



Asia LEDS Partnership Steering Committee Call

July 27, 2018

Scheduled meeting time: 8 am to 9 am IST

Scheduled meeting/call duration: One hour

The following participants attended the meeting via conference call,

Last Name	First Name	Organization
Liao	Chinghui	ICLEI Kaohsiung Capacity Center
Kumar	Emani	ALP Secretariat
Sharma	Sudhir	United Nations Environment Programme
Gokhale-Welch	Carishma	LEDS Global Partnership/NREL
Lao	Merlin	ALP Secretariat
Kolsepatil	Nikhil	ALP Secretariat
Soumya	Chaturvedula	ALP Secretariat

Agenda

- Welcome note and opening remarks by Mr. Emani Kumar, Director, the ALP Secretariat
- Updates on ALP activities in semester 1 of 2018
- ALP work plan activities scheduled for semester 2 of 2018
- Fund mobilization and opportunities for ALP activities
- NDC Cluster & LEDS GP collaboration
- Inputs and suggestions from SC members

Meeting Notes

The meeting marks the second ALP SC meeting in the year 2018. This year has seen ALP achieve significant progress in delivering support by focusing on specific topics/themes through its Communities of Practice.

Updates on ALP activities carried out in 2018

The ALP performed the following core secretariat services in 2018:

Membership Services: ALP has witnessed a notable increase in the membership count in 2018. The membership count, as on 31 May 2018, is 885 members (274 member organizations and an additional 611 individual members) as compared to 739 members (242 member organizations and an additional 497 individual members) in Feb 2018. ALP's activities, its presence and follow up through workshops, emails and in-person meetings have helped increase the membership count.

Communications and Outreach: ALP has been regularly promoting LEDS activities (webinars, workshop reports, important announcements etc.) through ALP website, social media presence and mass email to ALP members. Also ALP newsletters are being released on a quarterly basis. The ALP factsheet was updated in May 2018 to reflect the current work plan. Proceedings report of the ALP Forum 2017 was released. ALP has been undertaking significant outreach, seeking country participants and potential partner organizations, for its Communities of Practice (CoPs) launched in three areas: Grid Renewable Energy, Clean Mobility, and NDC Finance (see section on Communities of Practice for more details).

ALP partnered with SouthSouthNorth Projects Africa (SSN) and Libélula to prepare national summaries to capture impacts, results, and success stories of the UNDP Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) programme in 25 countries. ALP developed 4-page summaries for 8 countries including Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Previously, a workshop on “Multi-level Governance and the NDCs in Asia - Accelerating subnational implementation & raising national ambitions” was organized by ALP and SNI Working Group on June 23, 2017 at Bangkok, Thailand. ALP prepared a follow-up survey report in early 2018 to capture feedback of country participants from Vietnam, Bangladesh, Philippines and Bhutan in order to identify their experiences in applying lessons learnt from the workshop, challenges and further needs towards SNI/MLG that can be supported by the ALP. In addition, ALP has prepared assessment papers on NDC and LEDS implementation and sub-national integration, and commitments by sub-national entities for 11 countries in the region.

Maintenance of Governance Processes: ALP has been providing updates on activities to the LEDS GP, once in two weeks. The ALP is also involved in dialogues with the LEDS GP working groups and LEDS GP to finalize work plan activities and for the CoPs in particular.

REAL: ALP followed up with Asian country representatives to provide remote expert assistance. ALP through in-person meetings, workshops, through its recently launched CoPs, emails and phone calls promoted REAL assistance services.

LEDS GP SNI WG with support from ALP had organized a workshop in June 2018, Colombo, Sri Lanka to receive inputs from stakeholders on the ‘Institutional mapping report for multi-level governance’. As part of the visit, Kurunegala, Sri Lanka city had expressed interest to develop Kurunegala city climate action plan with the assistance of ALP.

Monitoring & Evaluation (M & E) reports: ALP has been submitting M & E reports to LEDS GP on a quarterly basis.

Communities of Practice:

A Community of Practice is an interactive network of engaged experts and practitioners from a sector or working area who come together as a group for deeper peer-to-peer learning and sustained participation to improve their personal and collective group knowledge. Three CoPs have been launched by ALP for [Grid Renewable Energy](#), [Clean Mobility](#), and [NDC Finance](#). A fourth CoP on Asia Multilevel Climate Governance (MLCG) will be launched in August 2018. ALP CoPs are designed to be demand driven to meet members’ needs and will offer support and solutions to early movers as needs emerge. Priority topics and specific goals identified for the CoPs are given below. Information on peer-learning activities conducted so far under the CoPs is given in subsequent sections.

