

MONTHLY ROUND UP – APRIL 2013

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS AND MEETINGS

Morocco establishes Inter-Ministerial Climate Change Technical Steering Committee

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Royaume du Maroc



The government of **Morocco**, under the guidance of the Department of the Environment, within the Ministry of Energy and Environment, has established a Technical Steering Committee comprising 13 national institutions that are involved in climate change. Each institution has officially nominated a committee member and an alternate. The committee's main objective is to provide technical guidance to the project team that is jointly implementing the LECB project and the Third National Communication, including reviewing the technical outputs of the two projects. The Committee also ensures there is broad government ownership of the two projects, with the Committee members serving as "ambassadors" on climate change issues to their own national institutions, thereby encouraging more strategic and integrated planning. To better plan the technical support to be provided under the LECB project, a capacity assessment questionnaire has been circulated to members of the Committee to understand capacity gaps and needs, as well scope any work relevant to NAMAs that is currently ongoing in the country.

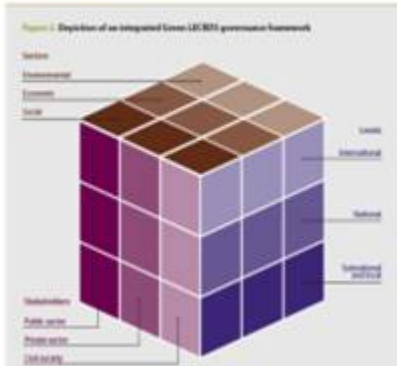
Zambia establishes technical working groups and validates SNC



A LECB workshop was held on 3-5 April to establish technical working groups on the GHG national inventory system and NAMAs. Some of the main outcomes of the workshop included: 1) agreement on the institutional arrangements and key roles/actors for establishing a national GHG inventory system; 2) enhanced understanding on the inventory systems being put into place in other developing countries; 3) discussion on the use of the Technology Needs Assessment results to inform NAMA identification and prioritization; and 4) agreement on the TORs and timelines of the technical working groups. The government took the opportunity of the LECB workshop to have stakeholders endorse the Second National Communication and identify synergies between the LECB project in **Zambia** and the Third National Communication, particularly with respect to institutional arrangements and knowledge exchange.

UNFCCC Regional NAMA Workshop for Africa held in Maseru, Lesotho, on 16-19 April

Multi-level, multi-sector, multi-stakeholder governance framework



Representatives from **Morocco**, **Uganda**, the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, and **Kenya** made presentations on the NAMA governance structures being established in their countries as part of a session on NAMA institutional arrangements organized at the UNFCCC workshop. A member of the LECB Programme's Global Support Unit facilitated the session and also presented the results of a survey of African participants on NAMA arrangements. Of the 25 countries that responded, it was noted:

- Almost three-quarters had identified, or were in the process of identifying, a NAMA focal point (in all cases, the Ministry of Environment)
- 36% had a national NAMA committee (typically the National Climate Change Committee)
- 76% had a successful CDM institutional structure in place, although only 36% thought such a structure was "very relevant" for NAMAs
- The single biggest barrier identified for establishing a strong institutional framework for NAMAs was lack of institutional capacities and information for elaborating robust proposals (9 countries), followed by no clear mandates or roles for institutions to lead on, or support, NAMA development (5 countries).

The Global Support Unit will disseminate a more detailed analysis of the results in the near future and will undertake similar analyses in Asia and Latin America as part of its support to the UNFCCC process. Workshop presentations can be downloaded here:

<http://unfccc.int/focus/mitigation/items/7449.php>

SAVE THE DATE

1. ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual LECB Global Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **25-27 September 2013**. Confirmation of dates and venue to follow.

2. SIDE EVENT:

The LECB GSU will be hosting a side event featuring the work of LECB projects at the **38th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies** in Bonn, Germany. The side event will be held Tuesday, 11 June from 15:00 – 16:30.

3. NAMA GUIDEBOOK WORKSHOP:

UNDP/UNFCCC/UNEP-RisØ will be hosting a one-day workshop on the forthcoming NAMA Guidance Document directly following the **38th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies** in Bonn, Germany on Saturday, 15 June. More information will be shared soon.

NOTEWORTHY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knowledge Topic - Integrating Gender in the LECB E-discussion



An e-discussion has just been launched on the project's Teamworks page focusing on Gender Considerations and the LECB Programme (<https://undp.unteamworks.org/node/335624>). We are asking for your participation!

The Global Support Unit invites all LECB countries to share their experiences, including any challenges, proposed solutions, questions or best practices with regard to integrating gender considerations into their LECB Projects. We've produced a DRAFT Gender Guidance Document but would like your feedback. How have you been able to integrate gender? What entry points have been identified? All feedback and discussions will be used to improve upon the existing document so we look forward to hearing from you!

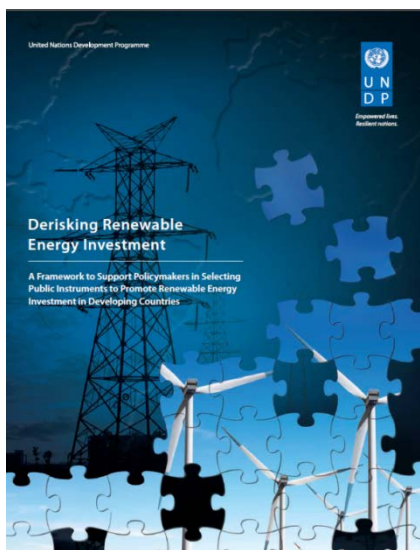
If you have not yet joined the [LECB Teamworks space](#) please contact us at lowemission@undp.org for assistance.

FUTURE WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

Do you have ideas of webinars you would like the LECB GSU to host? Trainings that would be useful in your region? If so, please send your ideas to lowemission@undp.org

RESOURCES

New report and financial tool on scaling-up private sector investment in renewable energy



As part of UNDP's continuing efforts to share its lessons learnt and best practice in renewable energy, UNDP has recently issued a new report entitled **Derisking Renewable Energy Investment**.

Derisking Renewable Energy Investment introduces an innovative framework to assist policymakers to quantitatively compare the impact of different public instruments to promote renewable energy. The framework is structured in four stages: (i) risk environment, (ii) public instruments, (iii) levelised cost and (iv) evaluation. To illustrate how the framework can support decision-making in practice, the report presents findings from case studies in four developing countries. It then draws on these results to discuss possible directions for enhancing public interventions to scale-up renewable energy investment. A financial tool in Microsoft Excel is also being released to accompany the report.

One of the report's main findings is that reducing the current high financing costs for renewable energy in developing countries is a key opportunity for policymakers acting today. Policymakers can achieve this by addressing the underlying barriers and risks that result in higher financing costs, and the results indicate that the most effective outcomes occur when this is done in a systematic and comprehensive way.

This report builds on two earlier UNDP publications: *Transforming On-Grid Renewable Energy Markets*, which synthesizes UNDP's experiences with renewable energy market transformation projects, and *GET FIT Plus*, a research partnership with Deutsche Bank on feed-in tariffs.

The report can be helpful for LECB project members that are looking to design NAMAs in the energy sector, particularly where there is an emphasis on attracting large-scale private sector investment. For more information and to download the report and financial tool, please go [here](#).

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