



Program

Asia LEDS Partnership Forum 2021

Advancing NDC Implementation and Strengthening the Long Term Strategies

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Program Structure

TIME	MONDAY 23 AUG 2021	TI
16:30 – 18:30 (New Delhi) 18:00 – 20:00 (Bangkok) 20:00 – 22:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)	Inaugural & Plenary 1: Ambitious Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and transformational vision	13:00 – 14:30 (14:30 – 16:00 (16:30 – 18:00 (

TIME	TUESDAY, 24 AUG 2021
13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi) 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok) 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)	Plenary 2: Long term strategies for raising NDC ambition

TIME	WEDNESDAY 25 AUG 2021	THURSDAY 26 AUG 2021	TUESDAY 31 AUG 2021	THURSDAY 2 SEP 2021	TUESDAY 7 SEP 2021	WEDNESDAY 8 SEP2021	THURSDAY 9 SEP 2021
09:30 – 11:00 (New Delhi) 11:00 – 12:30 (Bangkok) 13:00 – 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)	A1: Energy Global Power Sector Transformation (G-PST) and the role of system operators in clean energy transitions (11:00 – 12:00 Bangkok)	A3: Sub-national Integration National governments' initiatives to support subnational climate actions	B1: LT LEDS Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and green recovery	B3: Transport Impact of the COVID- 19 pandemic on transport: strategies for recovery	C1: Finance Accelerating investments to support NDC implementation and low emission development	C3: Transparency The enhanced transparency framework: guidance for implementation	Closure
13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi)	A2: Energy Distributed Energy	A4: Sub-national Integration	B2: LT LEDS LT LEDS Aligning	B4: Transport Enabling	C2: Finance Global carbon	C4: Transparency	
14:30 — 16:00 (Bangkok) 16:30 — 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)	Resources (DERs) to support energy transition	Fund mobilization for sub-national climate actions	NDCs and Long term strategy	environment for electric mobility in public transport	market instruments for achieving climate goals	arrangements for robust transparency systems	



Detailed Program Asia LEDS Forum 2021

(Note: Schedule is in Bangkok time)

Week 1: Day 1 – Inaugural I (Monday, 23 August 2021)

16:30 – 18:30 (New Delhi); 18:00 – 20:00 (Bangkok); 20:00 – 22:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

18:00 – 18:55 (Bangkok)

Inaugural ceremony

- Welcome: Mr. Emani Kumar, Lead Director, Asia LEDS Partnership [6 minutes]
- Welcome Remarks: Curt Garrigan, ALP Co-Chair & Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN ESCAP [6 minutes]
- Introductory remarks and overview of LEDS GP: Caroline Uriarte, Senior Program Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) [7 minutes]
- ALP introduction and overview of 3 weeks of ALP forum 2021: Soumya Chaturvedula, Deputy Director, ICLEI South Asia
 [6 minutes]
- Keynote address: Ian Lloyd, Senior Advisor for Clean Energy and Innovation Office of Global Change, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), US Department of State [10 minutes]
- **Keynote address:** Till Tibbe, Policy Officer, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
- Special note address: Conor Barry, Team Lead, Intergovernmental Negotiations Unit and NDC, LT-LEDS and Sectorial Support Unit [10 minutes]

18:55 - 19:50 (Bangkok)

Plenary 1: Transformational vision for ambitious Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS)

Moderator: Dr. Katinka Weinberger, Chief of Environment and Development Policy Section (EDPS), UN ESCAP [3 minutes]

Overview presentation: Progress of NDC implementation in Asia Pacific and methodological framework and preliminary findings — Aneta Nikolova, Climate Action Theme Lead, UN ESCAP [6 minutes]

Keynote speaker: Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh will present on 'The need for raising ambition and aspects to be considered' [8 minutes]

Panelists

- Anand Tsog, Climate Change Policy Specialist, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia [8 minutes]
- Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE), Nepal confirmed [8 minutes]
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Government of Vietnam: confirmed [8 minutes]
- Vichet Ratha Khlok, NDC Partnership in-country Facilitator, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia speak on gender issues in climate change actions [8 minutes]

Q & A [6 minutes]

19:50 - 20:00 (Bangkok)

