

MONTHLY ROUND UP – MAY 2013

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

NAMA Prioritisation in Entebbe – Uganda moves from validation to prioritisation



A national NAMA prioritization workshop was held in Entebbe, **Uganda**, on 22-23 May to validate Uganda's long list of 47 NAMAs and identify areas of further work in the four sectors selected under the LECB project (i.e., energy, transport, waste & agriculture). The workshop proved an important opportunity for the Ministry of Water & Environment to obtain feedback from stakeholders on the long list, which was elaborated by a leading national expert last year with funding from the African Development Bank. As such, there was high interest from key line Ministries, the private sector, NGOs, and development partners.

The participants worked in four sectoral groups to review and test NAMA prioritization criteria; identify gaps in the NAMA long list; identify potential barriers to NAMA development and implementation; and identify possible national and international partners. In the waste and transport sectors, there was strong consensus on some priority NAMAs. Agriculture proved to be very complex, while the energy sector's challenge was prioritising, given the number of options (14) under consideration. The LECB NAMA team will elaborate the prioritized NAMAs into concepts, working in close consultation with the sectoral working groups that convened in Entebbe.

SAVE THE DATE



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 in WIND (MOE).

Latin American Workshop on National GHG Inventory Systems, 15 – 17 May, Santiago, Chile



The Chilean Ministry of Environment, with support from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the LECB Global Support Unit, hosted a 3-day regional workshop, attended by GHG inventory specialists representing all LECB countries in the region (**Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago**).

Resource people from UNDP, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the IPCC Task Force on Inventories Technical Support Unit (IPCC TFI-TSU) presented guidance and tools and facilitated sessions related to national inventory systems and GHG inventory compilation. Plenary sessions covered the elements of national GHG inventory systems and cross-cutting issues, such as approaches to data collection and quality assurance/quality control. Several country representatives presented their national systems for the GHG inventory (**Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica**) to give examples of lessons learned and best practices. Toward the end of Day 2, the group of approximately 50 participants was split into two break-out groups to cover issues specific to (1) Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU) and (2) Energy, industrial Processes and Product Use, and Waste. These technical sessions were led by the IPCC TFI-TSU.

Participants were actively engaged throughout the workshop. It was noted by a number of participants that there is a high-level of capacity in the region and the LECB Programme provides a very useful forum to take advantage of this opportunity to collaborate regionally. There was interest among the countries to move forward with the proposal by the LECB **Chile** team to build on this workshop and further develop a network for cooperation to maintain and enhance capacities on national GHG inventories in Latin America.

The **Chile** LECB team is preparing a full workshop report, which will be featured on the [Chile Country Page](#) on the LECB Website when it is available.



NAMA GUIDEBOOK WORKSHOP:

UNDP/UNFCCC/UNEP-Risoe 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. If you would like more information email us at lowemission@undp.org

Costa Rica: Scaling up Eco-competitiveness



The event "**Costa Rica: Scaling-up Eco-competitiveness**" took place on 23 May 2013 in San José, **Costa Rica**. Hosted by the Government of Costa Rica and jointly sponsored by UNDP and UNEP, the meeting addressed the low carbon development process in **Costa Rica** and was attended by representatives of the private and public sectors, and civil society, among others.

Led by the Minister of Environment and Energy, René Castro and Yoriko Yasukawa, Resident Representative of the United Nations System in **Costa Rica**, the meeting facilitated discussions on the results of two case studies focused on the development of the domestic carbon market and mitigation assessments for the public transport sector.

The transportation study, supported by the LECB technical team, focused on a cost-benefit approach for key measures in the bus and taxis sub-sectors and had an important impact on the decision making process for mitigation measures in Costa Rica. Two key United Nations programmes were launched at this one-day meeting: **Costa Rica's** UNDP supported Low Emission Capacity Building Program (LECB), focusing on strengthening the systematization of the GHG inventories and on developing NAMAs for the livestock and transport sectors; and Facilitating Implementation and Readiness for Mitigation (FIRM), devoted to strengthening the livestock and sustainable housing sectors, supported by UNEP-Risoe.

The national policy framework for these two programmes was provided by Tania López, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, and Roy Barboza, Vice Minister of Housing and Human Settlements. The LECB regional and national teams and FIRM coordinator presented the scope of programmes and opened the floor for discussions. The audience participated openly with questions and comments, validating the two initiatives. Closing remarks by William Alpizar, Head of the Climate Change Directorate, stressed the need for multi-sectoral participation, and reiterated support for capacity building and technical support to private initiatives as presented by LECB and FIRM.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:

The Annual LECB Global Meeting has been confirmed for **25-27 September 2013**.

The meeting will be held in **Vietnam**. Further information will follow in July.

Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action Design and Consultation on Selecting Priority NAMAs for Lebanon



The **Lebanese** Ministry of Environment, in collaboration LECB team in **Lebanon**, hosted the workshop "Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action Design and Consultation on Selecting Priority NAMAs for **Lebanon**" on May 22, 2013 in Beirut, **Lebanon**. The workshop was a joint effort supported by the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV and KPMG.

The workshop featured a step-by-step NAMA tool, the UNFCCC Registry and a case study on NAMA development. In addition, national partner institutions, including the Ministry of Energy and Water, members of academia and other UNDP projects, presented 13 potential NAMAs. Subsequent discussions focused on the proposed selection criteria to be used for NAMA prioritization. With input from the stakeholders a "guidance criteria" was established to assist in the pre-qualification of the proposed NAMAs. Through further discussion the selection criteria was built upon resulting in the addition of two new criteria (market readiness and financial attractiveness), and suggested adjustments to the prioritization scale and rank. To help facilitate the process, fact sheets were developed by the LECB team for 13 NAMAs in different sectors (i.e. energy, transport, and waste). The fact sheets were developed to provide basic data for stakeholders to help them prioritize the proposed NAMA ideas.

Some of the lessons learned from the meeting include: 1) NAMA ideas require comparable levels of detail to better inform the prioritization exercise and to ensure a fair comparison process; 2) Ownership of any proposed NAMA starts from the initial stages of idea formulation; and 3) Institutional support is essential to bring NAMAs from the initial concept to a solid proposal; as such, institutional support should be included as a key prioritization criteria.

The Lebanese LECB country team is in the process of finalizing the full workshop report. Once complete you may access it by visiting the [Lebanon country page](#) on the LECB website.

MONTHLY SHOUT-OUTS

[Congratulations](#) to DRC, which has officially established two **technical working groups**, which will be led by the Ministries of Energy and Agriculture, with support from the Ministry of Environment.

More information to come on this useful model!

NOTEWORTHY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

International NAMA Facility – Official Public Information Event




The **German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety** along with the Department of Energy and Climate Change will host an Official Public Information Event, Friday 7 June 2013 at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety in Bonn, Germany on the margins of the UNFCCC SB-38.

The Facility is designed to support developing countries that show leadership on tackling climate change and want to implement transformational country-led NAMAs. This Information Event precedes the official launch of the NAMA Facility which will take place in the coming weeks through a public call for outlines of NAMA support projects. The event will take place from 10:30 – 12:00 in Room 0.140 and will be followed by lunch.

This event may be of special interest for LECB delegations in order to gather information about this potential financing mechanism and learn more about its background.

The event [flyer](#) and the General Information Document can be found on the LECB Teamworks Space at <https://undp.untteamworks.org/node/353149> and on the [LECB website](#).



OECD Green Growth Studies
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- *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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