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PROGRAMME AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Training on Climate Change for Industry and Trade Stakeholders in Vietnam (by To Dinh Thai, coordinator UNDP project 'Strengthening Capacities on Climate Change Initiatives in the Industry and Trade Sectors')



First industry & trade sector trainees certified on climate change policy in Vietnam



Simulation game on climate change and industry

In response to its commitments under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, Vietnam has continued to strengthen its national framework on climate change since 2011 through the development of a National Climate Change Strategy, a Green Growth Strategy, a National Target Programme on Climate Change, and a National Action Plan on Climate Change, as well as the management of GHG emissions and emission credits.

Vietnam has also submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) with the commitment to reduce 8% of national GHG emissions and up to 25% with international support. However, the awareness and participation of the industry and trade sector, which contributes to more than 50% of national emissions, still had to be fostered.

In 2015, the UNDP project 'Strengthening Capacities on Climate Change Initiatives in the Industry and Trade Sectors' in Vietnam, in collaboration with the national LECB project, is conducting six training courses for national Government officers from the Ministry of Industry and Trade, as well as from its provincial departments.

Each course lasts six days with 20-30 trainees each. The courses are organized in different locations: One in Hanoi for officials from government agencies in the central part of the country, as well as five for local officials from different provinces.

The courses provide a package of tailored knowledge on climate change, its impacts to sector activities, potential contributions of the sector against climate change, carbon finance and climate change

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mainstreaming into industry and trade policies.

The course programme consists of theory sessions in the morning, practice sessions in the afternoon, and a final test. It is expected that about 120 trainees will receive certificates, out of which about 22 will be women.

Climate Change Fair organized in Colombia by a coalition of multiple national and international organizations



A large number of organizations supported Colombia's Climate Change Fair

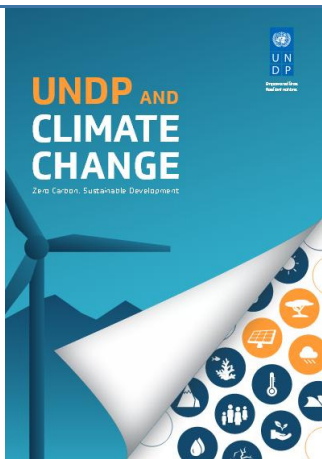
Gearing up for the climate negotiations in Paris, Colombia held a National Climate Change Fair, '*Colombia Towards the COP21*', in Bogota on 6 November. Having submitted its INDC on 7 September, with national targets until 2030, the country has established its commitments, focusing on a climate change resilient and low-carbon economy.

A range of organizations and regions in Colombia are already implementing climate change initiatives across the country. This current action is an important step, which will lay the foundation for the larger transformational change that is envisaged in the different sectors on the long-term.

To illustrate these initiatives, as well as to better link them to the national targets set for 2030, the Government together with a broad coalition of national and international organizations teamed up for the event, which featured a rich programme with high-level participation and presentations from organizations dealing with different aspects of climate change, including: finance, international cooperation, information management, research, education, cities and youth.

A highlight was the launch of the first Biennial Update Report on Climate Change. Parallel sessions featured poster fairs, discussions, as well as the launch of the '*Plan Vías Cambio Climático*' (climate-compatible ways). The sessions also included a discussion round with Ministry officials from the Departments of transport, health, agriculture and housing, as well as a final panel discussion on COP21. The day closed with the awarding of a scholarship for journalists to cover COP21. [More information](#)

UNDP's new flagship publication 'UNDP and Climate Change: Zero Carbon, Sustainable Development'



On November 23, UNDP released its new flagship publication, [UNDP and Climate Change: Zero Carbon, Sustainable Development](#), which outlines UNDP's decades-long support to partner countries to tackle climate change through mitigation and adaptation, forestry and sustainable land management, as well as planning and policy support including INDCs, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), LEDS and NAMAs.

