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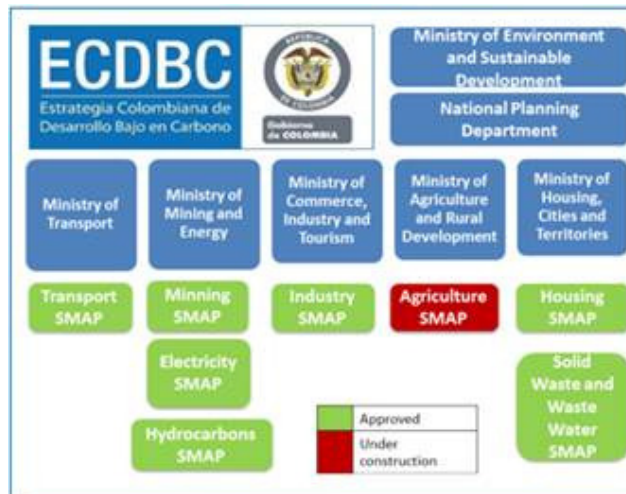


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LECB MONTHLY ROUND UP – NOVEMBER 2015

PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy (CLCDS) – update *(contributed by Jose Manuel Sandoval and Diana Lugo)*



This year the Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy (CLCDS), or ECDBC as it stands for Spanish, has achieved important results. To date, all the Sectorial Mitigation Action Plans, also known as SMAPs, have been formulated and seven have been formally approved by various ministries (See picture). These SMAPs contain strategic guidance for stakeholders to focus on determined mitigation actions which have been previously prioritized in each sector. In addition to the approval process immense effort has been made with regard to the formulation of implementation schemes for each SMAP, in order to begin implementing the prioritized measures that will contribute with a reduction of GHG emissions.

The CLCDS has been highly recognized as an important framework for the country to tackle climate change impacts. For example, in the UN Climate Summit convened by Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, President Juan-Manuel Santos presented the Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy and its eight Sectorial Mitigation Action Plans as one of the main contributions of Colombia for the mitigation of Climate Change. The CLCDS team has also been actively participating in the “Green Growth Dialogues” which is foreseen as an opportunity to enhance GHG mitigation in the influential national economic policy planning schemes.

Finally, in an effort to reach a broader public, information and updates on the CLCDS have been uploaded on the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS as it stands for Spanish) website, including the SMAPs officially adopted up to date and is available at the following link:
<https://www.minambiente.gov.co/index.php/component/content/article/470-plantilla-cambio-climatico-26#documentos>

The formulation and approval of the eight SMAPs is just one of the many

SAVE THE DATE
 The LECB Global Support Programme, in collaboration with GIZ, will host a **Global Workshop on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions, 14-17 April 2015**
 More information to follow.

achievements Colombia has developed with the help of the LECB Programme.

Launch of the WRI Greenhouse Gas Protocol: Policy and Action Standard and Mitigation Goal Standard



Pilot Testing Experience from Chile of WRI Mitigation Goals and Policy & Action Standards

MWR of Policies and Low-Emission Development Strategies
Friday, 21st November 2014, by M. Sophie Siemens
LECB Project Coordinator at Climate Change Office
Ministry of Environment of Chile



The [World Resource Institute](http://www.wri.org) (WRI) officially launched two new Greenhouse Gas Protocol Standards to inform government climate strategies in Washington, DC, 21 November 2014. During the launch government representatives, including **Sophie Siemens, of Chile LECB**, and other experts reflected on the far reaching significance of these new standards and delivered first-hand accounts of its practical application.

Building on previous GHG Protocol standards, the *Policy and Action Standard* helps evaluate the effectiveness of specific policies or measures in achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions, empowering policymakers and analysts to better assess and communicate their progress. The *Mitigation Goal Standard* takes a bigger picture view, enabling governments to determine their emissions trajectory and whether their policy portfolio aligns with reaching their climate goals. Both standards are applicable for all levels of government and can be highly applicable to LECB colleagues as LECB work continues.

To access the two standards visit <http://www.wri.org/publication/policy-and-action-standard> and <http://www.wri.org/publication/mitigation-goal-standard>

Business Sector Informal Dialogue Organized in the Philippines

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - OUTREACH

**Informal Dialogue and Dinner Reception with the Business Sector
Outreach on the IPCC 5th Assessment Report (AR5)
July 9, 2014**



OBJECTIVES:

- Present the outputs and findings of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report
- Discuss how the AR5 findings will impact the business sector and the role business plays in addressing climate change

5th National Steering Committee



As part of its annual celebration of the climate change consciousness week, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) of the **Philippines** organized a three-day summit for the youth, local government and the business sector November 24-26, 2014. For its business summit on the third day, the CCC partnered with The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and the Philippine Business for the Environment (PBE) with some support from the **LECB PHL Project**. Building up from last year's business summit, the theme for this year is "Business Solutions for Climate Change".

