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# The UNDP Low Emission Capacity Building (LECB) Programme: A global initiative to support mitigation action – LEDS, NAMAs & MRV

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# Programme objective is to build national capacities for mitigation action...

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**Objective:** Build capacities to design and implement Low Emission Development Strategies and **national mitigation actions** in the **public and/or private** sectors

## Five main work areas:

- **GHG inventory management systems**
- Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (**NAMAs**)
- Low-Emission Development Strategies (**LEDS**)
- Measurement, Reporting and Verification (**MRV**)
- **Mitigation actions** in selected industries/private sector

# LECB Programme: fast facts

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- Start date:** January 2011
- End date:** December 2016
- Funding:** \$40 million
- Scale:** 25 countries
- Sectors:** Building capacity in **energy, transport, industrial processes, waste, agriculture, and LULUCF**
- Scope:** Building capacity for **60 NAMAs and 13 LEDS** (including design of associated MRV systems), strengthening **17 national GHG inventory systems**

## **Donors:**

- European Commission
- German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
- Australian Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency & AusAID

# 25 countries benefit from peer-to-peer exchange of experiences & lessons



Phase	Africa	Asia	LAC	Arab States	Europe/CIS
Phase 1 (2011)	DRC	Philippines	Argentina	Egypt	
	Kenya	China	Chile	Morocco	
	Uganda		Colombia		
	Zambia		Ecuador		
			Mexico		
			Peru		
Phase 2 (2012)	Ghana	Bhutan	Costa Rica	Lebanon	Moldova
	Tanzania	Indonesia	Trinidad & Tobago		
		Malaysia			
		Thailand			
		Vietnam			
Total #	6	7	8	3	1

# Programme is a “low-carbon pathfinder” project that builds national capacities to:



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- **Design strategic, long-term national vision for low-emission development** that is aligned with national development goals and acknowledges national circumstances
  - **Remove technical, financial and institutional barriers** to scaled-up mitigation action
  - **Improve GHG emission scenarios and the underlying information base** to ensure well-informed decision making and a business case for climate change mitigation
  - **Assess sustainable development impacts (co-benefits)** of NAMAs & LEDS and design systems to capture these impacts
  - **Support climate finance “readiness” efforts**, including how to catalyse public finance to attract private sector investments

# LECB model for capacity development



1. **Put in place a multi-stakeholder framework** (for project development, national steering committee, working groups)
2. **Maximise use of national experts** (with tailored technical assistance provided, based upon country needs)
3. **Focus on institutional capacity building needs**
4. **Encourage consideration of gender issues** and inclusion of women in project design and implementation
5. **Build on existing experience within UNDP**
  - Green, low-emission, climate-resilient development strategies: extensive resource base developed
  - Lessons from UNDP-GEF's climate change mitigation portfolio (barrier removal, MRV systems, nascent work on NAMAs, etc)
  - Capacity Development Group's approaches to strengthening and measuring institutional capacities
  - National Communications Support Programme & other enabling activities under GEF

