

## LECB MONTHLY ROUND UP – FEBRUARY 2015

### PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### Thematic Working Group on Waste Management Launched

The LECB Programme is pleased to announce the launch of the thematic Waste Management Working Group to build a network of practitioners in the LECB countries that are interested in considering mitigation opportunities in the waste sector.

#### What the Waste Working Group aims at

The working group will assist participants to identify opportunities for mitigation actions in the waste management sector, support the selection of methodological approaches for baseline determination and mitigation actions, scenario building, technology selection, co-benefit assessment and MRV questions.

As a first step, an electronic survey on waste issues was undertaken among all LECB countries end of 2014. Most respondents identified technical difficulties as one of the main issue affecting waste management in their country. All respondents confirmed interest in receiving additional information on Project Finance, NAMA Design and Technology Evaluation via the Waste Management Working Group.

#### What the Waste Working Group offers

The Working Group will offer a range of services, including:

- Webinars (March 25 and April): Highlight case studies and lessons learned from relevant projects, facilitate an exchange of technical and financial articles, provide a forum for Q&A.
- Platform for a Community of Practice (<http://lecbwwg.org/>) launched



New Waste Management Working Group:  
Community of Practice Platform

### SAVE THE DATE



The LECB Global Support Programme, in collaboration with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of the People's Republic of China, will host a **Regional Workshop for Asia on Engaging the Private Sector to Contribute to Climate Change Mitigation, 19-21 May in Beijing, China**

More information to follow soon.

March 25, including:

- Discussion forums: Good practices, advances in the waste sector, and cutting edge technologies, including options for LEDS and NAMAs.
- Resource library: identification of networks, resource links, information and training materials.
- Events calendar
- Mailing and chat functions.
- Teamworks activities.

All LECB counterparts are welcome to join the Working Group!

To join, please send email to: [members@lecbwwg.org](mailto:members@lecbwwg.org)

## Multi-Criteria Analysis Workshop Held in Philippines January 28-30 2015



Participants at the workshop and multi-criteria analysis tool

The Philippines' Climate Change Commission conducted a three-day Multi-Criteria Analysis workshop from January 28-30 2015. The workshop was organized with support from and under the umbrella of the Low Emission Capacity Building Programme and the Southeast Asian Network on Climate Change Offices Programme of UNEP. The facilitation was provided and presentations were delivered by experts from UNEP DTU (Denmark Technical University) Partnership.

The workshop aimed to introduce the Multi-Criteria Analysis as a useful method for prioritizing mitigation actions. Participants came from a range of national government agencies, including planning, transport, energy, environment, agriculture and statistics agencies. The workshop used a combination of presentations and group exercises.

At the end of the workshop participants developed an initial set of criteria and indicators with the corresponding weights for prioritization of mitigation actions according to the Multi-Criteria Analysis. It was agreed during the discussion of next steps that the government agencies will refine and finalize the set of criteria and indicators for further use.

## UPCOMING EVENT



The LECB Global Support Programme, in collaboration with the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ)

and hosted by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation (BMUB), Building and nuclear Safety of Germany will organize a

### Global Workshop on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)

14-17 April 2015, Berlin, Germany

The Global Workshop on INDCs will convene government representatives, practitioners and international experts from around the world that are involved in the design and preparation of INDCs.

Expected participants: UNDP LECB countries, GIZ Global INDC Support

## UNFCCC Climate Conference in Geneva February 8-13 2015



ADP Co-Chair Dan Reifsnyder gaveling the meeting to a close. Source: IISD

The Geneva Climate Change Conference was held from 8-13 February 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland and covered the eighth part of the second session of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2-8).

This Conference was the first formal negotiation session in 2015 under the UNFCCC, and comprised groundwork for the Conference of Parties (COP) November 30 –December 11 in Paris. The Paris Conference is mandated to adopt a new climate change agreement, which will be applicable to all parties starting 2020.

During the Conference preparations for the Paris agreement (workstream 1) as well as work on pre-2020 ambition (workstream 2) continued. Accordingly, topics discussed included *inter alia* the structure of the new agreement, as well as aspects of finance, technology, and transparency of action

In his opening statement, Peruvian Environment Minister and COP 20 President Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, called on parties to maintain the momentum generated in Lima and work responsibly, efficiently and in a spirit of compromise. ADP Co-Chair Ahmed Djoghlaif, Algeria, called on delegates “to keep the promise made to our children in Durban.”

During the closing plenary parties formally agreed that substantive work on the Paris Agreement in June will be based on the negotiating text developed in Geneva. The Co-Chairs announced that additional ADP sessions will be held in the fall of 2015, from 31 August to 4 September and from 19-23 October. Both of these sessions will be held in Bonn.

For more information see <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/adp/adp2-8/>

countries, donor countries, International Partnership on Mitigation and MRV countries

## Costa Rica Leads the Way Towards Sustainable Livestock Management

Costa Rica's government has set an ambitious goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2012. With livestock accounting for 30% of the country's emissions, concerted efforts in this sector are at the top of the political agenda, not only to decrease emission levels, but also to improve rural livelihoods, to encourage sustainable livestock production, a national Livestock NAMA concept was developed.