CoP	Priority topic(s) identified for initial activities in 2018-19	Specific goals/focus
Grid Scale Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Blocks for Grid Renewable Energy Development • Renewable Energy Grid Integration <p>Sessions planned</p> <p>Session 1: Strategic Energy Planning, 4th April 2018</p> <p>Session 2: Smart Incentives and Enabling Environment for RE Development, 22 May 2018</p> <p>Session 3: In-person workshop on Renewable Energy Grid Integration at ACEF 2018, 6 June 2018</p> <p>Upcoming activities: Grid Integration Studies for Variable Renewable Energy on Wednesday, August 29 and one more session on RE auctions (tentative)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 countries document improvements in their policies, analytic and planning approaches, grid management practices, and other RE grid scale up measures • At least 12 CoP participants identify enhancements in knowledge and technical and analytic capacity to support RE grid development • At least 1 new technical resource or compilation of tools, resources, training materials, and good practices developed • At least 1 new case study prepared on RE grid deployment • At least 2 new strategic partnerships developed with regional and international institutions to advance further cooperation on RE scale up
Clean Mobility	<p>Clean mobility shift by strengthening operational and energy efficiency of public transport policies and systems</p> <p>Online sessions</p> <p>Session 1: Enabling a transition to electric mobility in public transport fleets: Policies and Enabling Environment, June 22, 2018</p> <p>Session 2: Enabling a transition to electric</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 countries document improvements in their policies, analytic and planning approaches in transport sector • At least 12 CoP participants identify enhancements in knowledge and technical and analytic capacity • At least 1 success story on the impacts of the ALP developed • At least 1 case study on the deep dive support to early mover country developed • At least 1 issue brief on the learnings of CoP developed

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	<p>mobility in intermediate public transport fleets: Policies and Enabling Environment, September 2018</p>	
<p>NDC Finance</p>	<p>Blended capital and Green bonds to accelerate investment in RE and NDC</p> <p>Online sessions: Session 1: Introduction to Blended capital and Green bonds, Tuesday, August 21, 2018 (10:30 am – 12:00 pm Bangkok time)</p> <p>Session 2: Blended capital financial instruments and policy reforms, mid September, 2018</p> <p>Session 3: December (tentative)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and development of blended capital structures and approaches to scale-up private investment into renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure across Asia • Targeted capacity building and technical assistance among and between entities-- particularly national and subnational governments- interested in developing green bond product offerings
<p>Asia Multi-level Climate Governance (MLCG)</p>	<p>Effective Multilevel governance and National- Subnational integration to achieve NDCs</p> <p>The MLCG CoP is scheduled to be launched in the week of 13th August 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer –to – peer learning: 3 virtual sessions • Early mover support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multi-Level Governance Country Action Teams (MLG-CAT) - receive technical support on strengthening institutional arrangements for LEDS and NDC implementation ○ ClimateResilientCITIES action planning in 2 cities • 3 resource materials on MLG/SNI <p>Many significant activities happening in Philippines on MLG. Also developing National level MRV and linking it with Sub-national climate budgeting.</p> <p>Countries such as Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Bangladesh emerged as strong contenders and interested to participate, collaborate and learn from ALP MLCG CoP.</p>

ALP events

- Through SDC funding, ALP facilitated the participation of its Clean Mobility CoP members from Bhutan, Sri Lanka and India in the workshop on **‘Moving towards Sustainable, Energy Efficient, Urban Mobility in Emerging Cities’**, as part of the Mobilise Your City Partnership Study Tour 2018 in Singapore from 7–9 May, 2018. The workshop shared learning experiences and best practices from Singapore and APEC countries with regard to institutional, planning, funding aspects for moving towards sustainable and energy efficient urban mobility. Sties visits were also undertaken for participants to learn from ideas adopted in Singapore and apply the same in their countries.
- ALP and LEDS GP Energy Working Group, collaborated with USAID to organize a session on **‘Integrating Renewable Energy into the Grid: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward’** on June 6 at the Asia Clean Energy Forum, 2018 in Manila, Philippines. This session was convened under ALP’s Grid Renewable Energy CoP and was attended by 40 representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos PDR, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Country representatives engaged in deep discussions on key priorities and challenges of renewable energy grid-integration. ALP facilitated the participation of representatives from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam at the Forum. ALP undertook discussions with countries to identify needs for support, help inform Grid Renewable Energy CoP activities, and recruit members for the CoP.
- ALP’s Grid Renewable Energy CoP peer-learning session above built on key concepts and findings from a deep-dive workshop on **‘Grid Integration of Variable Renewable Energy’** organized by USAID, GIZ and NREL on June 5, 2018 and attended by ALP and Grid Renewable Energy CoP members at the Forum. ALP and CoP members also participated in a second deep-dive workshop on **‘Renewable Energy Auctions: A New Paradigm for Asia’** organized by USAID on June 8, 2018. Further details of the Grid Renewable Energy CoP session and the two deep-dive workshops at the Asia Clean Energy Forum 2018 can be found in the summary [here](#).
- ALP participated in the **Long Term Strategies** Workshop convened by LEDS GP in partnership with UNDP, 2050 Pathways Platform, NDC Partnership, and WRI, in cooperation with the UNFCCC Secretariat on 10-11 June, 2018 at Bangkok. The workshop included discussions on the process of creating effective long-term, low emissions and development strategies climate change and sustainable development by the mid-century. ALP facilitated participation of members from Sri Lanka and Vietnam, and discussions were carried out with country representatives to highlight priorities.

