

MONTHLY ROUND UP - FEBRUARY 2013

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The LECB Project – Uganda: Implementation in Action



Nearly 40 participants from key line Ministries and departments, the private sector, academia, civil society, and media attended the **LECB project** launch on 20 February 2013. The inception workshop was formally opened by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water & Environment (MWE), the UNDP Uganda Country Director, and the EU.

The following day, the Climate Change Unit of the MWE and the UNDP LECB team provided a training on NAMAs for nearly 30 experts. Participants discussed key considerations in developing NAMAs, and learned of specific examples of waste, transport and sustainable charcoal NAMAs. One lively debate was about the differences between the CDM project and NAMAs, and setting boundaries to ensure there is no double counting. The Climate Change Unit invited inputs on a long list of 32 NAMAs identified in the energy, transport, waste, forestry, and agriculture sectors in 2012 with support from the African Development Bank. NAMA prioritisation criteria were also discussed. The LECB team is now planning a technical validation meeting to finalise and prioritise the NAMA longlist; a key output will be preparation of NAMA templates.

EUROCLIMA Second Seminar Bogota, Colombia – Collaboration in Action



The [EUROCLIMA Programme](#) held its Second Regional Seminar, 25-27 February 2013 in Bogota, Colombia. Co-hosted by the European Commission and the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the event aimed to analyse results achieved to date and develop consensus on the next stage of the Programme in the region.

The seminar was attended by EUROCLIMA participating countries, in addition to global organizations such as the [Joint Research Centre](#) (JRC) of the European Commission, the [Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture](#) (IICA), EUROCLIMA Technical Assistance, the [Economic Commission for Latin America](#) (CEPAL), the Spanish Office for Climate Change (OECC), the [United Nations Environment Programme](#) (UNEP), and the [United Nations Development Programme](#) (UNDP), among others. The scope and activities of the **LECB Programme** were presented by a representative of the EU while a member from the LECB team was present to explore and discuss opportunities for regional cooperation. Collaborative activities and synergies were discussed among attendees including participation in a forthcoming meeting on Green Growth (to be carried out under the framework of the Pacific Alliance Group), and the organization of a regional meeting on Climate Finance Readiness. We will keep you informed of any forthcoming events.

RESOURCES

International Partnership on Mitigation & MRV Newsletter: Edition Number 3



The latest [newsletter](#) contains contributions from a variety of member countries (six of whom participate in LECB): **Argentina, Australia, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Mexico, New Zealand** and **Viet Nam** all report on recent mitigation activities and progress in their countries. There are also links to new resources and developments from Doha. To subscribe, go here: <http://mitigationpartnership.net/subscribe>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-discussion Launched on Models for the Non-energy Sector



Recently, the **Philippines** enquired about models for non-energy sectors. The Global Support Unit identified some potential options, but we agreed that all could benefit from a south-south exchange on the approaches and experiences that have been used to estimate GHG reductions. We invite **LECB teams** to share their experiences (and those of their National Communications counterparts) on our dedicated Teamworks e-discussion space: <https://undp.unteamworks.org/node/312763>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

We are happy to announce that in February, the project proposals from **Costa Rica** and **Thailand** were approved. Congratulations to the project teams!

REMINDER:

Draft content for individual LECB country web pages have been sent to all participating countries. We look forward to receiving your feedback so that we can better highlight the progress, activities, objectives, and outputs of your projects.

Should you have suggestions on how the LECB Website can better suit your needs, please let us know:

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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

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