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. 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
Membership 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. Members include international partners supporting LEDS in Asia.

Member Benefits
- A unique network for regional peer exchange, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration on LEDS and green growth policies and practices
- Access to training, technical assistance, capacity building, and other in-person and online resources on key LEDS topics
- A platform to help access public and private funds for climate finance
- 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

Member Roles
- Share information, experiences, and lessons on LEDS initiatives and activities
- Participate in and/or lead activities supported by the Asia LEDS Partnership
- Contribute in-kind or financial support for Asia LEDS Partnership activities, if possible
- Conduct outreach to broaden awareness and participation in Asia LEDS Partnership activities and LEDS
- Collaborate on resources development and improvement

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, please write us at Secretariat@asialeds.org, or sign up online at http://adobe.ly/11XRCPp.
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 aim to be responsive to member priorities and needs.

► Regional Forums, 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, policies, and initiatives.

► 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. The Asia LEDS Partnership is also working with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) on expansion of a regional training facility in Thailand that serves as a hub for training on an array of LEDS disciplines.

► Knowledge Creation & Dissemination

The Asia LEDS Partnership works with members to develop and/or provide access to resources on LEDS and green growth. Examples 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 expert technical assistance 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 strategies
- Analyzing optional measures or analytical approaches
- Sharing approaches that other countries have employed
- Advising on and providing links to other programs for more in-depth assistance
The annual **Asia LEDS Forum** has become the premier regional event for coordination and collaboration on low-emission, climate-resilient development in Asia.

Each year approximately 200 participants gather in countries across the region – Thailand in 2012, the Philippines in 2013, and Indonesia in 2014 – to share tools, models, approaches, and best practices to increase capacity and readiness for planning and implementing LEDS and green growth initiatives in Asia.

Other **regional workshops** focus on specific priority themes such as climate finance and low-emission transport, or sharing of national LEDS experiences.
Tools, frameworks, and training courses offered or coordinated through the Asia LEDS Partnership:

- Training by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on facilitating the LEDS process to help participants elaborate an action plan and process tailored to their own national circumstances.

- Training by the World Bank to support planning, designing, and implementing policy instruments to help spur low-emission development.

- Training on GHG accounting for forestry and other land use projects, as part of a series offered through the USAID-supported Asian Greenhouse Gas Management Center in Thailand to build capacity across the region in disciplines supporting low-emission development.

- Training by the World Resources Institute (WRI) on mitigation goals accounting and reporting standards to support a consistent, transparent, international, and standardized approach to evaluating GHG mitigation goals.

- Demonstration and training on the Transport Emissions Evaluation Model (TEEMP) tool, a Microsoft Excel-based spreadsheet model that enables the estimation of emissions and can be used to evaluate the impacts of projects.

- Demonstration and training on tools developed by the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability for evaluating the co-benefits of urban LEDS.

Resources on LEDS and green growth:

- 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 and green growth policies, initiatives, and processes in Asia.
The Asia LEDS Partnership is one of three regional platforms of the LEDS Global Partnership, a network of more than 120 countries and international programs that enhances coordination, information exchange, and cooperation to advance climate-resilient, low-emission growth.

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 two 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. An Asia LEDS Partnership Secretariat provides administrative, logistical, and coordination support to the Steering Committee and Co-Chairs, and serves as the point of contact for members. The LEDS GP Secretariat works with the Asia LEDS Partnership Steering Committee, Co-Chairs, and Secretariat to support needs and the overall coordination of regional platforms and global work stream activities.
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. At the regional and global level, LEDS are used to support the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals, prioritizing the four “pros” of pro-growth, pro-job, pro-poor, and pro-environment. The five stages of the LEDS process include organizing the process (e.g., identifying the institutional structure, selecting mechanisms for stakeholder involvement), collecting data and assessing the current situation, using analytical decision-making to identify and assess pathways, prioritizing and planning a portfolio of actions, and implementing and monitoring actions.
Asia LEDS Partnership Steering Committee Member Organizations
(January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018)

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