The concept included a number of elements, including new pasture management techniques of planting trees and hedges as fences that capture CO<sub>2</sub>, introducing more nutritious easily digestible fodder species and implementing new fertilization strategies, with the aim to make livestock keeping more climate smart, productive, and socially sustainable.



The NAMA also foresees creating a label to identify the products manufactured with low GHG emissions as an incentive for producers as well as to inform the consumer, which is seen as a cornerstone for transformational change.

The new NAMA was presented at the NAMA Day event during COP 20 in Lima by Ms. Gina Paniagua Sánchez, Vice-Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica.

This NAMA was recorded in the UNFCCC NAMA Registry to attract information on potential sources of support for its large-scale implementation. Also publically providing the details of the NAMA's methods and technologies may assist other countries with similar goals and challenges in their livestock sector.

Full details of the Costa Rica Livestock NAMA Concept can be found in the NAMA Registry

[http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/nama/\\_layouts/un/fccc/nama/NamaSeekingSupportForImplementation.aspx?ID=91&viewOnly=1](http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/nama/_layouts/un/fccc/nama/NamaSeekingSupportForImplementation.aspx?ID=91&viewOnly=1)

For more information see: <http://namanews.org/news/2015/03/12/costa-rica-leads-the-way-towards-sustainable-livestock-management/>

Please join us in congratulating Costa Rica for this achievement!

### New Site to Showcase Developing Country NAMAs: NAMA News



The UNFCCC has developed a new platform [NAMA News](#) for developing countries to present their Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), which are expected to have a transformational effect, as well as to acknowledge supporters.

The site shares success stories about the multiple effects of NAMA implementation worldwide, including decreasing emissions, generating jobs, promoting healthy livelihoods and preparing for a low-emissions world.

The NAMA News platform also aims to make available regular updates about:

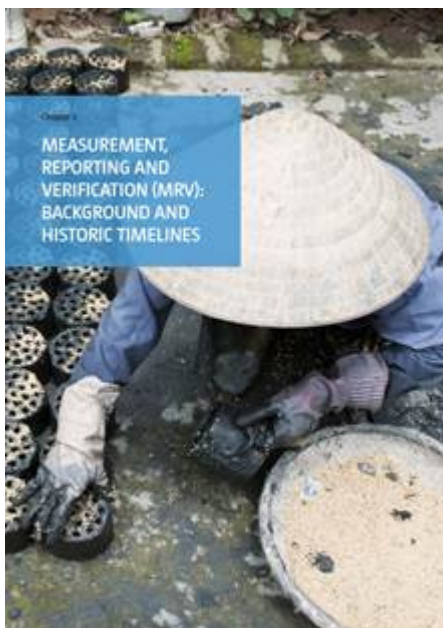
- topics including international financing, technology and capacity-building support for NAMAs, as well as
- countries which seek support for NAMA implementation and countries who already implemented NAMAs with domestic and/or international resources

through the dissemination of articles.

Furthermore, the site provides information on available support, matches of support providers and seekers, publications, training and e-learning, plus background about the NAMA registry.

For more information see: <http://www.mitigationpartnership.net/new-site-showcase-developing-country-namas-nama-news>

## Measuring Progress and Sharing Results: The UNFCCC Secretariat Releases New Handbook on Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) for Developing Countries



Without question, the most critical part of any mitigation action is “does it make a difference?”

Cornerstones for transformational change are the measuring of progress, as well as the sharing and verification of results. All countries having ratified the UNFCCC participate in stringent reporting procedures documenting their endeavours to tackling climate change.

The reporting procedures comprise calculations of both GHG emissions and removals and hence provide the basis for the planning of evidence-based interventions.

Based on decisions under the Convention, MRV requirements deviate for developing and developed countries. The UNFCCC provides guidance in the application of the complex MRV approaches by offering tools and methods for practitioners.

In this context a new handbook has been released to provide a clear overview of those concepts, elements and requirements:

[Download the PDF Handbook](#)

The MRV framework was initiated through the Bali Action Plan in 2007, and subsequently elaborated by Parties:

- **Measurement (M)** applies both to efforts to address climate change and to the impacts of these efforts. It occurs at the national level and refers to GHG emissions, mitigation actions and their effects, and the support needed and received.
- **Reporting (R)** is implemented through the national communications and Biennial Update Reports (BURs), where Parties report on their actions to address climate change in their national communications.
- **Verification (V)** is addressed at the international level, through the International Consultation and Analysis of BURs. It can also occur at the national level, but is voluntary.

For more information see: <http://namanews.org/news/2015/03/07/measuring-progress-and-sharing-results-the-unfccc-secretariat-releases-new-handbook-on-measurement-reporting-and-verification-mrv-for-developing-countries/>

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