About the Asia LEDS Partnership

The Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Partnership is a voluntary regional network that promotes and enables low-emission, climate-resilient development across the Asia and Pacific region through peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing, and improved coordination and cooperation among governmental and non-governmental partners. Its goal is to advance the development of country-led and country-specific strategic plans to promote economic growth while reducing GHG emissions – without causing trade-offs to other environmental pressures – in the Asia region. Supporting the development and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is a key objective of the Partnership.

Launched in September 2012, the Asia LEDS Partnership is one of the four regional platforms of LEDS Global Partnership (LEDS GP). LEDS GP was launched in 2011, with more than 300 institutions across government agencies, technical institutes, international agencies, and NGOs to drive low-emission development.

Its members include organizations and individuals from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors – active in designing, promoting, and/or implementing LEDS and broader green growth initiatives.
MEMBERSHIP

The membership for the Partnership is voluntary, cost-free, and is open to government agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals working to advance low-emission development within Asia and the Pacific.

The Asia LEDS Partnership consists of 1070 members (718 individuals and 352 organizations). The membership includes 45 Government Ministries/Agencies from 14 Asian countries (Nepal, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Marshal Islands, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of China/Taiwan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka).

Member Benefits
- A unique network for regional peer exchange, networking, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration on LEDS and green growth policies and practices
- Access to online training, in-person and online resources on key LEDS topics
- Technical capacity building services on several thematic areas: Energy, Transport, Sub-National Integration (SNI) and Finance
- A platform to understand the ways of accessing public and private funds for climate finance
- Access to e-newsletters and other resources on LEDS and best practices
- A way to leverage resources and promote synergies, avoiding duplication of efforts
- A forum to cultivate and support LEDS and green growth leaders and champions
- Deep-dive technical support and opportunity to participate in Communities of Practice (CoP) to Early Mover Countries
- Access to remote technical assistance in several thematic areas

JOIN US

We welcome organizations and individuals working within the sub-regions of East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and the Pacific to join the Asia LEDS Partnership. Please write to us at alpsecretariat@iclei.org

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

Asia is a diverse region, with countries at different stages of development and low-emission development planning and implementation. Activities supported by the Asia LEDS Partnership are responsive to member priorities and needs.

Communities of Practices (CoPs)
The CoPs are intended to be interactive networks comprised of experts and practitioners from a sector or working area. They are member-driven platforms for ongoing collaboration to allow for deeper learning and sustained participation, continuous access to tools and expert assistance, and to foster champions that will serve as role models for other countries.

Finance CoP
- 40 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam
- Presenting options on blended capital and green bonds to support achieving NDC targets

Grid-Scale Renewable Energy CoP
- 50 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam
- Renewable energy development, grid integration, competitive procurement, zoning and financing

Clean Mobility CoP
- 50 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Vietnam
- Discussion on challenges and opportunities in usage of clean fuels and electric mobility for public transport

Multi-Level Climate Governance CoP
- 50 participants from Pakistan, India, Philippines, Mongolia, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan
- Discussion on frameworks, challenges and opportunities for enabling multi-level climate governance, to achieve NDC targets

Capacity Building on Tools, Frameworks & Approaches

The partnership provides training, demonstrations, and access to information on LEDS-related tools, models, and frameworks, and works to increase cooperation among organizations offering LEDS and green growth capacity building programs.

Knowledge Creation & Dissemination
The Asia LEDS Partnership works with members to develop and/or provide access to resources on LEDS and green growth. These include studies, reports, presentations, and online platforms.

Expert Assistance & Advisory Services
The Asia LEDS Partnership, in cooperation with the LEDS Global Partnership, facilitates access to Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) on an array of topics related to LEDS and green growth. These services can be provided in-person, via phone, and/or by email at no cost.
- Reviewing draft LED/green growth related strategies/action plans
- Assessing the potential for implementation of LED measures
- Developing implementation frameworks for LED policies and actions
- Contextualising and disseminating successful approaches from other countries and regions
Resources

The Asia LEDS Partnership website (www.AsiaLEDS.org) provides a library of documents and research reports; country profiles; and news about programs and initiatives in the Asia and Pacific region related to low-emission, climate-resilient development.

- Webinars from regional and global experts, free-of-charge to members
- A series of briefs on LEDS, pilot initiatives, and LEDS planning approaches in Asia

Some tools, frameworks and training courses offered or coordinated through the Asia LEDS Partnership:

- Mobilise Your City - Moving towards sustainable, energy efficient, urban mobility in emerging cities (Study Tour - 2018), organized by the Energy Smart Communities’ Initiative (ESCI) of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Webinar on “Enabling a transition to electric mobility in ‘Public transport fleets’ and ‘Intermediate public transport fleets’: Policies and Enabling Environment”, as part of the Clean Mobility CoP activities
- Webinar on “Green Banks: The Role of Public Sector Banks for Catalysing Private Sector Investments” - in partnership with the Coalition for Green Capital
- Technical Consultation workshop - Institutional Mapping for NDC Implementation at Sub National Level in Colombo, Sri Lanka

ALP Forums, Regional Workshops and Other Events

- Asia LEDS Partnership events have a strong focus on regional peer-to-peer sharing of experiences and good practices. These events bring together Asian policymakers, practitioners, and international experts to learn about and discuss trends, opportunities, tools, and models for effective low-carbon projects, polices, and initiatives.
- Each year, a Forum is organised where approximately 200 participants gather in countries across the region (Thailand in 2012, the Philippines in 2013, Indonesia in 2014, Vietnam in 2016 and 2017) to share tools, models, approaches, and best practices to increase capacity and readiness for planning and implementing LEDS and green growth initiatives in Asia.
- In 2017, the Partnership convened high level Regional meetings on Clean Energy, Sustainable Landscapes, organized workshop on ‘Multi-level Governance and the NDCs in Asia - Accelerating Sub-National Implementation and Raising National Ambitions’.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

The Asia LEDS Partnership is one of four regional platforms of the LEDS Global Partnership, a network that engages leaders from over 300 institutions across government agencies, technical institutes, international agencies and NGOs. ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments, supported by a team of global experts, driving sustainable urban development worldwide, hosts the ALP Secretariat. ICLEI South Asia, along with ICLEI South East Asia and ICLEI East Asia Secretariats, manages the ALP Secretariat.

The Asia LEDS Partnership follows the LEDS Global Partnership’s distributed leadership structure which allocates responsibility for tasks to organizations willing and with resources to lead activities.

A Steering Committee, led by a Co-Chair and two immediate past co-chairs, is responsible for guiding the Asia LEDS Partnership to identify, design, organize, and deliver support activities to members, and to coordinate closely with the LEDS Global Partnership to ensure linkages and communication. The Steering Committee is nominated every two years.
WHAT ARE LEDS?

Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) are country-led and country-specific strategic plans to promote economic growth while simultaneously reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions (in absolute or relative terms) over the long term without causing trade-offs with other environmental pressures. LEDS provide a framework for broader green growth strategies. While LEDS focus on reducing GHG emissions, due diligence should be taken to ensure that LEDS do not cause unintended environmental pressures.

LEDS are a key element for short, medium, and long-term national economic development plans, contributing to green growth and climate resilience. These strategies encompass national climate change laws, green growth strategies and plans, sectoral plans for low emission development, Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the 2015 Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC. LEDS also play a key and integral role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For more information, please visit www.asialeds.org or www.ledsgp.org

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- ECN Policy Studies
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- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
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