

MONTHLY ROUND UP – FEBRUARY 2014

PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

NAMA Net – A technical support network for LECB countries (26-28 February 2014, New York, USA)



A three-day workshop was organized by the Low-Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Programme's Global Support Unit on 26-28 February in New York City to formally launch the technical support being provided to countries through LECB's NAMA-Net. Thirteen representatives from the Consortiums that will provide the NAMA-Net technical assistance participated in the first two workshop days, and 23 LECB Project Coordinators (or selected replacements) from LECB partner countries participated during the last two days of the workshop. A representative from the European Commission was also in attendance.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- ensure a common understanding among Consortiums and countries on how this additional technical assistance can help deliver LECB goals at the global and national levels;
- invite suggestions on how to enhance knowledge-sharing and learning across the Programme;
- clarify practical working arrangements to deliver effective technical assistance;
- facilitate bilateral discussions between Consortiums and countries to agree an initial roadmap for roll out of LECB NAMA-Net support; and

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14-16 May 2014

Private Sector Engagement with NAMAs

Santiago, Chile



14-16 October 2014

***LECB Global Annual Meeting
Brussels, Belgium***



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THE LOW EMISSION CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME PROMOTES & FACILITATES COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ENHANCING THE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST IN A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

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- engage with countries on how to achieve an impact beyond the lifetime of the LECB projects.

Key themes recurring during the three-day workshop included:

- Many developing countries noted the importance of successfully attracting finance for NAMAs as a way to influence policy makers; in this context, it was agreed that NAMAs must be designed as robustly as possible to attract such finance;
- Accurate and recent data on GHG emissions as well as sound baselines, are a primary need for developing mitigation targets and/or scenarios;
- Continued mapping of efforts in-country to identify potential partners and synergies and avoid duplication of efforts was strongly recommended;
- Partner countries pointed to LECB supporting government decision-makers and facilitating private sector involvement as areas as a great deal of added value;
- LECB countries noted the importance of south-south learning afforded by the Programme and the increased possibilities of sharing knowledge through LECB NAMA-Net – countries were encouraged to raise visibility of LECB activities on the ground;
- The LECB projects are providing numerous opportunities to create a strategic impact at the national level, including through technical inputs to Nationally Determined Contributions under the UNFCCC 2015 Agreement.

LECB NAMA-Net came about as a result of expressed need for targeted and specialized backstopping in key areas related to NAMA Design. Made possible through additional support from the European Commission, LECB NAMA-Net aims to bridge the gap between the original LECB Programme outputs, which are mostly focused on NAMA concept design capabilities, and the financial and technical diligence expected of more mature NAMA proposals that are seeking to attract domestic and international sources of funding.



African countries share knowledge on national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories (25-27 February 2014, Livingstone, Zambia)

A regional workshop focused on building capacities for National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+ and National GHG Inventory Systems took place 25-27 February 2014, in Livingstone, Zambia.

Attended by over 85 participants from 20 countries in Africa and the Arab States, the workshop consisted of a one-day joint plenary and two days of concurrent workstreams. The Day 1 plenary established common understandings and important linkages between the LECB and UN-REDD Programmes. Participants also received an overview of the UNFCCC landscape on the emerging issues of Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) and Biennial Update Reports, as well as introduction to a number of tools available for GHG reporting. On Days 2 and 3, participants held detailed discussions and training on topics such as institutional arrangements, GHG inventory preparation, quality assurance and quality control, archiving, remote sensing, forest inventories and land classification, among others. The parallel sessions included presentations, discussions, and practical exercises among country teams. Resource personnel from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Environmental Protection Agency of the U.S. (US EPA) attended and provided participants with guidance and training on related requirements and tools. At the end of Day 3, participants returned to a joint closing plenary and shared the highlights and key themes from the parallel sessions.

Presentations can be downloaded from the [LECB Teamworks Space](#)



Request for contributions...

Is your project progressing well?

Have you engaged in innovative programming that others might benefit from?

Is there a new resource you are aware of that should be shared?

The March Monthly Round Up will be released Tuesday, 1 April. Please submit your updates throughout the month for timely dissemination at the beginning of each month.

LECB Inception Workshop (10 February 2014, Cairo, Egypt) and Expert Meeting (5 February 2014, Cairo, Egypt)



The LECB Project in Egypt was formally launched 10 February 2014 in Cairo. Dr. Amr El-Sammak, CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) opened the workshop which was attended by over 70 participants hailing from relevant sectors such as cement, fertilizers, and energy, along with colleagues from research institutions, donors, embassies, technical experts and the media.

The inception workshop was a mixture of presentations and facilitated discussions which helped to identify the main aspects to be taken into account during implementation of the project. These main themes included:

- The need to strengthen cooperation with ongoing project in other ministries and international organizations to synergize activities;
- The need for prioritization of capacity building needs;
- The strengthening stakeholder communication, and;
- The need for the establishment of a robust and transparent national inventory system for GHG emissions, among others.

