

MONTHLY ROUND UP - MARCH 2013

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

National Workshop on Strengthening Capacities in NAMA Design Hosted in Peru



UN Development Programme (UNDP) **Low-Emission Capacity Building Programme in Peru (LECB Peru)** co-sponsored and actively participated in the *National Workshop on Strengthening Capacities in NAMA Design*, jointly organized by the Peruvian Ministry of Environment (MINAM), the German International Cooperation (GIZ) and the Ecofys' Mitigation Momentum Project - all supported by the International Climate Initiative (ICI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMU).

The *National Workshop on Strengthening Capacities in NAMA Design* introduced participants to the GIZ's [NAMA tool](#). This tool based on a 10 step process to draft NAMAs served to guide the working groups in the areas of: construction industry, transport and bioenergy. The **LECB Programme** facilitated the working group on the industry sector and gathered relevant actors from the cement, brick, and steel industry, as well as public sector specialists from the Ministry of Production, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation.

In a 4 hour exercise the participants identified the construction industry value chain, the areas of intervention that may lead to GHG emissions reductions, the estimation of baseline emissions for three core areas of intervention and the estimation of resources from national housing funds to foster mitigation in a given share of the funds' portfolio. Among the activities proposed were the development of a Cement and Brick program, development and pilot implementation of a national low emissions building code and an investment target on low emission housing from the national housing funds (MI VIVIENDA, TECHO PROPIO) to 2020. The **LECB Project** will act as a convener to keep this working group coordinated and working in key activities of the **LECB project** to replicate this exercise along the coming months to December 2013. This will enable the country to shape a first round concept note for the Construction Industry NAMA by the end of 2013.

The two-day event also included training on the basics of NAMAs and the national context for developing NAMAs in Peru. For more information (in Spanish) please visit the Peruvian Environment Ministry website <http://cambioclimatico.minam.gob.pe/> or the website of LECB partner organization the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV <http://mitigationpartnership.net/peru-technical-workshop-%E2%80%9Ctraining-nama-development%E2%80%9D>

Mexico Low Emission Capacity Building Project kicks off Project Implementation



The LECB Team in **Mexico** hosted their Inception Workshop 19 March, thereby officially launching formal implementation of the LECB Project in Mexico! The workshop was attended by over 35 participants, including representatives from governmental ministries Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT) and Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático (INECC), as well as national counterparts and representatives from private sector establishments and industry chambers. The one-day event included discussions on topics such as barriers and opportunities associated with the commitment to low carbon processes and the potential role the private and industrial sectors will play in the low carbon future. It was unique in that it included participation of the most important industry chambers in Mexico (CAMINEX, ANIQ, CESPEDES, CONCAMIN). The national team has worked hard to apply a strategy of full ownership and buy-in of the private sector in order to work towards concrete results. This strategy has involved time and dedication which has paid off, demonstrating a strong starting point for an innovative and dynamic **LECB project**.

Learning and Leading on LEDS – LECB and the LEDS Global Partnership – Pattaya, Thailand

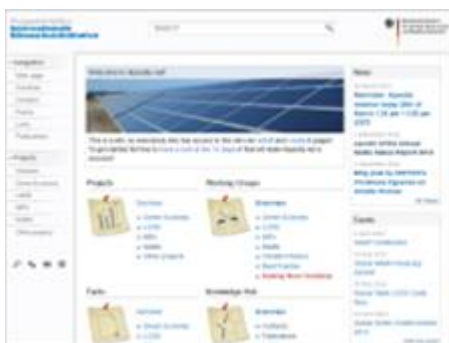


The LEDS Global Partnership Learning and Leading on LEDS Workshop was held from February 27 to March 1 in Pattaya, Thailand. The workshop brought together more than 170 representatives from developed and developing country governments, multilateral institutions, and technical organizations, consisting of a diverse group of government officials, practitioners and international institutions engaged in climate resilient low emission development from all regions of the world including representatives from 35 developing countries, 7 developed countries and 23 international institutions.

Interactive workshop sessions provided valuable opportunities for peer learning and knowledge exchange, collaboration around key issues related to LEDS, and consideration of how the LEDS Global Partnership can build on progress made over the last year to advance climate resilient low emission development. Representatives of the **LECB Programme** facilitated an Open Space Session which included a stimulating conversation on Climate Finance Readiness and the **LECB Programme**. More information on the LEDS Global Partnership and the Learning and Leading Workshop can be found at <http://ledsgp.org/events/2013workshop>

RESOURCES

Announcing the launch of [ikipedia.net](http://www.ikipedia.net) – A wiki-based working platform to connect practitioners across the globe



To better connect all International Climate Initiative (ICI) projects active in the field of Green Economy, LCDS, NAMAs and MRV, the International Climate Initiative launched the platform [ikipedia.net](http://www.ikipedia.net) in March 2013 to foster an exchange of knowledge, best practices and project outcomes among project implementers.

LECB project members are invited to join the platform under www.ikipedia.net. To get started you may want to:

- take a look on the [10 basic steps](#) how to use a wiki
- download the [summary](#) of the International Climate Initiative's workshop in Doha
- add more information on the [ikipedia](#) project page to represent the project you coordinate
- upload relevant [publications](#) that have been elaborated in the course of the project, or,
- consider joining one or more [working groups](#).

Being a "wiki" platform that lives from your inputs and exchange, we kindly ask you to actively contribute to the success of [ikipedia](http://www.ikipedia.net) and/or provide feedback to the wiki administrators.

PROJECT INCEPTION:

We are happy to announce that in March **Bhutan** and **Mexico** completed their Inception Workshops and formally started project implementation. Congratulations to the project teams!

FORTHCOMING ANALYSIS:

The LECB Global Support Unit is in the process of finalizing analysis on specific criteria used when prioritizing NAMAs. The analysis is being completed using feedback from LECB countries and will be available on Teamworks soon!

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