Webinars:

ALP has organized and/or promoted the following webinars,

- Shifting to Sustainable Transport Systems, 26 March 2018 – with the LEDS GP Transport Working Group
- Strategic Energy Planning, 4 April 2018 – organized by ALP and LEDS GP Energy Working Group as the 1st session of the Grid Renewable Energy CoP
- Smart Incentives and Enabling Environment for Renewable Energy Development, 22 May 2018 - organized by ALP and LEDS GP Energy Working Group under the Grid Renewable Energy CoP
- Enabling a transition to electric mobility in public transport fleets: Policies and Enabling Environment, 22 June 2018 – ALP and LEDS GP Transport Working Group as the 1st session under the Clean Mobility CoP

Activities proposed in 2018-19 work plan:

ALP’s work plan addresses the priorities of countries in Asia and is planned to align with the LEDS GP’s strategic plan (2017-20). Transport, Energy, Multi-Level Climate Governance (MLCG)/Sub-National Integration (SNI) and Finance are the priority areas in 2018-19 ALP work plan. Activities proposed under each thematic area are broadly indicated below.

The resource materials would be developed appropriately based on deep dive support to be provided in the selected early mover countries, the learnings of the CoP and priority sub-topics thereof, and requirements of CoP participants, and best practices/success cases would be highlighted.

ALP looks for support from SC members to build momentum around CoP and build partnerships. Also, interested ALP SC members could consider offering support in terms of co-hosting/co-designing the CoPs; provide experts to participate, engage countries and other relevant contact persons in their networks.

Thematic area	CoP	Webinar	Resource materials		Deep dive support to early mover Country	Development of proposals to seek additional funding
			case study	Issue brief		
Energy	Grid Renewable Energy to facilitate peer to peer learning and capacity building especially on managing RE integration in existing grid - until end-2018	At least 2 virtual session or webinar under the CoP until the end 2018	1	0	1	2
Transport	Clean mobility - Until mid-2019	At least 2 virtual sessions or webinars under the CoP; 1 in-person workshop	1	1	2 (Vietnam and Sri Lanka/Bhutan)	
SNI	Asia multi-level climate governance and inter-sectoral collaboration - Until mid-2019	At least 3 virtual sessions or webinars under the CoP			2 deep-dive support to two Countries – through MLG Climate Action Team institutional mapping report will be formed; Climate Resilient City	

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					Action Plans development in two provinces – Sri Lanka and Bhutan (tentative)	
Finance	NDC Finance focusing on blended capital and green bonds to mobilize investment to accelerate NDC/LEDS for RE - until mid-2019	At least 3 virtual sessions or webinars under the CoP; 1 in-person workshop			2 (Vietnam and one other country)	

Other activities proposed in ALP work plan 2018:

With regard to the core operations, ALP to provide REAL service support including outreach & coordination through calls, in person meet, through the CoPs, promoting REAL services through newsletters, REAL webpage, and through partners. Further ALP would maintenance and improve ALP website, develop quarterly Newsletters, update factsheet if necessary.

Other activities include, finalizing financial sustainability plan, producing Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Quarterly Report, organizing quarterly steering committee calls, participation in LEDS GP calls and membership management.

In addition, ALP will be working with UNDP, SSN and Libelula to develop national summaries for 9 countries and 1 global summary to capture impacts and outcomes of the UNDP I/NDC support provided to countries.

