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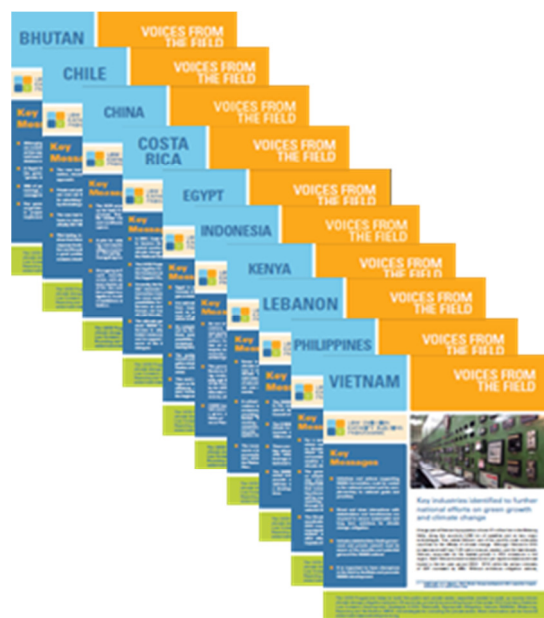


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## LECB MONTHLY ROUND UP – DECEMBER 2014

### PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### LECB Programme Voices from the Field



The Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Global Support Programme is pleased to share the LECB Voices from the Field – ten focused accounts of LECB activities, directly detailing work on the ground.

These knowledge products provide first-hand accounts of how LECB-participating countries are operationalizing the LECB Programme objectives and working toward the overall goal of mitigating the magnitude and rate of long-term climate change. Experiences range from gender focused inclusion measures in Bhutan, to a greenhouse gas emissions measuring tool in Chile, to low-carbon products standards and certifications in China. The featured activities provide a small snapshot of the immense work underway through the LECB Programme while countries work toward the development of 60 NAMA concepts, 16 national/sectoral low emission development strategies and over 17 established and/or strengthened and institutionalized greenhouse gas inventory systems.

We invite you to read all ten case studies on the [LECB Programme website](#), or to peruse them individually by country and topic.

**Bhutan** – Applying a gender lens to low-emission development planning [here](#)

**Chile** – Introducing streamlined system to measure carbon footprint in public and private sectors [here](#)

**China** – Designing low-carbon product standards and certifications in China [here](#)

**Costa Rica** – Targeting emissions in the livestock industry to reach the carbon neutrality goal [here](#)

**Egypt** – Identifying opportunities for reducing GHG emissions in industrial sectors in Egypt [here](#)

**Indonesia** – Calculating the ‘GDP of the poor’ in the fight against climate change [here](#)

**Kenya** – The GHG inventory system as an underlying tool in Kenya’s low carbon vision [here](#)

**Lebanon** – Establishing effective institutional arrangements to meet renewable energy targets [here](#)

**Philippines** – Institutionalizing the GHG inventory system to help define a sustainable development pathway [here](#)

**Vietnam** – Identifying key industries to further effort on green growth and climate change [here](#)

### SAVE THE DATE



The LECB Global Support Programme, in collaboration with the GIZ Global INDC Support Programme, will host a **Global Workshop on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC)**, 14-17 April 2015 in Berlin, Germany

More information to follow soon.

## Award Ceremony for Private Commercial and Industrial Companies Reporting GHG Emissions



UNDP LEBANON - THE COMPANIES WHO RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS ALONG WITH THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND UNDP COUNTRY DIRECTOR

On 19 December the Ministry of Environment of Lebanon and the United National Development Programme, under the LECB Programme, organized a ceremony to present awards to 35 commercial and industrial companies which reported their emissions of greenhouse gas (GHG), as per the Minister of Environments Decision No. 1/99 (d. 11/04/2013).

The ceremony marks the second time the Minister of Environment honoured the private sector under Decision No. 1/99. This mechanism aims to expand and deepen the partnership between the public and private sectors, in order to achieve sustainable environmental management through improved assessments of the quality, quantity, and sources of greenhouse gases emitted from energy usage and industrial production. This is done through allowing and encouraging private companies to find out the details of their carbon footprint.

The uptick in number of companies participating and honoured represents a 500 percent increase from the previous year. The ministry is currently examining opportunities to make the reporting even more convenient, thereby incentivizing more commercial and industrial companies to report their emissions.

The ceremony received coverage by one of the largest national TV stations (LBCI TV) which aired a report during their prime time news (8 p.m.) as part of their economic bulletin; the report can be viewed at the following link: [LBCI News](#).

## LECB Programme helps support the production of NAMA Day at COP20



The LECB Programme was well represented at this year's Conference of Parties (COP20) in Lima, Peru. In addition to individual country side events featuring LECB Programme activities, the Global Support Unit converged with the UNFCCC Secretariat to take part in 'NAMA Day', - an all-day forum intended to provide a platform to learn from developing countries that are taking the lead in design and implementation of NAMAs.