# LECB Global Support Unit uses number of tools to address capacity development barriers

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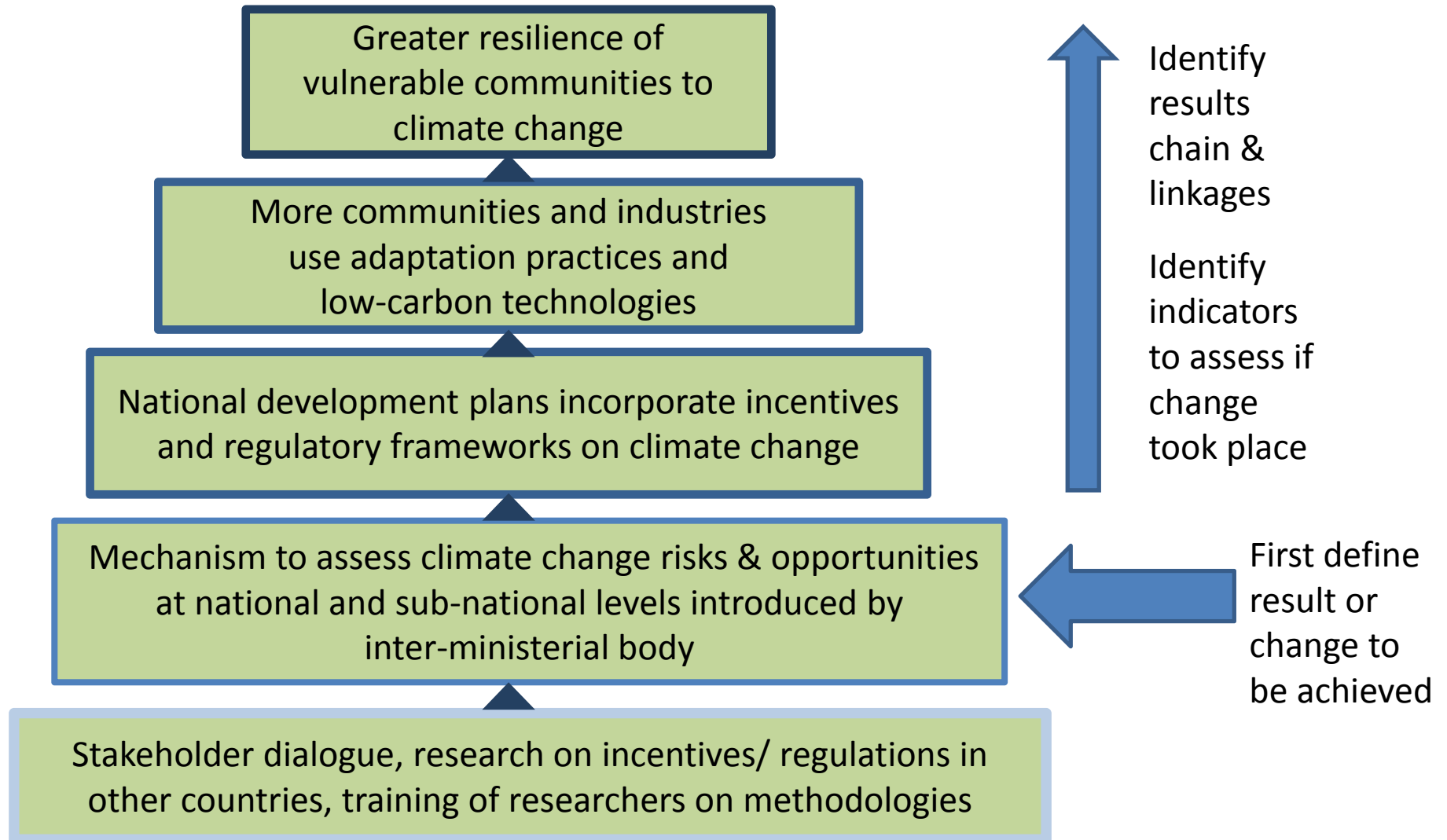
## Coordinates targeted technical assistance

- Targeted backstopping (in-country and on-line)
- Identification of appropriate international/regional expertise
- Technical review of national project outputs
- Development of technical guidance and policy briefs
- Global knowledge exchange workshops and thematic trainings

## Drives knowledge sharing, outreach & partnerships

- Partnerships with Centers of Excellence/Regional Networks
- Promote peer to peer learning
- Identification and sharing of best practices/lessons learned via e-discussions, webinars, and quarterly newsletters
- Information sharing via [www.lowemissiondevelopment.org](http://www.lowemissiondevelopment.org) & monthly email “round-ups” of events

# UNDP framework for measuring capacity development results





# Comprehensive range of guidance on green LECRDS (some in French, Spanish, & Russian)

The image displays two book covers. The left cover is titled 'Catalysing Climate Finance' and features a dark blue background with a world map and a cluster of keys. The right cover is titled 'Multi-stakeholder Decision-Making' and features a green background with a world map and a cluster of colored pencils. Both covers include the UNDP logo and the text 'United Nations Development Programme'.

**In prep.:**

**UNDP/UNFCCC/UNEP-Risoe:  
Good Practice Guidance for the  
Preparation and Implementation  
of NAMAs**

**Timeline:**  
May-June: Technical review  
June-July: Final draft

**Will include web-based tool box  
Will be available in languages**

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**THANK YOU!**

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***If it's not sustainable, then it isn't development...***