Introducing the Asia LEDS Partnership

The Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) is a voluntary regional network with over 885 members (611 individuals and 274 organizations). It supports low emission development across the Asia and Pacific region through peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing, improved coordination, and cooperation among governmental and non-governmental partners. Its aim is to advance the development of country-led and country-specific strategic plans to promote economic growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and without causing trade-offs with other environmental pressures. The ALP is one of the four regional platforms of the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP).

Focus areas in 2018: Energy, Transport, Sub-National Integration and Finance

The partnership had identified the priority areas based on feedback from member countries from various country consultation meetings including Asia LEDS Fora 2016 and 2017 held in Vietnam. The sectoral priorities, specific sub-topic interests, capacity development needs (webinar, in-person training), technical assistance requirement and other details reported by the country participants have been considered in scoping out the ALP work plan activities for 2018-19. The activities are planned around four Communities of Practice (CoPs) of ALP.

ALP Forum 2017

The ALP Forum serves as the premier gathering of policymakers, donors, practitioners, and other experts involved in enabling low-emission, climate-resilient development in Asia. The ALP Forum 2017, 5-6th December 2017 organized in the theme, ‘Resource Mobilization for NDC Implementation in Asia’ brought together more than 200 participants from 24 Countries across the globe. The two-day forum included several thematic, interactive sessions designed to foster peer-learning and exchange between Asian and international officials and experts.

Transport Workshop

The Transport WG had teamed up with ALP to organize a transport workshop on ‘Improving the Efficiency of Urban Transport Projects’, 4th of December, 2017 with funding support from APEC and GIZ. The one-day workshop focused on the operational and energy efficiency of urban bus systems, and provided a platform for peer knowledge exchange, with participants and experts sharing experiences on the topic, along with exchanges with experts. Participating countries included Thailand, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam.

REAL Services

The no-cost Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) service is available to government of developing countries and technical institutes assisting them in advancing climate resilient low emission development and achieving mitigation commitments. Countries can avail technical assistance on LEDS analysis, policy, and related issues spanning topics such as agriculture, energy, forestry, transportation, waste, finance, sub-national integration and climate resilience.

The Planning Commission of the Government of Bangladesh requested assistance to advance their in-country LEDS planning and implementation efforts. LEDS GP experts met with government representatives and stakeholders to discuss the steps being taken by Bangladesh towards LEDS planning and implementation. They provided guidance on how to close potential gaps in planning and coordination among government institutions, capacity, and financing in order to accelerate implementation of the country’s Green Growth Strategy.
Communities of Practice (CoPs)

The CoPs are intended to be interactive networks comprised of experts and practitioners from a sector or working area who come together as a group to regularly engage in peer to peer learning to improve their personal and collective group knowledge. The network offers an alternative to conventional knowledge sharing networks that usually feature top-down development assistance and policy adoption by providing an inclusive member experience. ALP is set to manage four CoPs in 2018.

Community of Practice Activities

- Peer to peer knowledge sharing and learning through online sessions and in-person workshops
- Resource materials - developing case stories, compilation of tools, resources, training materials, and good practices
- Technical assistance and handholding support – providing deep dive support to early mover countries to address specific technical needs and advance LEDS

NDC Finance CoP

Over 35 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have registered for finance CoP.

Priority topics include lowering the cost and risk of capital and financing strategies, including attracting private finance through smart policy and enabling environments.

The first online session on Finance CoP is currently being planned for June 2018.

Grid-Scale Renewable Energy (GRE) CoP

Launched in January 2018 with about 35 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Priority topics include strategic energy planning, smart incentives and enabling environment for renewable energy development, renewable energy grid integration, competitive procurement, renewable energy zones, and financing.

Two virtual sessions on ‘Strategic Energy Planning’ and ‘Smart Incentives and Enabling Environment for RE Development’ have been organized and two in-person in person workshops focused on grid integration of variable RE and RE auctions are being planned at Asia Clean Energy Forum 2018 in Manila, Philippines.

Clean Mobility CoP

Includes over 40 participants from eight countries that include Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Vietnam. Priority areas include clean mobility with a focus on the usage of clean fuels, electric mobility, technology and creation of supporting infrastructure, and policy and regulatory framework for public transport along with the involvement of private sector.

To enable peer learning, ALP in collaboration with Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation workshop (APEC) organized a workshop in Singapore for CoP participants focused on, ‘Moving Towards Sustainable, Energy Efficient Urban Mobility in Emerging Cities’, 7-9th of May, 2018.

The first online session planned on the 22nd of June, 2018 will focus on ‘Enabling a Transition to Electric Mobility in Public Transport Fleets: Policies and Enabling Environment’.

The CoP on Multi-Level Governance is planned to be launched shortly.

Join us

Individual members and organizations within the public, private and non-profit sectors working to advance low-emission development in Asia are invited to join the ALP. Membership is voluntary, cost-free, and unlimited in duration.

‘For more information, or to request no-cost technical assistance or to join the Asia LEDS Partnership and its Communities of Practice, please visit www.AsiaLEDS.org or email Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula at alpsecretariat@iclei.org

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