Fundraising and Resource Mobilization:

ALP had prepared Regional Platform Funding Diversification Plans for ALP secretariat services. It captures the priorities for the year 2018 which includes MLCG/SNI, transport, Energy and Finance. The core funding sources and gaps in funding are identified and listed. Potential funding organizations, support needed and responsibilities were also identified as part of the document.

ALP core activities: Nov 2017 to Dec 2018 – US Department of States (DoS) through the LEDS GP – USD 181,000

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) – Dec 2018 to June 2019 – USD 150,000

United Nations Development Programme through SSN: USD 40,000. ALP had secured funding to support I/NDC support for 9 countries and a global summary.

Development of ALP Financing Strategy 2019 and beyond

To carry out core activities of ALP secretariat services, a funding to the tune of USD 250,000 is expected.

It has been envisaged to conduct ALP forum once in 1.5 years. Last forum was held in Vietnam in December 2017, Vietnam. To conduct ALP Forum ALP secretariat would require about USD 200,000.

ALP is looking to step up as technical assistance pioneers – 3 to 5 years program – looking at about 1 Mn USD per working group/topic

- 1 proposal (beginning 2019 or end 2018) would be prepared targeted these funds. Target funding organizations: ADB, BMUB, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, GIZ and the European Commission, GCF. **ALP seeks request from steering committee members on these efforts.** Other Target sponsors: ADB, UN-Habitat, UNDP, GGGI and UNEP, Foundations – ClimateWorks, CIF and GCF
- NDC partnership and linkage – NDC cluster and LEDS GP are collaborating significantly – going forward, the working groups of LEDS GP and NDC partnership are collaborating to form a common and well-co-ordinated work plan

Key discussions

Comments from Steering Committee:

1. Sudhir Sharma, UN Environment – priorities have been developed based on feedback from countries but energy efficiency is also important. Is that not a priority area for countries?

ALP (Soumya Chaturvedula): Renewable Energy was found to rank high on the national agenda in Asian member countries and was clearly spelt out as a priority topic during initial outreach.. There is scope for partnership on Energy Efficiency (EE), particularly outreach on knowledge and awareness sharing is needed in Asian countries. ALP would also be interested to partner with UN Environment especially to promote awareness/knowledge outreach on EE in the Asian region.

2. Sudhir Sharma, UN Environment – remarks on clean mobility

International Energy Agency (IEA) along with UN Environment has started a global initiative on e-mobility. Some of the knowledge products coming out of that initiative can be utilized and disseminated by ALP. The proposed Regional hub of the initiative (currently at early stage) can engage with ALP.

GEF-7¹ has specific window for electric mobility. ALP Clean Mobility CoP can explore synergies with GEF-7

On NDC Finance – NDC Partnership is doing work in this space and ALP can share, contribute and exchange information. UN Environment will be working on NDC Finance in 3 countries – Mongolia,

¹ GEF-7 Electric vehicle programme: IEA and UN Environment are leading agencies supporting shift to electric mobility, alongside ADB, UNIDO and ICCT. UN Environment is supporting more than 40 countries with the introduction of electric mobility under the **eMob Programme**.

Bangladesh, and Vietnam. If there is any activity in these regions, UN Environment and ALP can explore synergies.

ALP (Emani Kumar): IEA and UN Environment – ALP is interested to partner and come out with joint publications and knowledge dissemination at country level. Strategy/white papers can be published in this regard. ALP can be a medium between countries and the e-mobility initiative's Regional hub. ALP will be happy to play a role in the Regional hub activities as well.

NREL, Carishma Gokhale-Welch: Scope for collaboration is extensive. Co-designing sessions and inviting participants to the CoP activities, workshops and sessions; leveraging resources are some of the prospects.

3. Sudhir Sharma, UN Environment: *One other emerging topic that came up in recent meetings in India is 'Energy storage technology'. Distributors and grid management companies were keen to know more on the following aspects which would help them in scaling up storage in grid systems -- how to integrate storage into grids, policy frameworks required, information on regulating instruments, how to structure the contracts and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and make supplying of electricity reliable in the longer duration, etc.*

NREL, Carishma Gokhale-Welch: Grid codes came up as key topic in the GRE CoP and a webinar is being developed with USAID on this topic over the next two months. While grid codes do not directly deal with PPAs., these can be integrated into planning to promote storage. NREL can share existing resources on energy storage and PPAs.

ALP: ALP and LEDS GP to follow up with Sudhir Sharma for contacts – distributor side and grid management companies to add them to the GRE CoP; also would provide comprehensive information on REAL services.