NAMA Day provided countries, including many from the LECB Programme, the opportunity to showcase how transformational NAMAs are contributing toward moving developing countries along a low-emissions development trajectory. Countries participated by preparing NAMA Posters which outlined the most salient points of their NAMA proposals. The day was opened by the UNFCCC Secretariat, COP 20 President, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Cristiana Figueres, and the Colombian Climate Change Director of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, followed by a series of panel discussions, which included presentations by LECB participants from Uganda, Lebanon, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Thailand and Chile. The event culminated in a poster exhibition where attendees were encouraged to interact with each other, exchange experiences, and gather information from potential investors.

For more information, please visit the IISD website [here](#).

*(Photo: Indonesia NAMA poster on the topic of green building in Indonesia)*



## LECB Programme Presence at COP-20, Lima, Peru



In addition to participating in *NAMA Day*, Lebanon, Uganda and Indonesia each hosted their own side events that focused on topics specifically related to work they're carrying out with support from the LECB Programme, among other initiatives.

The **Lebanese** event was moderated by LECB Programme Manager, Yamil Bonduki and addressed socio-economic repercussions of climate change on three vital sectors in Lebanon: water, energy and agriculture. While the **Uganda** side event introduced attendees to the early results and lessons resulting from an economic assessment they are conducting which examines the economic impacts of climate change in order to provide policy makers with the evidence base necessary to promote increased investment adaptation in climate-sensitive areas.

**Indonesia** presented their progress on the development of a "GDP of the Poor" and detailed their strides toward a Green Economy in a series of events that took place in the Indonesia Pavilion over the course of the COP.

The LECB Programme hosted an LECB-specific side event in the EU Pavilion where LECB country colleagues from **Costa Rica, Indonesia, Colombia, Lebanon** and the **Philippines** shared their progress and experiences on the path to a low carbon future.



## Webinar: Energy Low-Emission Development Strategies: A Regional Overview of Africa and Experiences from Cape Verde and Kenya



### Upcoming LEDS Events

**Webinar Reminder: Energy Low-Emission Development Strategies: A Regional Overview of Africa and Experiences from Cape Verde and Kenya**

22 January 2015 9:00 AM EST

[Check your local time.](#)  
[Reserve your seat now.](#)

**Upcoming: 22 January 2015 9:00 AM EST - TOMORROW!**

[Check your local time.](#)  
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The Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP) and the Energy Working Group (EWG) of the Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS-GP) are co-hosting a webinar on sustainable energy progress in Africa. The webinar offers both an overview of recent developments in clean energy policies, programs, and targets across the region and in-depth case studies on Kenya's and Cape Verde's experiences in creating innovative, climate-compatible energy development approaches. Presenters will outline the targets, policy objectives and implementation programs of these two leading African countries, providing insights into challenges encountered and how they were overcome.

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## Final Report of the Mesoamerican Workshop on National Emissions Inventories and Mitigation Plans in Agriculture, Land use, Land use change and Forestry just released (contributed by FAO)



FAO released the [Final Report](#) of the ‘Mesoamerican Workshop on National Emissions Inventories and Mitigation Plans in Agriculture, Land use, Land use change and Forestry’, in December. The report chronicles the findings of a workshop held in San José, Costa Rica, 21-23 July 2014, and may prove a useful resource for LECB colleagues working on emission inventories and mitigation plans.

The workshop was jointly organized by [FAO through the Monitoring and Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Mitigation Potential in Agriculture \(MAGHG\)](#) Project, in conjunction with the [UN-REDD Programme](#) and [the REDD+ Project for Strengthening South-South Cooperation](#). It helped to identify technical and institutional gaps and steps needed for strengthening national capacities on GHG reporting for the Agriculture, Land use, Land Use Change and Forestry sectors (LULUCF), including National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs).

Over sixty participants from fifteen Latin American countries, including some of the UNDP LECB countries (Argentina, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico) represented ministries of agriculture, national institutes of statistics, and agencies responsible for National Forest Monitoring Systems and National Emission Inventories for the Agriculture and LULUCF sectors.

The workshop provided a platform to share experiences across countries in the Region, as well as an opportunity for FAO to share information on its new data analysis tools, such as the [FAOSTAT Emissions database](#), which was the source of [FAO's recent update](#) of 2012 agricultural emissions.

The Report summarizes participants' contributions, highlighting the need for national support for strengthening institutional arrangements, including increased national coordination towards efficient National Communications (NC) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) submission to the UNFCCC.

Joint actions between countries and the FAO, the UN-REDD Programme and the REDD+ Project for Strengthening South-South Cooperation were the implementation of technical assistance activities towards improved BUR processes, with Uruguay and Mexico accepting to become the first two pilot countries of the support programme. A first phase is currently on going since September 2014, focusing on providing support for the BUR 2014 through a series of webinars, data exchange and quality assessment processes that involve national and FAO teams.

More info on FAO GHG Activities: <http://www.fao.org/climatechange/micca/ghg/en/>

FAOSTAT Emissions data: [http://faostat3.fao.org/browse/G1/\\*/E](http://faostat3.fao.org/browse/G1/*/E)