Introducing the Asia LEDS Partnership

The Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) is a voluntary regional network that aims to advance the development of country-led and country-specific strategic plans to promote economic growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions 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).

Based on feedback from member countries, the ALP has identified four priority areas for work in 2018-2020: energy, transport, finance and climate governance. Activities for these priority areas are planned through the four ALP Communities of Practice (CoPs).

Members: The Asia LEDS Partnership consists of 1125 numbers in 2019 (754 individuals and 371 organizations). The membership includes 45 Government Ministries/Agencies from 14 Asian countries (Nepal, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka).

Communities of Practices (CoPs)

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<td>• Presenting options on blended capital and green bonds to support achieving NDC targets</td>
<td>• Renewable energy development, grid integration, competitive procurement, zoning and financing</td>
<td>• Discussion on challenges and opportunities in usage of clean fuels and electric mobility for public transport</td>
<td>• Discussion on issues and opportunities in effectively integrating multi-level governance for achieving NDC targets</td>
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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. 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.
Spotlight of Our Work

- 150 practitioners have enhancements in knowledge and technical capacity to support renewable energy grid integration and development, clean mobility and climate finance solutions.
- 15 countries have improvements in their policies, analytical and planning approaches towards scaling renewable energy and grid integration, transition to electric mobility in public transport fleets and climate finance solutions.
- 10 new strategic partnerships have been developed with regional and international institutions to advance further cooperation on renewable energy scale up, clean mobility solutions, etc.
- Technical assistance to develop Climate Resilient CITIES Action Plan (CRCAP) to two sub-national governments.
- Compilation of technical resources and trainings on renewable energy grid integration, clean mobility and climate finance are available here - http://www.asialeads.org/community-of-practice/
- Be part of the network of LinkedIn experts on clean transport in Asia at “Community of Practice - Clean Mobility for Cities in Asia Pacific”.

The Climate Helpdesk

The Climate Helpdesk services are available at no cost to developing countries, including government agencies and consultants, technical institutions, and NGOs that are working directly with country governments to plan and implement their NDCs, LEDs or transparency systems. The Climate Helpdesk is a joint service of the global initiatives viz. LEDs GP and Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) in co-operation with the NDC Partnership. The Climate Helpdesk is a global advisory network providing timely, high quality, technical assistance to developing countries on NDC implementation, LEDs analysis, sub-national integration, linkages with climate resilience, finance, energy, transportation, and waste questions.

- Developing a renewable metering policy in Bangladesh – July 2017
  
  The Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA) of Bangladesh submitted a REAL request to develop a net metering policy in Bangladesh. REAL experts teamed up with the Clean Energy Solutions Center’s Ask an Expert service to provide case studies and resources outlining implementation challenges and solutions related to designing net metering policies and tariffs. As a result, SREDA is now in the final stages of preparing a draft policy, which will help promote rooftop solar energy, assist Bangladesh in meeting its goals for installed renewable energy, and improve overall electricity access in the country.

ALP Services available to CoP members

- Peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and learning through online sessions and in-person regional peer learning and training workshops; improving cross-country collaboration and cooperation among governmental and non-governmental partners.
- Access to resource materials such as issue briefs, case stories, decision tools, and training materials that enable practitioners to champion LEDs and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Technical assistance and handholding support to early mover countries through the LEDs GP’s Climate Helpdesk Services, to address specific technical needs and advance LEDs and NDC implementation.

ALP Forum

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. In December 2017, the ALP Forum focused on ‘Resource Mobilization for NDC Implementation in Asia’ and 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. For further information on ALP Forum please visit http://www.asialeads.org/about-us/asia-leds-forums/

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 join the Asia LEDS Partnership please visit www.AsiaLEDS.org or email Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula at the ALP secretariat at alpsecretariat@iclei.org

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