The CCC also partnered with the IPCC and invited one of the lead authors to deliver a presentation on the outputs and findings of the IPCC's 5th Assessment Report, the possible impacts of CC to the business sector and the role of the private sector in addressing climate change and managing climate risks. As part of its commitment to this annual event, the private sector presented the industry's vision for the summit. In order to present the different interests of the private sector, there were four parallel sessions held in the afternoon:

- Breakout session 1: Renewable Energy for Sustainable Business Development
- Breakout session 2: Addressing Vulnerabilities to Climate Risk
- Breakout session 3: Energy Efficiency for Climate Change Mitigation
- Breakout session 4: Shaping Climate Resilient Communities by Decongesting Cities

Approximately 400 participants from the business sector attended the summit, thus demonstrating excellent engagement and commitment.

Indonesia LECB team contributes to the Asia LEDS Partnership meeting (contributed by Technical Specialist, James Vener)



The Asia LEDS Partnership held its third annual regional forum in Yogyakarta, Indonesia during November 11-13, 2014. The Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Forum, themed Development through LEDS and Green Growth, brought together over 250 policymakers, practitioners, and experts from across Asia and the world to learn about and discuss the latest low-carbon, green growth policies and actions that contribute to economic growth, job creation, and other national development goals. Forum participants studied the linkages between green growth and broader development objectives that are priorities for developing countries in Asia. The forum featured panel discussions with national planners and international experts, case study presentations, structured discussions on high-interest topics, and in-depth trainings.

Dr. Medrilzam, Deputy Director for Forest Economy and Management, with the Directorate for Forestry and Water Conservation, of the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) conducted a deep-dive training session on the Green Economy (GE). He presented an overview of the concept, economic trends reflecting the urgent need for a new set of GE indicators, and how **Indonesia through the LECB Programme is creating the shift to a new development model**. Dr. Medrilzam discussed the details behind Indonesia's GE model considerations, notably consisting of Green GDP, GDP of the Poor, and green Jobs, the methodologies used to measure the GE, and the policy challenges and solutions.

LECB Kenya lays the groundwork for LECRD Programme Launch



(Photo: Launch of the Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development Project. From left: Ms. Alice A. Kaudia (Environmental Secretary - MEWNR), Ms. Karen Freeman (Mission Director -USAID), Prof. Judi

Building on experiences and results of the Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Project, the Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development (LECRD) Programme was launched 21 November in Nairobi, Kenya with the support of the Kenyan Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (MEWNR), and with funding from United States of America International Development Agency (USAID) through UNDP.

The LECRD Programme aims at supporting Kenya's efforts to pursue long-term, transformative development as well as accelerate sustainable climate resilient economic growth, while slowing the growth of greenhouse gas emissions. In collaboration with LECB Kenya Project teams, the three-year LECRD programme will contribute towards the implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan (2013- 2017), which has the overarching goal of enhancing low carbon climate resilient development blueprint-Vision 2030. The launch of the LECRD Programme demonstrates the potential of collaborative and complementary aims, which when brought together can help strengthen the depth and breadth of their efforts.

RESOURCES

Draft Guidance on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) release – Feedback requested!

The screenshot shows a webpage with a navigation menu on the left containing 'CASE STUDIES', 'KNOWLEDGE CENTER', 'NEWS', 'EVENTS', and 'SEARCH'. The main content area is titled 'Announcements' and features a green header. The headline reads 'LECB supports forthcoming guidance on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)'. The text below states that UNDP, with support from LECB and the World Resources Institute, has released a draft guidance document. It mentions that the draft gathers information from experts and addresses questions from dialogues. A call to action asks users to submit feedback by 9 January 2015. A list of points to consider when reviewing the draft is provided, including that it does not address all elements, is focused on mitigation, and will be expanded based on feedback. The footer thanks contributors.

Following a general request from participants to the Regional Technical Dialogues on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), UNDP is, in collaboration with the World Resources Institute and the UNFCCC is pleased to deliver the first [draft guidance document on the preparation of INDCs](#). This draft document gathers information presented by experts and addresses questions posed during these dialogues. The draft guidance is a response to the urgent need of country teams for clear direction on key items to be considered in the preparation of INDCs. However, to further strengthen the document, we are seeking your feedback.

In order to ensure that the guidance is useful and meets the needs of the users, we are requesting feedback from all interested parties. To do so please review the draft guidance and submit feedback through the [comment template](#). The comment period will remain open until **9 January 2015**, at which point the comments will be considered and incorporated before releasing the final guidance, taking into account that it is our intention to keep this guidance as a living document.

As a draft document, please keep in mind the following points when reviewing the document and offering feedback:

- The draft INDC guidance does not address all of the potential elements of INDCs due to the current lack of clarity regarding INDCs in general.
- As a result, the current guidance document is focused only on mitigation given the immediate need for the communication of INDCs next year.
- The draft guidance document will be expanded based on feedback from countries and on forthcoming agreements and decisions relating to INDCs.

We encourage you to seek review from other stakeholders in your country that are involved in the INDC process. We thank you in advance for your feedback and collaboration.

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