



## Subnational Integration Working Group

The Low-Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) Subnational Integration Working Group strives to accelerate climate-resilient, low-emission development by improving and supporting the coordination and vertical integration of climate action between national and subnational governments.

The increase in climate initiatives by subnational governments and non-state actors is undoubtedly helping to realise much untapped greenhouse gas mitigation potential. However, there is still a unique opportunity to capture significant, additional mitigation value if climate initiatives are better coordinated and vertically integrated. Such coordination and integration not only increases the probability of achieving more ambitious Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), it can also improve synergies with concurrent national development objectives and other multilateral agreements, such as the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

### The Subnational Integration Working Group in action

#### Information, leadership and collaboration

The Working Group provides topical information and thought leadership and facilitates collaboration between national and subnational governments. This includes peer learning and exchange, producing case studies, disseminating best practices, hosting technical webinars and convening workshops at LEDS annual meetings, among other activities.

Across these, the Working Group highlights key opportunities, barriers and solutions. It encourages national and subnational governments to consider how, through implementing more integrated approaches, they can better engage and support their cities and non-state actors to accelerate climate action, capture co-benefits and strengthen national and international commitments to sustainable development.

The Working Group's knowledge-sharing platform provides access to case studies, white papers, webinar recordings, resource guides and presentations from the annual regional LEDS GP platform meetings.

#### Advisory service

Along with other LEDS GP thematic working groups, the Subnational Integration Working Group provides targeted remote expert assistance on LEDS to governments upon request, for up to 40 hours of an expert's time. This is via the 'Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS' (REAL) service, available at: [www.ledsgp.org](http://www.ledsgp.org)

#### Recent highlights

- Case study: 'Financing energy transformation at the subnational level in Peru'
- White paper: 'What national governments can do to accelerate subnational action on climate'
- Webinar: 'LEDS and the rise of non-state actors: Where, who and what'

These are all available at: [www.ledsgp.org](http://www.ledsgp.org)



### Subnational climate action

The coordination and vertical integration of subnational climate actions can:

- raise national government ambitions for more aggressive greenhouse gas mitigation commitments
- scale up and unlock new mitigation opportunities at the local level
- help to alleviate domestic political constraints to transformational climate actions
- enable 'safe learning' and strengthen domestic institutions
- confront particular technical barriers and limits to subnational and non-state actors' climate actions
- strengthen measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) to improve the consistency of subnational and national climate data sets
- create a more bankable, 'low-risk' environment for green infrastructure investments
- expand and accelerate the flow of international public and private climate finance to cities, urban infrastructure and priority local issues
- accelerate the implementation of 'bundled' national development priorities to improve synergies with concurrent national development objectives and other multilateral agreements.

### Join us

The Subnational Integration Working Group convenes regular interactions and is open to all LEDS practitioners and country teams. Please join us in this effort by emailing Scott A. Muller at: [SMuller@sig-gis.com](mailto:SMuller@sig-gis.com). You can also contact Jebi Rahman at: [jebi.rahman@cdkn.org](mailto:jebi.rahman@cdkn.org) or Caroline Uriarte at: [caroline.uriarte@nrel.gov](mailto:caroline.uriarte@nrel.gov)

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