



LEDS GP SUCCESS STORY:

Fostering Coordinated LEDS Support in Kenya

The LEDS Global Partnership (LEDS GP) strives to advance climate-resilient low emission development through catalyzing collaboration, information exchange, and action on the ground. The Government of Kenya is a key LEDS GP member and offers an inspiring example of how LEDS GP is having an impact globally. The 2012 LEDS Collaboration in Action workshop in London provided an interactive space for members to share experiences on cross-ministerial LEDS leadership and to learn about concrete development impacts of LEDS around the world. Inspired by these stories, Kenya's Ministry of State for Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 (MPND) began to collaborate closely with the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources¹ to create strong links between climate change action and development in the country, culminating in the integration of Kenya's National Climate Change Action Plan (action plan) and the country's Medium Term Development Plan.

KENYA'S NCCAP BACKGROUND

Through a highly consultative stakeholder process led by the Climate Change Secretariat (housed in the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources), Kenya launched the action plan in March 2013. The process was guided by a task force comprised of representatives from Kenya ministries, departments and agencies, the private sector, civil society, and academia. Several thematic working groups, one for each thematic component of the action plan, were established to support the task force. Other key ministries engaged with the action plan development process included MPND, Finance, Energy, Forestry and Wildlife Agriculture, and Livestock, among others.² A number of technical institutions³ contributed to key action plan subcomponents focused on:

- Long term national low carbon climate resilient development pathway
- Enabling policy and regulatory framework
- Adaptation analysis and prioritization
- Mitigation
- Technology
- National performance and benefits measurement framework
- Knowledge management and capacity development
- Finance.

The process was funded by the Department for International Development, the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, the Danish International Development Agency, and the Government of Japan through the United Nations Development Programme-administered Africa Adaptation Programme. The Climate Change Secretariat will coordinate the implementation of the action plan.

¹ The two Kenya ministries have since been expanded and renamed Devolution and Planning; and Environment, Water and Natural Resources, respectively.

² The ministries have been reorganized and renamed under the current constitutional order.

³ Key contributors included the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands, International Institute for Sustainable Development, ClimateCare Kenya, Adam Smith International, Vivid Economics, HTSPE Ltd, Matrix Development, International Development Law Organization, LTS International, and the Arid Lands Information Network.

ROLE OF LEDSGP

LEDS GP's LEDSGP Collaboration in Action workshop represented a turning point for the support of Kenya's action plan. The former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Ali Mohamed, and former Permanent Secretary of MPND, Edward Sambili—as well as key ministry staff members—attended and participated in a number of highly interactive sessions to foster collaboration and dialogue on LEDSGP development and implementation. The workshop provided a valuable opportunity for MPND to actively engage with LEDSGP discussions and collaborate directly with the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources. This event promoted discussion of economic and social benefits of LEDSGP and how these benefits are advancing current development priorities; sharing of examples of cross-ministerial LEDSGP leadership occurring in other countries; and learning about approaches to integrate LEDSGP with development plans and sectoral programs to ensure implementation.

Following these fruitful interactions at the LEDSGP workshop, the Ministry of Planning became fully engaged with the action plan process, and the Permanent Secretary appointed 10 senior staff to contribute to the action plan and ensure the mainstreaming of outputs into national planning. This collaboration closed with the incorporation of the action plan steps into the Second Medium Term Plan (2013-2017) for the implementation of Vision 2030, which was launched in October 2013.⁴

Kenya's ministry members describe the LEDSGP workshop as a catalyzing event which fostered collaboration and engagement with the action plan process. The two champion ministries continue to lead efforts to foster a low-carbon, climate-resilient future for Kenya through the implementation of the action plan.

IMPLICATIONS FOR LEDSGP

MPND's contributions and co-leadership of the action plan following the LEDSGP in Action workshop is an inspirational example of how LEDSGP can significantly impact country-led, climate-resilient low emission development processes around the world. In this regard, LEDSGP will continue to facilitate learning and discussion on cross-ministerial LEDSGP leadership and development impacts of LEDSGP, and will ramp up efforts to engage high-level decision makers with LEDSGP events so that these and other stories can continue to inspire change.



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The LEDSGP was founded in 2011 to enhance coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among countries and international programs working to advance low-emission, climate-resilient growth. The LEDSGP currently brings together LEDSGP leaders and practitioners from more than 120 countries and international institutions through innovative peer learning and collaboration forums and networks. For the full list of participants and more information on partnership activities, see ledsgp.org.

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⁴ To support this process, a review of Vision 2030 flagship programs was undertaken with an aim to climate-proof them and also ensure they do not lead to adverse impacts on the environment. Sensitisation workshops were also organized for the Second Medium Term Plan Sectoral Working Groups.