THE EC-LEDS PROGRAM

Low emission development strategies (LEDS) are development plans that promote sustainable social and economic development while reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the medium to long term.

Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) is a flagship U.S. government-led effort that assists countries in developing and implementing LEDS. The program enhances partner country efforts by (1) providing targeted technical assistance and (2) building a shared global knowledge base on LEDS.

EC-LEDS country partners include Albania, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Peru, the Philippines, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zambia.
Several notable accomplishments have been achieved through the EC-LEDS program:

**Identified wind resource data collection sites.** To overcome the barriers to private-sector investment in large-scale wind development, EC-LEDS experts chose five sites to install wind data collection equipment. Developed plans for a national GHG inventory system. The program helped lay out the actions for establishing a national GHG inventory system, which will enable Bangladesh to use GHG emissions data when creating strategic, long-term action plans that reduce GHG emissions.

EC-LEDS activities include:

- Building expertise in collecting and archiving GHG inventory data in the agriculture, forestry, and land-use sectors, providing a foundation for managing and monitoring these emissions over time
- Developing in-country capacity for forest-cover mapping using remote-sensing technologies (such as satellite and radar) to create a national forest inventory that assists with forest resource management
- Identifying strategies to boost economic efficiency and reduce emissions in the agriculture sector by promoting best practices in fertilizer and water use.

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