Closing remarks: Felipe Gomez, Technical Coordinator, LEDS GP Global Secretariat, GIZ

Virtual group photo

Week 1: Day 2 – Inaugural II (Tuesday, 24 August 2021)

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 – 16:15 (Bangkok)	Plenary 2: Raising NDC ambition with long term transformational visions
14.20 14.25 (Panakak)	Opening remarks & introduction to panelists
14:30 – 14:35 (Bangkok)	Moderator: Jens Radschinki, Regional Lead of UNFCCC/IGES Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Bangkok)
	Organizer: Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Bangkok and Asia LEDS Partnership
	Overview presentation: GGGI (TBC) [8 minutes]
14:55 – 15:35 (Bangkok)	 Panelists Joojin Kim, Managing Director and Founder, Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC), Republic of Korea [10 minutes] Prof. Yun Sun-Jin, Co-chairperson of 2050 Carbon Neutrality Commission, Republic of Korea [10 minutes] Deepitika Chand, Senior Mitigation Officer, The Climate Change and International Cooperation Division (CCICD), Fiji [10 minutes] Ryuzo Sugimoto, Director, International Cooperation and Sustainable Infrastructure Office, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan [10 minutes] Clarence Samuel, Director, Office of the President, Republic of Marshall Islands (TBC) Cynthia Maharani, Climate Research Analyst, Climate and Ocean Unit, WRI
15:35 – 15:50 (Bangkok)	Q&A
15:50 – 16:00 (Bangkok)	Closing remarks & virtual group photo

Week 1: Day 3 (Wednesday, 25 August 2021)

09:30 - 10:30 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:00 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 - 12:00 (Bangkok)

A1: Energy — Global Power Sector Transformation (G-PST) and the role of system operators in clean energy transitions

Organizer: G-PST Consortium

Focus: The Global Power System Transformation Consortium (G-PST) brings together key actors to foment a rapid clean energy transition by providing coordinated and holistic "end-to-end" support and knowledge infusion to power system operators. This event will present the G-PST at a high level and discuss the critical role of system operators in implementing clean energy transitions as well as key challenges and solutions underway.

Moderator: Barbara O'Neil, NREL (TBC)

Speakers

- Introduction to G-PST, critical role of system operators and their connections to policymakers
 Barbara O'Neil, NREL (TBC) [10 minutes]
- PLN RE integration plans, challenges and collaboration with G-PST PLN (TBC) [12 minutes]
- India sub-national SO RE integration plans, challenges and collaboration with G-PST Mehta [12 minutes]

Q & A closing [4 minutes]

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 - 16:00 (Bangkok)

A2: Energy – Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) to support energy transition

Organizers: ALP Grid Renewable Energy Community of Practice, NREL, HNEI

Focus: Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) are resources connected to the distribution system close to the electricity load. DERs include distributed photovoltaic solar, wind, combined heat and power, microgrids, microturbines, storage technologies, and others. DERs have the potential to provide services to customers, distribution grids, and the electric system, but DER growth may present challenges. The session aims to present recommendations for creating a road map for DER in developing countries and examples carried out in the Asian countries.

Moderator: Mark B. Glick, Specialist, Energy Policy and Innovation, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute (HNEI)

Speakers

Introduction

Mark B. Glick, HNEI [10 minutes]

Roadmap for DER

Santiago Enriquez-Soltero, Abt Associates [12 minutes]

- Case Studies
 - Dana Kenney, Principal Associate, Clean Power Asia (Abt associates) [10 minutes]
 - Marc M. Matsuura, Senior Smart Grid Program Manager, HNEI [10 minutes]
 - Abhishek Ranjan, VP & Head Renewable & DSM Initiatives, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd, New Delhi [10 minutes]
 - Dr. Adarsh Nagarajan, Group Manager, Power System Design and Planning, NREL [10 minutes]

Q & A [20 minutes]

Closing Moderator: Soumya Chaturvedula, ICLEI South Asia [8 minutes]

Week 1: Day 4 (Thursday 26 August 2021)

09:30 - 11:00 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 – 12:30 (Bangkok) A3: Sub-national Integration – National governments' initiatives to support subnational climate actions

