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Finance Working Group

Developing countries face unique challenges in attracting private sector investment into the sectors necessary to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy, such as energy and infrastructure. However with sufficient financial support, they also have a key opportunity to become high economic growth, low carbon economies.

The Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) Finance Working Group supports developing countries in accelerating low emission development investment through peer learning, targeted technical collaboration, and innovative public private partnerships. Expert advisory and early mover support is also available to assist countries with innovative approaches to scaling up private investment in their low emission development strategies priorities.

Priority areas:

- Mobilizing investment in LEDS and nationally determined contributions (NDCs): Providing technical and advisory support to early movers to identify investment opportunities in LEDS and NDCs, and make progress on building an investment pathway.
 From 2017 to 2019, the Finance Working Group is providing support to Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines and Vietnam with private investment mobilization for their NDC and LEDS priorities.
- Private sector engagement: Increasing private sector involvement and investment in LEDS and NDCs through stakeholder engagement and practical public–private sector dialogues to build a strong enabling environment for investment.
- Knowledge support and navigation: Facilitating peer learning from investmentoriented work in the Partnership and helping members to navigate the huge amount of information available on LEDS finance by curating resources, delivering webinars, and enhancing access to new knowledge products.
- **Communities of practice:** Partnering with the regional LEDS Platforms to convene communities of practice on clean energy minigrids financing in Africa and clean energy project finance in Asia.



With a special focus on clean energy infrastructure, these activities promote emerging policy and regulatory frameworks that attract private sector finance that is equitable, transparent, and sustainable.

The Finance Working Group has more than 600 members across the world, including government finance and investment planners, consultants and advisors, representatives of international and regional organizations, and the private sector.



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. LEDS GP currently brings together LEDS leaders and practitioners from more than 350 institutions across 118 countries 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

Technical support

The LEDS GP Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS (REAL) service supports requests from developing country LEDS teams, including government agencies and consultants, technical institutions, and non-governmental organizations that work directly with country governments to plan and implement their LEDS.

The Finance Working Group provides targeted remote expert assistance on LEDS to governments upon request, for up to 40 hours of an expert's time. In particular, the Finance Working Group can offer support on developing LEDS finance plans, designing ginancial mechanisms and national funds, identifying bankable projects, such as Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), and understanding and accessing international climate finance including the Green Climate Fund.

More information is available at: ledsgp.org/assistance

Spotlight project: Resource guide for NDC finance

Request: Members have told the Finance Working Group that it is difficult and time consuming find the most appropriate resources to help them in their work on LEDS finance. They needed an up-to-date resource containing all the relevant finance-related information.

Actions taken: The Finance Working Group has developed an interactive resource guide that helps members to access relevant resources for specific LEDS finance topics.



The LEDS Resource guide for NDC finance presents a curated selection of resources on a range of topics around finance for LEDS and NDCs. It is designed to help LEDS practitioners find high quality resources that meet their specific needs, avoiding time-consuming web searching. It is useful to individuals working on, or interested in, LEDS and NDC finance in both developed and developing countries. The resource will be refined over time following member feedback and as new resources become available, while still aiming to be concise and easy to use.

The resource guide is available in pdf form here and the interactive version will launch online in late 2017 on the LEDS GP website.

Join us

The Finance Working Group is open to all LEDS finance practitioners and country teams. Please join our efforts by contacting the Working Group at: finance@ledsgp.org

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

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