The report provides the most comprehensive look to date of what is now a US\$ 2.3 billion portfolio across 140 countries, including projects, case studies, best practices, and regional focus areas [Download report](#)

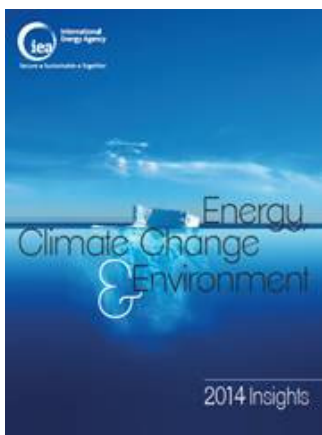
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The Climate Policy Initiatives Launches [Climate Finance Infographics](#), Including Clickable Maps

BBC Released [Six Visual Graphics](#) that Explain Climate Change, Including Interactive Charts



IEA's 'Energy, Climate Change, and Environment: 2014 Insights' Free for Download



The International Energy Agency's (IEA) publication, 'Energy, Climate Change, and Environment: 2014 Insights', is [free for download](#). The publication examines an array of policy options to reduce GHG emissions as well as whether and how various metrics might be used to monitor and advance the diverse range of nationally determined mitigation goals submitted to the UNFCCC. Also see in the report:

- What are the linkages between air pollution policies and GHG emissions?
- How can we 'unlock' existing high-emissions infrastructure, such as coal-fired power?
- How can an Emissions Trading Scheme be implemented, and how could the rise of such markets affect an international climate agreement?
- What alternative metrics, such as those framed around energy efficiency and RD&D, can be used to track energy sector decarbonisation over the short and long-term?

Asia LEDS Partnership Launches Online Training Curriculum to advance LEDS actions

The Asia LEDS Partnership has launched an online training curriculum, which provides freely available online training resources from a wide range of organizations, to advance low emission development strategy (LEDS) action in Asia.

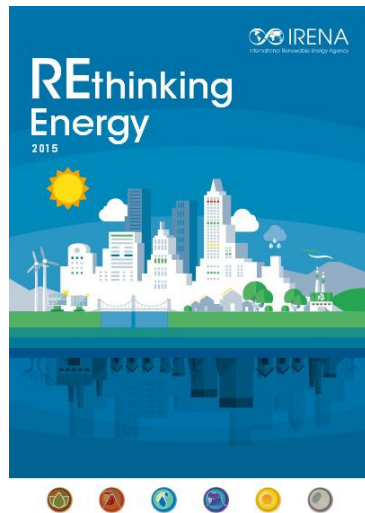


The online curriculum is organized into three tracks:

- Track 1: Overview of LEDS and the LEDS process (launched)
- Track 2: Low-emission energy planning (coming soon)
- Track 3: Low-emission land-use planning (coming soon)

Materials available comprise webinars, e-learning modules, presentations and guidebooks. Intended users include: planners, policymakers, and implementers at the national and sub-national levels; technical analysts, modelers, and researchers; businesses; project developers; as well as financial institutions. [Access the Asia LEDS Partnership Training Curriculum](#)

'Re-thinking Energy: Renewable Energy and Climate Change' released by IRENA



Renewable energy offers an immediate means to decarbonize the global energy mix. This is one of the key statements of the International Renewable Energy Agency's (IRENA) new report entitled, "Re-thinking Energy: Renewable Energy and Climate Change".

The report also finds that doubling the share of renewables by 2030 could deliver around half of the emissions reductions needed and, in combination with energy efficiency, could keep the rise in average global temperatures within 2 degrees Celsius target.

According to the report, the share of renewables needs to grow not only in power generation but also in transport, heating and cooling. To avoid a lock-in with unsustainable energy systems, investments must grow immediately and must almost double to USD 500 billion annually between now and 2020.

Five actions are highlighted to support the renewable energy transition:

- Strengthening the policy commitment to renewable energy
- Mobilizing investment in renewable energy
- Building institutional, technical and human capacity
- Harnessing the cross-cutting impact of renewables on sustainable development
- Enhancing regional engagement and international cooperation.

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