Organizer: ICLEI World Secretariat and Asia LEDS Partnership

Focus: The session will aim to share initiatives and efforts of national governments around Asia pacific region to accelerate local and subnational climate actions focusing at achieving NDC and paris agreement

Welcome, introduction of moderator and speakers: ALP [5 minutes]

Moderator: Maryke Van Staden, Director of ICLEI's Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn Climate Center), ICLEI World Secretariat

Overview presentation: Maryke Van Staden [10 minutes]

South Korea: planning and implementation of 2050 carbon neutral strategy

Seon-Hee KIM, Assistant Manager, GHG Reduction Division, Korea Environment Corporation (KECO) [10 minutes]

Nepal: Climate change initiatives

Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE), Nepal [10 minutes]

Vietnam: Green growth strategy

Dr. Nguyen Thi Dieu Trinh, Deputy Director General, Department of Science, Education Natural Resources, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam [10 minutes]

Bangladesh: Urban resilience project

Engr. Abdul Latif Helaly, Project Director, Urban Resilience Project: Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK), (The Capital Development Authority of Bangladesh) [10 minutes]

Q & A [30 minutes]

Closing: ALP [5 minutes]

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14:30 - 16:00 (Bangkok)

A4: Sub-national Integration – Fund mobilization for sub-national climate action

Organizer: Asia LEDS Partnership

Focus: Sub-National Governments play an important role in curbing emissions as cities contribute more than 60% of emissions. Local governments lack capacity and information to find funding for climate change projects. The session aims to provide an overview of fund mobilization opportunities to cities.

Welcome, introduction of moderator and speakers: ALP [5 minutes]

Moderator: Dr. Eszter Mogyorosy, Head Innovative Finance, ICLEI World Secretariat

Overview presentation: Dr. Eszter Mogyorosy, Head Innovative Finance, ICLEI World Secretariat [10 minutes]

Speakers

Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA)

Laura Jungman, Senior Consultant, CCFLA [10 minutes]

Financing Energy for Low-carbon Investment Cities Advisory Facility (FELICITY)

Gan Gan Dirgantara, FELICITY, GIZ Indonesia [10 minutes]

Innovative financial solutions for sub-national governments

Joojin Kim, Managing Director and Founder, Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC), Republic of Korea [10 minutes]

100% Renewable energy

Rohit Sen, Head, Climate & Energy Action, ICLEI World Secretariat [10 minutes]

The Sub-national Climate Finance Initiative (SnCF)

International Finance Corporation's (IFC's) Cities program in the asia region Aurelie, IFC (TBC)

Q & A [20-30 minutes]

Closing: ALP [5 minutes]

Week 2: Day 5 (Tuesday, 31 August 2021)

09:30 - 11:00 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok)

B1: Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and green recovery

Organizer: NDC Partnership, UNESCAP, GGGI

Focus: The session will aim to share recent development and efforts of national governments on the Long term Low Emissions Development Strategies and green recovery along with the successful governance and implementation models and examples. This session also presents overview of few countries greener recovery action plan and implementation status in post pandemic regime.

Keynote Presentation: How green is the Asia-Pacific recovery and opportunities for alignment (UN ESCAP) Speaker (TBC)

Moderator: Deo Gabinete, NDC Partnership

Speakers

 Economic advisory initiative of NDC partnership that is responding to the urgent needs of countries to prepare green recovery plans and packages in response to COVID-19

Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe, NDC Partnership Support Unit based at the UNFCCC RCC Bangkok

- Experiences from countries on LT LEDS and the process of LT LEDS
 Deepak Krishnan, Associate Director, Energy Program, World Resources Institute (WRI) India
- Country examplesFiji and Japan (TBC)

Question & answer and closing

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok)

B2: Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) — Aligning NDCs and Long term strategy

Organizer: GGGI, ESCAP, NDC Partnership 2050 Pathways Platform, WRI

Focus: A very few countries from Asia have submitted LTS by 2020. In total only 29 parties have submitted LTS documents. There is a need to improve the capacity of countries in understanding the LTS and aligning it with the NDCs. Also there is a need to align the recovery efforts / stimulus packages in line with LTS for achieving the climate goals. The session will aim at deepening understanding of countries in making LTS and aligning with NDCs.

