

To learn more about this series of meetings and to access agendas visit

<http://unfccc.int/focus/mitigation/items/7429.php>

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