

Thursday, April 3, 2014

1B - Sub-national Governance and Climate

Background: National level policy frameworks can provide important guidance on climate, but many of the emission reduction policies, programs and activities necessary to drive green growth must be implemented at the sub-national level through, transportation system design, building codes, land use planning practices and more. Increasingly, sub-national actors are taking a leadership role in achieving GHG emission reductions, leveraging equitable economic development and building resilience to climate change.

There are key challenges in understanding and defining green growth priorities, integrating them in national and subnational planning, and obtaining funding for local implementation. This session will focus on experiences and tools to develop provincial and city-level green growth strategies, identify priorities, and mainstream green growth and climate change considerations into economic planning.

Enhancing coordination and collaboration between national and subnational actors as well as cross-learning between different sub-national governments is an essential component of effective, equitable and resilient green growth. In recognition of this, the LEDS Global Partnership's Working Group on Sub-National Integration of LEDS (SNIWG) was launched in Feb 2013, at the second annual LEDS GP meeting in Pattaya, Thailand. This was in response to participant consensus on the need and value of improved integration of climate action plans and policies between national and sub-national levels.

Objective: The objective of Session 1C is to share experiences, mechanisms and best practices towards leveraging the respective strengths of both subnational and national level governments and actors to advance inclusive green growth and low emission development more effectively at all levels.

Key outputs of Session 1C will include:

- Participant recommendations on new or additional support needed to improve Sub-national/ National collaborations on Green Growth and LED strategies.
- Identify examples of Sub-National/ National Green Growth collaboration in the Africa Region
- Identify specific opportunities for Sub-National/ National green growth collaboration.
- New participants in the LEDS GP, SNIWG.

Agenda

Concurrent Session 1C: Sub-national Governance and Climate April 3, 2014

Chair: Mr. Scott A. Muller, LEDS GP Sub-national Integration Working Group

9:30 - 09:50 Opening Comments, Welcome and Framing the Issue.

9.50 - 11:00 Moderated Panel Session. Q&A.

Three speakers will present experiences in Africa that are supporting and achieving low emission development and climate resilience— facilitated at national, regional and/or international levels. The speakers will share their experiences followed by a 20mn interactive group discussion.

- “Lessons from Forest Governance in Burkina Faso” — Prof. Edouard Bonkoungou, Centre for Training and Education in Environment and Sustainable Development (CFEDD) and PROFOR. (15 mn)
- “Lessons from Urban Low Emission Development Strategies and GHG inventories in South Africa ” — Mr. Steven Bland, ICLEI - Africa. (15 mn)
- “Devolved Governance and Climate Change” — Dra. Alice Akinyi Kaudia, Environment Secretary, Republic of Kenya (15 mn)

11:00 -11:15 Coffee Break
Preparation for part II of the session

11:15 -12:15 Part II: Roundtable Discussions

Breakout into 2 facilitated, participatory discussion groups on how to improve Sub-national/ National collaborations and enable more equitable Green Growth.

Circle 1: Best Practices and Training. *Co-chair: Ms. Cecilia Njenga, UNEP*

Circle 2: Financing Inclusive Green Growth. *Co-chair: TBD*

Co-chairs to collect and submit input to the event organizers for consolidation.