

MONTHLY ROUND UP – JUNE 2013

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Gender Mainstreaming Equals Improved Results – Experiences from Bhutan



The LECB project in **Bhutan** is one of five climate change-related projects in the UNDP Country Office (CO) portfolio that has been selected to implement a gender mainstreaming strategy. As a first step, the CO organized a three-day capacity building workshop on 20-22 May that explained gender mainstreaming concepts, shared best practices from the region and globally, and identified project-specific gender issues and entry points for gender mainstreaming. The training exercise targeted project managers, project stakeholders, and UNDP staff. As an output of the workshop, the LECB team developed a Gender Analysis Matrix and a Gender Action Plan, which was endorsed by the LECB project stakeholders. LECB board members noted that this was an important activity that will go a long way to ensuring that gender concerns are mainstreamed into **Bhutan's** NAMAs and LEDS. In July, a consultant will conduct a rapid gender needs assessment for the LECB project, focused on the priority sectors of housing (energy efficiency), transport, municipal solid waste, and industry.

LECB ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER:

The Annual LECB Global Meeting will take place 25-27 September 2013 in Hanoi Vietnam.

Draft Agenda and logistics note to follow shortly.

Livestock and Climate Change meeting held in Costa Rica



On June 26th in San José, **Costa Rica**, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG) invited livestock producers and interested stakeholders to participate in the first national workshop on "Livestock and Climate Change: Contributions to the NAMA building process in the Livestock Sector in Costa Rica", organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Low Emission Development Program (LECB), the Interamerican Institute of Cooperation for Agriculture (IICA) and the German Agency for Development Cooperation (GIZ), in order to group efforts to mitigate greenhouse gases.

The main objective of the workshop was to present an overview of the framework of climate change negotiations and the contribution that the Costa Rican livestock sector can provide to the Country's voluntary emissions reduction target and to the goal of carbon neutrality.

As the Vice Minister of Agriculture, Mrs. Tania Lopez expressed: "Today we begin the work to develop NAMAs in the livestock sector, in which we have high expectations; I think that the producers and the public and private entities in the livestock sector, as well as the food industry, are all committed to this purpose".

In agriculture, **Costa Rica** has three key sectors that generate the most greenhouse gases, namely the coffee sector, the livestock sector, which includes both dairy farming and meat production, and the sugar sector. The Government has decided to concentrate its actual work programme in the livestock sector, as NAMAs and correlated mitigation actions have the potential to mitigate more than 30% of all greenhouse gases which are emitted by the country.

MONTHLY SHOUT-OUTS

Congratulations to **Ghana**, which officially launched the LECB Project with an inception workshop in Accra on 25-26 June

Collaborative LEDS and NAMA Training in Rabat, Morocco



Members of **Morocco's** Inter-Ministerial Climate Change Technical Steering Committee and key stakeholders from the public and private sectors participated in a training on LEDS and NAMAs in Rabat on 18-19 June that was organized under the LECB project, in collaboration with the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV. Around 50 participants in total attended the meeting, which was organized to assess the potential of various sectors to develop and undertake NAMAs. The first day was focused on broader issues related to the negotiations context, LEDS and climate finance, while day two featured a training on GIZ's "NAMA tool". Participants then broke into sectoral working groups (i.e., energy, waste, transport, agriculture, forestry, and urban planning) to discuss issues related to NAMA planning and development, based upon the 10 steps of the GIZ NAMA tool.

The workshop showed that there is a need for further capacity building on LEDS concepts and processes, particularly with respect to the concept of marginal abatement cost curves and MRV issues, before Morocco can start to elaborate a more detailed LEDS. As the next step, a LEDS roadmap will be developed, using a bottom-up approach linked to the ongoing work on NAMAs. The national team will also review best practices and lessons learned from other LECB countries that have progressed further on their LEDS development. With respect to NAMAs, sectoral focal points have been requested to develop NAMA concept notes based upon a questionnaire that can be collated into a national NAMA portfolio. Discussions are also underway to align some of the NAMA analysis with relevant UNDP-GEF projects in Morocco – particularly for agriculture and the "NAMA ville (city)", which will complement a GEF project to put in place a Greater Casablanca logistics platform to help reduce road transport emissions.



