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November 2021 – March 2022



Dear readers,

Greetings from the Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP)!

This edition of the newsletter highlights the various knowledge sharing and technical training sessions organized by the Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP), with support from the LEDS Global Partnership (LEDS GP) and other partners. The Global Secretariat of the LEDS GP is currently transitioning from the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in the United States, and we would like to thank GIZ for all their support and encouragement to the ALP and its members.

Happy reading!

Virtual sessions organized under various ALP Thematic Communities of Practice (CoP)

Green Bonds Training, 21 September & 26 – 28 October 2021

Virtual trainings were organized on the topic of green bonds, as part of the activities under the NDC Finance CoP of the

ALP to build capacities and enhance knowledge sharing to accelerate investment flows into NDC implementation efforts across the Asia-Pacific region. [Summary report.](#)

Webinar Series: Sub-National Integration in Asia Pacific, 19, 25 & 27 January 2022

The webinar series was convened as part of ALP's Sub-National Integration CoP and included three virtual sessions that aimed to introduce the participants to the various measures needed for successful implementation of sub-national climate actions. The sessions allowed the participants to learn about climate action planning tools and methodologies, climate project structuring and Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems. [Summary report.](#) The session recordings can be accessed at:

- Series I: [Climate Action Planning: Guidance for Sub-National Governments](#)
- Series II: [Prioritization and structuring of climate projects](#)
- Series III: [Role and importance of MRV at Sub-National level](#)

Emission Reduction Tool - Lessons from Mongolia, 14 February 2022

The ALP organized a peer learning session in which an emission reduction assessment tool that was developed for the Trade and Development Bank, Mongolia (TDBM) was presented. The TDBM has been implementing the Green Loan Program for small and medium-sized enterprises in Mongolia, which aims to finance projects that show a potential for reducing at least 20% of the carbon emissions in their operations. This tool will help the Bank assess the potential projects for green loan disbursement. [Summary report.](#) [The recording of the session can be accessed here.](#)

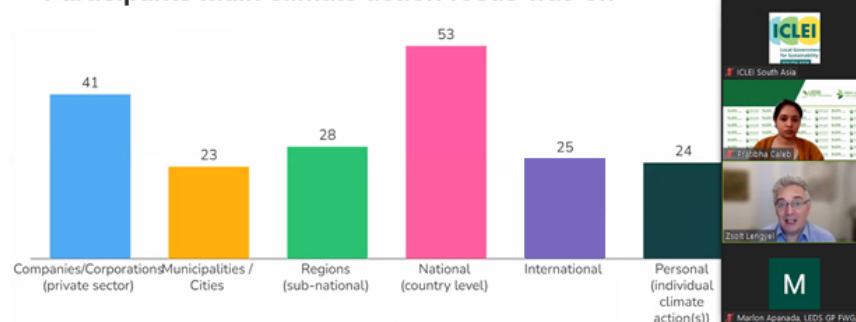
Clean Logistics for Cities, Bangladesh, 23 February 2022

The ALP organized a hybrid workshop in Dhaka, Bangladesh, to showcase good practices in urban logistics from the cities of Bogotá, Rosario, Santa Fe, Barcelona, Portland and Kochi. The workshop was attended by experts and senior officials from Bangladesh, including Joint Secretary, Ministry of Roads, Transport and Bridges; Additional Chief Engineer from the Local Government Engineering Department; professors from Jahangirnagar University; and officials from the Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project, among others. [Summary report.](#)

Global Carbon Market Training, 1, 2 & 4 March 2022

The ALP organized a three-day training on carbon markets especially for representatives from national and sub-national governments of the ALP member countries. The resource material, provided by the Global Carbon Markets Program of GIZ, was contextualized for the Asian audience. The training covered rationale for carbon pricing and introduction of key concepts to learning about domestic offsets and means of implementation. [Access the recordings here.](#)

Participants main climate action focus was on



Response of participants who attended the Global Carbon Markets training from 1-2 & 4 March 2022

NEW RESOURCES

Emissions Gap Report 2021

With climate change intensifying and scientists warning that humanity is running out of time to limit global warming to 1.5°C over pre-industrial levels, 2021 was a fraught year for the planet. 'The Emissions Gap Report 2021: The Heat Is On' is the 12th edition

in an annual series that provides an overview of the difference between where greenhouse emissions are predicted to be in 2030 and where they should be to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Access the report [here](#).

Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

The Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report assesses the impacts of climate change, looking at ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities at the global and regional levels. It also reviews vulnerabilities and the capacities and limits of the natural world and human societies to adapt to climate change. The reports can be assessed [here](#).

Study of Urban Fuel Stacking in Mataram City and Sumbawa Regency, Indonesia

This study was conducted to discover and analyze the reasons why low-income and peri-urban areas in Indonesia's Mataram City and Sumbawa Regency practice fuel stacking, or combining both clean and "dirty" cooking methods in households. The report can be accessed [here](#).

PERSPECTIVES

[WATCH: Mayor of Makati, PH, Abby Binay's Message for Local and International Partners for Cities Race to Resilience](#)

This short video message from Abby Binay, the Mayor of Makati, Philippines, who is also the ICLEI Southeast Asia Representative to the ICLEI Global Executive Committee and Chair of ICLEI Innovative Financing portfolio. He implores Cities Race to Resilience partners to start 2022 by helping vulnerable communities, building resilience and recalibrating policies to boost adaptation against natural and man-made disasters.

India Considers Battery Swapping for Electric Cars Rather Than Charging Stations

India is considering battery swapping for electric cars, rather than charging stations, as it seeks to promote the adoption of cleaner transport in its highly polluted and crowded cities. [Read more](#).

How Carbon Pricing Can Drive Green Recovery and Growth

The recent economic downturn reduced global greenhouse gas emissions by a scale larger than that seen during the financial crisis of 2009-10. This decline was, unfortunately, only temporary, and emissions have already reached pre-pandemic levels. The threat of climate change persists. Countries in Asia and the Pacific need to plan their recovery over the medium and long term. In this context, it will be important to reduce emissions cost-effectively, while safeguarding government budgets. [Read more](#).

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7th Annual Sustainability Week

Organiser: Economist Impact

Date: 21- 24 March 2022

[Register here](#)

ICLEI World Congress: The Malmö Summit

Date: 11-13 May 2022

[Register here](#)

Peer learning session between Asia and Africa: Green Bonds

Date: 25 March 2022

Time: 8:00- 9:15 am SAST; 11:30 - 12:45

IST; 13:00 – 14:15 Bangkok

[Register here](#)

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