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# Introducing the Africa LEDS Partnership

The Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP) has a broad membership from over 31 countries within Africa, which includes governments, civil society, and the private sector. The Partnership is working towards a prosperous, climate resilient Africa, with inclusive green growth, for the welfare of current and future generations. It promotes low carbon, climate resilient development to support poverty alleviation, job creation, and environmental management in Africa. The AfLP is one of the regional platforms in the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP).



### Current priority areas

- Advancing mini-grids as drivers of rural development: The AfLP inaugurated an Africa Mini-Grids Community of Practice (AMG-CoP) in June 2017 which brings together government officials, private sector, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders with ambition to scale the implementation of mini-grids in Africa.
- Finance: The AfLP will play a key role in sharing the learning produced through the IKI-funded Mobilizing Investment for NDC Implementation project, which aims to support government decision-makers in leveraging private finance for low emission development priorities.
- The Africa LEDS Project: Collaborating with the European Commission and United Nations Environment Program on the Africa LEDS project on planning and implementation of low emissions development strategies and NDCs in participating African countries. The project has three components: 1) the development and/or implementation of LEDS plans; 2) capacity building in LEDS modeling; and 3) regional peer learning forums in five regions of Africa.

#### Our services:

- Peer-to-peer exchange bringing together LEDS practitioners to share their experiences, lessons, and good practices through workshops, remote forums, and communities of practice.
- Technical assistance through LEDS GP's Remote Expert LEDS (REAL) Assistance on service, which facilitates cooperation to develop, improve, share, and enable access to analysis, tools and data, technical reports, good practice studies, and communication products.
- Access to knowledge resources that enable practitioners to champion LEDS and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Early mover projects and innovations that help to progress specific aspects of LEDS and NDCs.

#### Collaboration

In 2017, the AfLP held its fourth annual regional workshop in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. This brought together government officials, practitioners, and technical institutions for an interactive and member-driven event focused on the integration of LEDS into the development priorities of the continent as put forward by the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The workshop used peer-to-peer learning and collaborative planning sessions to unlock the expertise and experience existing within the membership. Key outcomes of the workshop included improved knowledge sharing and learning on workshop themes, and requests for remote expert assistance on specific topics including energy, AFOLU and climate finance.

We provided technical assistance to the Governments of Zimbabwe and South Sudan through the LEDS GP's REAL service. In Zimbabwe, through the Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, REAL support was used to develop a roadmap - Cornerstones of a Sustainable Low Emission Development Strategy in Zimbabwe. The document provides an overall framework for low emission development and will be used to guide the development of a low emission development strategy. In South Sudan, through the Ministry of Transport and Roads, REAL support was used to update the five-year Transport Sector Policy (2017-2021), providing recommendations for integrating climate compatible options.



The Africa LEDS Partnership is working with members to form groups of countries that wish to collaborate as early movers of innovative approaches on their LEDS and NDCs. This includes piloting a new NDC Investment Accelerator approach, and taking part in a new Community of Practice on African Mini-Grids.

#### Join us

The Africa LEDS Partnership is open to governments, organizations, and individuals working on LEDS. For more information and to join the Partnership, please visit: www.africaledspartnership.org

## Support the Africa LEDS Partnership

If you are interested in providing support or would like to recommend a colleague or institution, please email the Africa LEDS GP Secretariat at: africasecretariat@ledsgp.org

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