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# The Finance Working Group

The Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) Finance Working Group provides technical assistance, matchmaking, training and case studies of financing strategies and approaches. The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), the United States Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), and the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam lead the activities of this Working Group.

Working Group members include representatives of governments, international development organizations and the private sector from across the world, who carry out the activities in collaboration.

## The Finance Working Group in action

## Technical assistance and matchmaking

Expert assistance on finance is available to developing country government agencies preparing and implementing LEDS, and to technical institutes supporting these agencies. Inquiries should be related to the development of LEDS financing strategies and programs. The team will provide no-cost consultations via telephone and email to:

- review your draft financing strategies
- provide information on financing, investment and funding options
- advise on policies and measures for mobilizing investment
- identify opportunities and sources for capacity building on LEDS finance
- support matchmaking with potential funders and offer guidance on finance proposals, such as those to the Green Climate Fund.

Our network of expert advisers includes members of the Working Group itself, as well as individuals from other LEDS organizations. For more information about this activity or to request assistance, visit: www.ledsgp.org/working-groups/finance/

#### The LEDS Finance Conceptual Framework

The LEDS Finance Conceptual Framework brings together the lessons learned and expertise from leading climate finance organizations to provide a robust, common understanding of:

- the concept of and guiding principles for LEDS finance
- various mechanisms for LEDS finance
- approaches to spur the financing of national and sub-national LEDS actions, considering the local context
- the major challenges currently facing countries in accessing financing, funding and possible solutions.

Priority thematic areas for the Working Group are:

- fiscal measures and their impact on LEDS financing
- mobilizing private finance for LEDS
- access to international finance.

The Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) was founded in 2011 to enhance coordination, information exchange and cooperation among countries and international programs working to advance low-emission, climate-resilient growth. The LEDS GP currently brings together LEDS leaders and practitioners from more than 160 countries and international institutions through innovative peer learning and collaboration forums and networks. For the full list of participants and more information on partnership activities, see: www.ledsgp.org | Email: secretariat@ledsgp.org



## Collaboration with the regional platforms

The Finance Working Group will support the regional platforms in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia by lending its expertise and network contacts to support technical assistance requests and matchmaking between funders and potential recipients. It will also help to design and implement in-person and web-based training.

The Working Group will also work with the regional platforms to develop proposals for additional, in-depth services. For example, it is delivering training sessions on fiscal instruments and accessing climate finance during the LEDS Latin American and the Caribbean annual event, as well as a joint webinar for the region. Meanwhile, it will collaborate with the Africa LEDS Partnership to develop and document two good case studies of how governments are developing national LEDS or green growth finance facilities, and make these available to all Africa LEDS Partnership members. It will also develop an investor matchmaking portal for African countries.

### Other knowledge products

The Working Group will develop case studies and webinars on topics such as domestic fiscal instruments, attracting private investment for green growth, and accessing international public finance such as through the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) Facility and Green Climate Fund.

## Join us

The Finance Working Group is open to all LEDS finance practitioners and country teams. Please join us in this effort by contacting Nguyen Trinh (Government of Viet Nam) at: trinh4mpi@gmail.com or James Rawlins, ECN at: rawlins@ecn.nl

For more information about the Working Group, please visit: www.ledsgp.org/working-groups/finance/

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