The LECB Project in Egypt despite unforeseen delays has been working hard to facilitate interaction among relevant stakeholders that will be crucial in the LECB Project implementation. One such example was an expert meeting that was carried out 5 February 2014 among cement and fertilizer experts. This meeting provided a forum for experts to convene and discuss the various approaches that may be used across sectors to work towards a low emission future.

The Low Emission Transport Toolkit Webinar – 18 March 2014

For those LECB colleagues focusing on the transport sector...

The Transport Sector Working Group of the Low Emission Strategies Global Partnership, or [LEDS GP](#), is sponsoring a webinar that is serving as the launch of the Low Emission Transport Toolkit. The webinar is being offered live twice on March 18, 2014. The first live webinar, at 9 AM EST, will be presented in Spanish, and the second live webinar, at 9:30 PM EST, will be presented in English.

The Low Emission Transport Toolkit supports development planners, technical experts, and decision makers at national and local levels as they plan and implement low emission transportation systems that sustain economic growth. The Toolkit offers users access to a variety of technical resources and helps them navigate these same resources so that they may identify the tools that are most effective and relevant in building and implementing low emission development strategies (LEDS) for the transport sector. The LEDS GP Transport Working Group sponsors and supports the Toolkit.

This webinar will serve as the official launch of the Toolkit website and will provide an overview for interested participants to use and help extend the reach of the Toolkit. The presenters will discuss the objectives of the Toolkit and showcase the variety of resources available to participants and users. These resources include a general guide to LEDS implementation, a database of transport-related technical resources and tools, a collection of webinars, presentations, and videos related to transport LEDS, and a method for users to request direct technical assistance.

Register for Webinar Session Here:

The Low Emission Transport Toolkit (Session 1) in **SPANISH** – March 18th 9:00am EST

Link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/437997566>

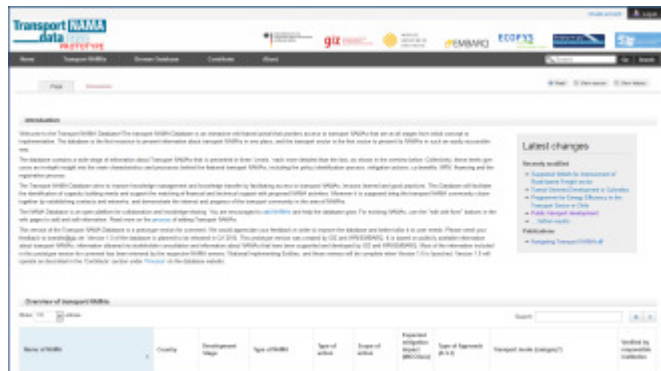
The Low Emission Transport Toolkit (Session 2) in **ENGLISH** – March 18th 9:30pm EST

Link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/226711822>

The screenshot shows the LEDS Transportation Toolkit website. At the top left is the LEDS logo with the text 'LEDS GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP'. To its right is the title 'Transportation Toolkit' and a navigation menu with links for 'HOME', 'TOOLS', 'TRAINING', and 'REQUEST ASSISTANCE'. Below the header is a main heading 'Developing Strategies for Clean, Efficient Transportation'. A paragraph of text describes the toolkit's purpose. To the right of the text is a photograph of a blue bus. Below the text is a section titled 'Take Key Actions' with a list of icons representing different stages: Evaluate System, Create Baseline, Assess Opportunities, Develop Alternatives, Prioritize & Plan, and Implement & Monitor. Below this is another section titled 'Avoid, Shift, Improve' with three icons: Avoid (Cut the need for travel), Shift (Change to low-carbon modes), and Improve (Enhance infrastructure and policies). On the right side of the page is a 'Search for Tools' section with a list of resources: Development Impacts Assessment, Fuels and Efficiency, Governance and Planning, Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Mass Transit Systems, Multinodal Integration, Non-Motorized Transport, Policies and Regulations, and Vehicles. A 'FIND TOOLS' button is located at the bottom of this list.

Transport NAMA Database Prototype Launched

Colleagues at the GIZ TRANSfer project, in conjunction with other colleagues, recently launched the Transport NAMA Database, an interactive wiki-based portal that provides access to transport NAMAs that are at all stages from initial concept to implementation. The database is the first resource to present information about transport NAMAs in one place, and the transport sector is the first sector to present its NAMAs in such an easily accessible way, and may prove a wealth of information for LECB projects working in the Transport Sector.



The Transport NAMA Database aims to improve knowledge management and knowledge transfer by facilitating access to transport NAMAs, lessons learned and good practices. This Database will facilitate the identification of capacity building needs and support the matching of financial and technical support with proposed NAMA activities. Moreover it is supposed bring the transport NAMA community closer together by establishing contacts and networks; and demonstrate the interest and progress of the transport community in the area of NAMAs.

We encourage LECB colleagues to explore the database and look at the concept and proposal NAMAs submitted to gain insight on all steps of the process.

The NAMA Database is an open platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing. In its nascent stages the developers would welcome feedback and comments (transfer@giz.de).

We in the Global Support Unit would also like to hear your insight and experiences. Please contribute knowledge sharing ideas at lowemission@undp.org



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