The LECB Global Support Unit produced a one-page factsheet about the LECB Programme. Click on the image above to download the file. A National Fact Sheet template (to accompany the Global Fact Sheet) will be released in August.

NOTEWORTHY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

LECB Side Event – Bonn, Germany



The LECB Global Support Unit hosted a side event on the margins of the 38th SB session in Bonn, Germany entitled "Inspiring Mitigation Ambition: Experience from the LECB Programme". The side event was held 11 June 2013 and featured presentations from participating LECB countries Lebanon, Mexico and Uganda, as well as brief remarks from representatives of the European Commission, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), and the Government of Australia.

Country presentations covered topics such as the governance structure in Lebanon, including the establishment of the National Council for the Environment, and the appointment of the Ministry of Environment as the national coordinator of NAMAs, Mexico's experience with private sector engagement, and the NAMA prioritization process used in Uganda.

The side event was attended by over 45 individuals which resulted in a lively but brief Q & A session. More information will be provided in the forthcoming LECB Newsletter.

NAMA Good Practice Guidance Round Table – Bonn, Germany



The **LECB Global Support Unit**, in collaboration with the UNFCCC and UNEP-Risoe used the opportunity of the SB sessions to convene a group of over 40 individuals to discuss the jointly produced *Good Practice Guidance for Preparation and Implementation of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions*. The meeting took place directly following the 38th SBI Sessions and included government officials from over 20 countries, as well as representatives from Perspectives, GIZ, Ecofys, CCAP, ICI and ECN.

The meeting served as an opportunity to formally introduce the draft NAMA guidance document and provide an overview of previously received comments. Once the overall structure and comments were introduced participants split into parallel working groups to discuss structure, content and suggested changes to the guidance document. The meeting was highly interactive and provided ample suggestions as to how to improve and strengthen the guidance document.

As a result of feedback collected before and during the one-day meeting a thorough redraft of the document is underway. The next draft will be delivered at the beginning of September, and once finalized, will be translated into Spanish and French.

UNDP teams up with GIZ to offer NAMA training tool – Dakar, Senegal



The LECB Global Support Unit contributed to a joint UNDP/GIZ training on NAMAs for the west/central African region by translating the GIZ 10 Step “NAMA Tool” and other materials into French. The training, held in Dakar, Senegal, was attended by representatives from Mali, Burkina, Benin, Togo, DR Congo, Liberia, Guinea Bissau among other nations. The meeting was chaired by the Senegalese Minister of Energy and Mines, Ngouille Aly Ndiaye and his colleague of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Ali Haidar.

The LECB Global Support Unit will continue to make efforts to ensure resources are available in French and Spanish, in addition to English.

If you have specific resources you think would be helpful to have translated, please let us know at lowemission@undp.org

RESOURCES




Time sensitive – Sign up today!!

Colleagues at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) are offering an online training series to guide practitioners and policy-makers in successfully identifying and prioritizing financeable NAMAs. To launch and pilot this online learning programme, IISD is hosting three webinars (4, 9, 16 July). The webinars will provide an overview of three of the online courses and present IISD’s on-the-ground experience with NAMAs. To register for these free webinars visit <http://www.iisd.org/learning/course/category.php?id=18>

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OECD Green Growth Studies
**Putting Green Growth
at the Heart of Development**

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Rapidly accelerating growth in developing countries raises the stakes for investments in development but also the opportunities to choose how to develop. Green models for development offer an alternative that relies on and values natural assets which are essential to the well-being and livelihoods of people in developing countries. *Putting Green Growth at the Heart of Development* explains why green growth is vital to secure a more sustainable future for developing countries. Covering 74 policies and measures from 37 countries and 5 regional initiatives, this publication outlines an action-oriented twin-track agenda to guide national and international policies and practices to successfully tackle green growth.

- *Putting Green Growth at the Heart of Development* – [Main Report](#) (PDF)
- *Putting Green Growth at the Heart of Development* – Summary for Policymakers ([EN](#) / [FR](#))

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