

WASTE WORKING GROUP

The LEDS GP Waste Working Group (Waste WG) was launched at the first LEDS GP annual event in early 2012 to assist developing countries in successfully design and implement low emission climate resilient strategies in the waste sector.

The working group builds on and complements ongoing initiatives and networks supporting low emissions development in the waste sector and plans to facilitate information exchange and collaboration on low emissions development activities focused on the waste sector. The working group will assist developing countries in identifying opportunities for mitigation actions in the waste management sector, support the selection of methodological approaches for mitigation actions, the development of criteria to prioritize mitigation actions and the selection of technology options, and the development and analysis of mitigation abatement cost curves in the waste management sector, as well as the elaboration of documents to submit NAMAs to the international registry.

The LEDS GP Waste Working Group promotes low emissions development in the waste sector through a work program focused on sharing information, knowledge, and lessons learned, through webinars, workshops and the development of a knowledge center, sharing best practices, engaging key stakeholders, providing advisory services and multiplying opportunities for coordination and collaboration in the waste sector at the global across scales and regions.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2013-2014

E-Learning Courses

The working group plans to develop e-learning courses on the preparation of waste sector strategies in the context of national LEDS and on the preparation of NAMAs including modules on: institutional arrangements to identify, select, design, implement and finance NAMAs; selection of appropriate available and proven technologies, according to national circumstances, conditions, needs and capabilities; and assessing the attributes a NAMA should have to be attractive for climate finance and facilitate an effective implementation.

Advisory Services

The working group is establishing an expert team to offer advice and technical support to developing countries on low emission waste management sector strategies and preparation of NAMAs. This will include assistance in assessing the national circumstances of a country with an emphasis on the waste sector, and providing support on identifying the best course of action for the country to improve the waste sector and contribute to mitigation efforts, in the context of each country low emission development strategy, as well as providing other social, environmental and economic benefits.

OPERATIONS OF THE WASTE WG

The working group holds quarterly conference calls to discuss progress of activities and plan for new activities. Additional calls may be scheduled as needed to address specific issues that required further discussion. In-person meetings will be arranged on the margins of regional and global LEDSGP events.

In addition to conference calls, the Waste WG members communicate and cooperate through informal dialogues and exchange of emails. Task groups will be formed as needed to accomplish the annual priority activities outlined above. A task group lead will be assigned to report back to the full working group on the progress of the activity. The LEDSGP Global Secretariat supports the operation of the Waste WG.

WASTE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

Côte d'Ivoire Department of Renewable Energy

Côte d'Ivoire National Waste Management

East African Community Secretariat

Energy Center of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Fundacion Torcuato Di Tella

Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Government of Bangladesh Planning Commission

Kenya Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources

Honduras Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Indonesia Ministry of Finance

Indonesia National Development Planning Ministry -

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)

Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection

Jamaica Ministry of Land, Environment, Water and Climate Change

Organization of American States (OAS)

Rutgers University – USA

Thailand Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency

Thailand Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

United States National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Please join us on this effort by emailing Atilio Savino at asavino@ars.org.ar. For more information about the LEDSGP Waste WG, please visit <http://ledsgp.org/sector/waste>.