Moderator: GGGI

Speakers

- UNFCCC's initiatives to support countries in aligning NDC and LT LEDS
 Jens Radschinki, RCC Bangkok
- Aligning NDC and LT LEDS

GGGI (TBC)

 Different aspects to be considered for LTS-emerging technologies, gender, intergenerational justice, nature-based solutions

Prof. Joyashree Roy, Asian Institute of Technology (TBC)

LTS in transport sector

Derina Man, ICF presents (TBC)

Country presentations

Marshall islands, Cambodia, Indonesia (TBC)

Question & answer and closing

Week 2: Day 6 (Thursday, 2 September 2021)

09:30 - 11:00 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok)

B3: Transport – Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on transport: strategies for recovery

Organizer: Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP), LEDS GP Transport Working Group, SLOCAT, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Focus: The session aims to discuss and present before the audience about the impact of unforeseen pandemics on the transport sector. The speakers will present strategies and actions needed to overcome and recover.

Moderator: Dr. Sanjini U. Nanayakkara, Staff Scientist, NREL [5 minutes]

Overview presentation: Angela Enriques, Senior Associate, SLOCAT Partnerships, will present on Impact of COVID 19 on travel behavior and moving forward [7 minutes]

Panel Discussion

Panelists

Impacts of Covid 19 on transport sector

5 panlists involved in the COVID 19 impact study (Angel Cortez and Agnivesh Pani Slocat to lead the session) [40 minutes]

Presentations

 Current status of transport sector in asian countries linking with COVID 19 impact on transport sector and proposed strategies

Sudhir Gota, Consultant for Asian Development Bank (TBC)

- Country presentation on their responses to COVID 19 on transport sector
 - Mr. Trinnawat Suwanprik, Chiang Mai City

Question & answer and closing

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 - 16:00 (Bangkok)

B4: Transport – Enabling environment for electric mobility in public transport

Organizers: Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP), LEDS GP Transport Working Group (SLOCAT, National Renewable Energy Laboratory)

Focus: The session will aim to share ideas from successfully implemented transport projects and ongoing initiatives in Asian countries focusing at reducing emissions and transitioning towards net zero pathways.

Moderator: Nikola Medimorec, Data & Research Analyst, SLOCAT [5 minutes]

Overview presentation: Learnings from clean bus initiative under TUMI project, Rohan Shailesh Modi, Advisor, TUMIVolt, GIZ [15 minutes]

Speakers

- Decarbonizing transport sector in Asian countries
 Indradip Mitra, Lead of NDC TIA, GIZ [9 minutes]
- Policies and programs in transport sector promoting clean air case study of Asian countries
 Glynda Bathan Baternina, Deputy Executive Director, Clean Air Asia [9 minutes]
- Announcing the Leadership group and benefits from transition towards net zero pathways
 Dr. Sanjini U. Nanayakkara, Staff Scientist / Caroline Uriarte, Senior Program Manager, NREL(TBC) [9 minutes]
- A country representative on how is their country moving ahead on low emissions, net zero pathways
 Mr. Rifa Wadood, Director, Ministry of Environment, Government of Sri Lanka [9 minutes]
- A brief presentation on Mobility CoP ALP [5 minutes]

Question & answer and closing

Week 3: Day 7 (Tuesday, 7 September 2021)

09:30 - 11:00 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 – 12:30 (Bangkok)

C1: Finance – Accelerating investments to support NDC implementation and low emission development

Organizer: LEDS GP Finance Working Group and ALP

Focus: The session will aim to share financing opportunities and solutions for implementation of NDC and Low Emission Development in the Asia region. This session include two panel discussion first focusing on the countries examples of access to finance NDC implementation and second panel on role of National and international development finance institutions (DFIs), Multilaterals and Bilateral in financing NDCs and LEDS.

