

Minutes of Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) Steering Committee Meeting

16th December 2021, 10:30 AM to 11.30 AM IST

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

- **Mr. Kung-Yueh Camyale Chao**, Executive Director, International Climate Development Institute (ICDI), Chinese Taipei
- **Mr. Irfan Aditya Permadi**, Head of APEC and Sub regional Economic Cooperation Division, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
- **Ms. Netty Muharni**, Assistant Deputy, Ministry for Regional and Subregional Economic Cooperation, Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
- **Mr. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor**, Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre, Ministry of Environment & Water, Malaysia
- **Mr. Conor Barry**, Team Lead, Intergovernmental Negotiations Unit and NDC, LT-LEDS and Sectorial Support Unit, UN Climate Change Secretariat
- **Mr. Jens Radschinski**, Regional Lead, UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC-Bangkok)
- **Dr. Banashri Sinha**, Communications and Outreach Officer, RCC-Bangkok
- **Dr. Tadashi Masumoto**, Coordinator, National Urban Policy Programme, Climate Change and Green Growth, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Dr. Alexander Fisher**, Programme Director, GIZ China
- **Mr. Alex H.C. Liao**, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), Chinese Taipei
- **Ms. Tiffany Kuo**, Specialist, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), Chinese Taipei
- **Mr. Deepak Sriram Krishnan**, Associate Director, World Resources Institute (WRI) India

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- **Mr. Emani Kumar**, Executive Director, ICLEI-SA, Director- ALP
- **Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula**, ICLEI SA
- **Mr. Anandhan Subramaniam**, ICLEI SA
- **Ms. Pratibha Caleb**, ICLEI SA
- **Ms. Ge Liu**, ICLEI EAS
- ICLEI KCC

Agenda of the Meeting:

- Welcome note and opening remarks by Mr. Emani Kumar, Director, ALP
- ALP Activities Update
- ALP work plan 2022
- ALP co-chair selection

The ALP Steering Committee meeting began with Mr. Emani Kumar, Director ALP welcoming all members to the 1st meeting of the recently nominated set of ALP Steering Committee members (1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023). He went on to explain the agenda for the meeting and

encouraged the members to actively participate in the discussions for the day. He informed that the LEADS GP will transition from GIZ to NREL from April 2022 onwards. The ALP work plan supported by GIZ will be completed by March 2022.

Mr. Anandhan Subramaniam, of the ALP Secretariat presented the latest activities completed by ALP and the work plan for the proposed activities

Feedback and comments on the ALP Workplan

Mr. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor mentioned that Malaysia has started the formation of the Voluntary Carbon Mechanism (VCM) and by next year will announce VCM. By 2050 Malaysia is aiming to achieve net zero GHG emissions. VCM is important to achieve net zero in Malaysia especially in the 8 sectors that the country is focusing on. Therefore, representatives from Malaysia will be eager to attend the 3-day training on carbon markets.

Malaysia has also come up with a blueprint for low carbon mobility blueprint which is targeted at the electrification of the transportation industry by 2025. By 2025, 50% of government fleet is expected to be electric and hydrogen vehicles; By 2030, 100% of government fleet is expected to be electric and hydrogen vehicles.

Hydrogen as a fuel for transportation is also one of the key commitments made by the Government and some of the States in Malaysia also plan to become a 100% Hydrogen society. In order to achieve this and execute these plans sufficiently Malaysia will require information and technical transfer in this area.

Mr. Emani Kumar suggested that a separate meeting will be organized in the new year to further discussion the requirements and opportunities to take some of the activities in Malaysia forward under the ALP. We would also like to invite Malaysia to join the Asia Clean Mobility High Ambition Leadership Group and will send an official invite subsequently.

Dr Alexander Fisher reflected on the difficulty in engaging more actively with officials in China and extended his support to help the ALP in connecting with representatives and ensure greater participation.

ALP and ICLEI East Asia, the regional partner of the ALP will discuss with Dr. Fisher on the next steps and the identify avenues for greater interactions with representatives in China.

Ms. Netty Muharni, mentioned she was especially interested in the activities under the SNI CoP as her ministry is working towards developing green city action plans. Tourism sector is also a focus area for Indonesia.

Regarding the work plan the issue of green recovery will continue to be important to address and we identify a few activities under this topic. For Indonesia another very important topic is the Energy mix and energy transition. If possible, we should be able to identify some activities to address this area.

Indonesia is happy to share success stories from Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM) supported by Japan – to the ALP members and other countries.

Dr. Tadashi Matsumoto agreed that the emphasis should be on knowledge creation. In relation to the SNI CoP, the outcome of COP26 is a stronger contribution to multi-level action. Discussions on how to take the opportunity to revising the NDCs to integrate sub-national action can now be an entry point for our work. Discussions on supporting green recovery actions will also be a good entry point for ALP to engage more actively with ALP country members.

OECD is also preparing a study on promoting innovative financing practices. It looks at various areas ranging from buildings to urban development framework. He offered the committee members the opportunity for OECD to conduct this study in their respective countries to identify examples of sustainable urban infrastructure and connect to experts in the field.

ALP will help Dr. Tadashi Matsumoto to connect with interested steering committee members.

He also shared some resource material: 1) references on subnational indicators - OECD Regional Outlook 2021 <https://www.oecd.org/publications/oecd-regional-outlook-2021-17017efe-en.htm> ; and OECD Regions and Cities at a Glance <https://www.oecd.org/regional/oecd-regions-and-cities-at-a-glance-26173212.htm>

Mr. Conor Barry, COP26: Subnational integration is critical to achieve the 2 clear outcomes from CoP 26 which are for parties to submit LTS and update NDCs. Subnational integration would better capture and document efforts that are already underway and to better showcase ongoing green recovery efforts. Also looking to engage on work on global carbon markets and article 6. Have been doing capacity building work already. Happy to integrate that in the workplan. Will include RCC Bangkok.

Inputs required from all SC members:

- 2 new co-chairs (to provide guidance to ALP steering committee) have to be elected. The tenure will be until 31 August 2023. We would request each steering committee member to nominate 2 persons (yourself or anyone else). Kindly submit the form by 21 January 2022. Link to the nomination form- [ALP Steering Committee members Co-Chair election](#). The Terms of Reference for the Co-Chair is attached to the email for your reference.
- Advise on how to ensure greater private sector engagement. Currently the engagement is mostly in the form of participation in webinar and through invitation as speakers to certain sessions.
- Feedback on the ALP Workplan for 2022 based on the interest and requirements of member countries. The ALP workplan can be accessed [here](#).
- We request those who would like to be part of the OECD study to please contact Dr. Tadashi Matsumoto (email id: tadashi.matsumoto@oecd.org) and copy the alpsecretariat@iclei.org in the same email.
- Suggestion for speakers and participants for the following sessions:
 - a. Green bonds peer learning session between Asia and Africa region (early Feb 2022)
 - b. Training series on Sub-National Integration- 3day online training (19-21 Jan 2022)
 - i. Tools and methodologies for climate action planning
 - ii. Project prioritization and structuring

- iii. MRV at sub-national level
- c. Global Carbon Markets: 3 day online training
 - i. Overview of GCM
 - ii. Article 6 of Paris agreement
 - iii. Voluntary Carbon Markets