



MONTHLY ROUND UP – JUNE 2014

PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Process to start building a national MRV system for Uganda launched



ENTEBBE - The process to start building a national MRV (Measuring, Reporting, and Verification) system for Uganda started in mid-June following three days of training for over thirty-five government officers from different agencies.

The MRV system will capture a range of interventions in Uganda that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause climate change, while also tracking the development gains of these interventions. The training workshop's major aim was to start the process of building the MRV system and also strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of the government officials from different Ministries, agencies and departments which participate in climate change activities in the country. In terms of its objective the workshop was a huge success and another step in the direction of a robust MRV system.

"Uganda is fortunate to have been included in the UNDP Low Emission Capacity Building project which has helped us to prepare the system and develop the NAMAs (or Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions) that will reduce GHG emissions. The project has helped us to look at MRV process which is important for collecting information to feed into the Uganda Second National Communication, which will be finalized at the end of June 2014," Paul Isabirye, Coordinator, Climate Change Unit said.

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14-16 October 2014
LECB Global Annual Meeting
Brussels, Belgium

This MRV training is part of a series of advances that Uganda has made under the LECB Programme, including the elaboration of 8 [NAMA concepts](#).

To read the full article and learn more about the work underway in Uganda, click [here](#).

Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Webinar Series reaches over 280 participants!

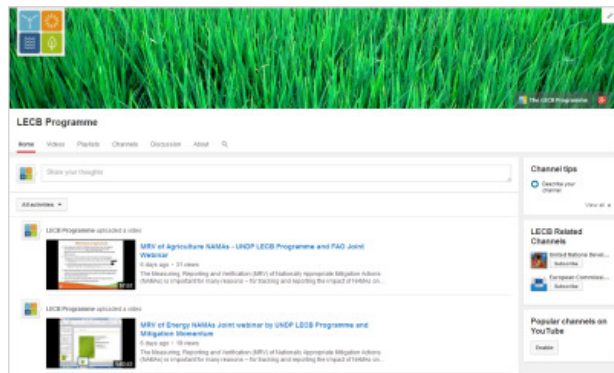
A properly designed and implemented measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) system adds transparency to national mitigation efforts and is an essential management tool for assessing progress and effectiveness of mitigation policies, programmes, and regulations. In light of its importance the LECB Global Support Unit organized a MRV-focused webinar series which was carried out over the past six weeks.

During May and June over 280 participants attended 9 webinars ranging in focus from [MRV of Policies and LEDS](#), [Domestic MRV](#), an [Introduction to MRV Tools](#) and MRV in the [Energy](#), [Agriculture](#), [Waste](#) and [Transport](#) sectors.

The webinar series included contributions from a broad range of resource organizations and national practitioners, including the governments of Chile, Colombia, Kenya, Ghana, Tunisia, Costa Rica, Vietnam, and Uganda for their valuable collaboration, as well as WRI, the International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV, GIZ, Ecofys, FAO, and UN-ESCAP.

The series was a pre-cursor to the LECB Programme Global Annual Meeting, taking place 14-16 October in Brussels, Belgium that will focus primarily on topics related to the MRV of robust NAMAs.

To view all of the recorded LECB Webinars please visit the LECB Youtube Page [here](#).



LECB Project in Ecuador: Capacity building for the development of NAMAs (by Christian Parra)

The LECB Project in Ecuador, as part of the Undersecretary of Climate Change from the Ministry of Environment, carried out the first “Technical Workshop for the Development of Nationally Appropriated Mitigation Actions” from the 12th to 13th of June.

The workshop was attended by main stakeholders of the energy, industry, international cooperation, agriculture and other sectors. The workshop aimed to strengthen the capacities of representatives of the public and institutions on the development of NAMAs.

During the first day, the national and international context around NAMAs was presented, as well as the general guidelines for its development. Additionally, the participants were given the opportunity to share their perspective on the development of NAMAs during working group sessions. Over the course of the second day, theoretic background and practical tools related to scope determination, co-benefits and MRV systems were presented.

The event was the second capacity building workshop held in-country related to NAMA development. Last year - 2013, the first event took place with the LECB project inception workshop, where an inter-institutional working methodology was established in order to move forward with the construction of three NAMA concepts developed by the project in the Energy Sector of Ecuador, including:

- Water heating and Cooktop Efficient Program
- Hydroelectric Generation Development
- Associated Gas Optimization for Electricity Generation.



Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy Team presents co-benefit study results (by José Manuel Sandoval)



The Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy (CLCDS) presented the final results of the study on co-benefits assessments in a workshop held on May 28th in Bogota.

During the one-day workshop stakeholders we presented with the results of an LECB supported study aimed at facilitating the decision making process to reduce GHG emissions in the 8 sectors that CLCDS is currently working on.

The most relevant outcomes of the study include:

- a practical methodology for estimating the benefits associated with the implementation of mitigation measures (co-benefits);
- the applications of the methodology in 10 selected mitigation measures, including waste management, water management in rice crops, electric public transportation, and energy savings in the industrial sector;
- a compilation of research material used for the economic estimations; and
- the models that will allow its replication or adaptation to assess other mitigation measures.

The full results of the study will be shared shortly on the [LECB Project Ecuador webpage](#).

Moldova LECB Project Inception Underway

May 27th marked the formal inception of the LECB Project in Moldova. To mark this occasion over 30 attendees came together from the Ministries of Regional Development & Construction, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Transportation & Road Infrastructure, Economy, and the Minister of Environment. In addition to ministry representatives, engineers from a large thermo-power plant, customs service, chamber of commerce, institute of forestry, and academic organizations and NGOs also attended. The Minister of Environment provided opening remarks in concert with the UNDP Resident Representative.

The Low Emission Capacity Building Programme in the Republic of Moldova will focus on developing the capacity

of the public sector contributing to the country's efforts to tackle climate change. This includes increasing institutional capacities to provide appropriate mechanisms of support and coordination when addressing climate risks, it also includes strengthening technical knowledge in order to better understand and make use of climate information, and increasing relevant data and access to data for planning and decision-making.

We look forward to sharing more about the strides and successes of the LECB Project in Moldova over the coming years.

Resource: **GIZ Webinar Recordings and More – a resource at your finger tips**



Colleagues at GIZ have compiled series of past webinars and posted them to their “Global Campus 21” – GIZ’s International Platform for learning and cooperation. [Here](#) you may find 4 webinar recordings related to NAMA development and MRV, while in the [E-Academy](#) section you may access various resources presented in the spirit of digital open knowledge sharing.

We encourage readers to explore the site and continue to check it regularly to find new additions.



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