Panel Discussion 1 — LEDS GP Finance Working Group's Initiatives to Support Countries to Access to Financing NDCs

Moderator: Joanne Manda, Senior SDG Investment Advisor, UNDP and FWG Co-Chair

Panelists

- Regional Accelerator for Agriculture, Climate and Energy (RAACE) initiative
 Tim Rober, NREL
- Clean energy investment accelerator initiative
 Marlon Apanada, WRI and FWG Co-Chair
- Peer learning collaboration between ALP and AfLP on green bonds (South-South exchange)
 Joanne Manda, Senior SDG Investment Advisor UNDP and FWG Co-Chair

Panel Discussion 2 – The role of National and international development finance institutions (DFIs), Multilaterals and Bilaterals in financing NDCs and LEDS- current access to funds/potential sectors, projects countries

Moderator: Marlon Apanada, WRI and FWG Co-Chair

Panelists

- Thomas Kerr, Lead, Climate Change, South Asia, The World Bank Group
- Dhruba Purkayastha, Director, the Climate Polity Initiative (CPI), India
- Virender Kumar Duggal, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Fund Manager Future Carbon Fund, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) (TBC)
- Sashi Jayatileke, USAID (TBC)
- UNDP, AIIB and EIB (TBC)

Question & answer and closing

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 - 16:00 (Bangkok)

C2: Finance – Global carbon market instruments for achieving climate goals

Organizer: GIZ, Global Carbon Markets Programme

Focus: The session will present the status and role of multiple global carbon market instruments including carbon taxes, crediting mechanisms, and emissions trading schemes to accelerate the achievements of climate goals.

Speaker Presentations

Question & answer and closing

Week 3: Day 8 (Tuesday, 7 September 2021)

09:30 - 11:00 (New Delhi); 11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok); 13:00 - 14:30 (Seoul, Tokyo)

11:00 – 12:30 (Bangkok)

C3: Transparency – The enhanced transparency framework: guidance for implementation

Organizer: UNFCCC and the Asia LEDS Partnership

Focus: The session will present various facets and updates on Enhances Transparency Framework (ETF) and some of the common challenges. The session will provide introduction and application of various tools and guidance available to enhance transparency for the Asian countries.

Moderator: Jigme, Manager, MRV/ETF Support Subdivision, Transparency Division, UNFCCC

Speakers

- ETF after Katowice (status of negotiations, comparison old / new system, NDC progress tracking)
 Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC
- Capacity assessment report: common challenges in the region

Fatima-Zahra Taibi, Senior Advisor, UNEP DTU Partnership

- Market place: tools
 - a) Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Model (GACMO) tool Denis DR Desgain, UNEP GSP/DTU
 - b) ICAT Policy assessment guides

Henning Wuester, Director of the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)

- c) BTR Roadmap Tool Mirella Salvatore, FAO
- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Templates
 John Stellar, U.S. EPA, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Climate Change Division

Question & answer and closing

13:00 – 14:30 (New Delhi); 14:30 – 16:00 (Bangkok); 16:30 – 18:00 (Seoul, Tokyo)

14:30 - 16:00 (Bangkok)

C4: Transparency – Institutional arrangements for robust transparency systems

Organizer: The Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA)

Focus: The session will aim to share options and benefits of institutional arrangements with their challenges and potential solutions for Asian countries focusing at ensuring robust transparency in the region.

Moderator: Simone Gotthardt, GIZ (TBC)

Speaker

Institutional arrangements: options and benefits
 James Harries (Ricardo E&E)

Panel discussion: Challenges and Potential Solutions

- Ratnasari Wargahadibrata, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia/ KLHK, Member of Compliance Committee under Kyoto
 Protocol Enforcement Branch
- Anand Tsog, Climate Change Officer, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia
- Sandee Recabar, Planning Officer V and Chief, Implementation Oversight Division, Climate Change Office of the CCC, Philippines
- Dr. Sugumari Shanmugam, Undersecretary of the Climate Change Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia

Question & answer and closing

Week 3: Day 9 (Thursday 9 September 2021)

11:00 - 12:30 (Bangkok)

Closure

Welcome Remarks — Emani Kumar, Lead Director, Asia LEDS Partnership

Panel discussion: Long Term Priorities of the Asia Pacific region — A stakeholder perspective

Moderator: Ron Benioff, Director, LEDS GP

Panelists

Country representations, development organizations, ALP steering committee, LEDS GP Working Group Representatives

Announcement of the new ALP Steering Committee 2021 – 2023 and Remarks from new members

Audience feed-back

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