

Introduction to Climate Resilient Low Emission Development Strategies

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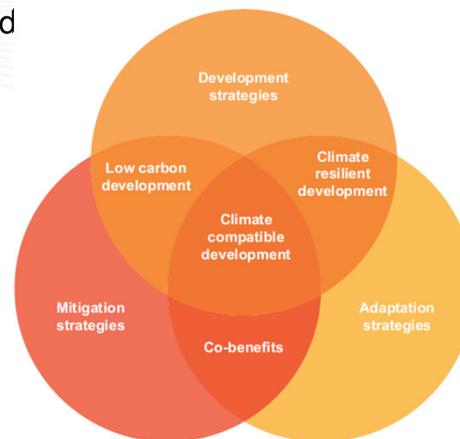
What is a LEDS?

A **Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS)** is a country led strategic plan to achieve sustainable development, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission trajectories and enhance resiliency to climate change impacts.



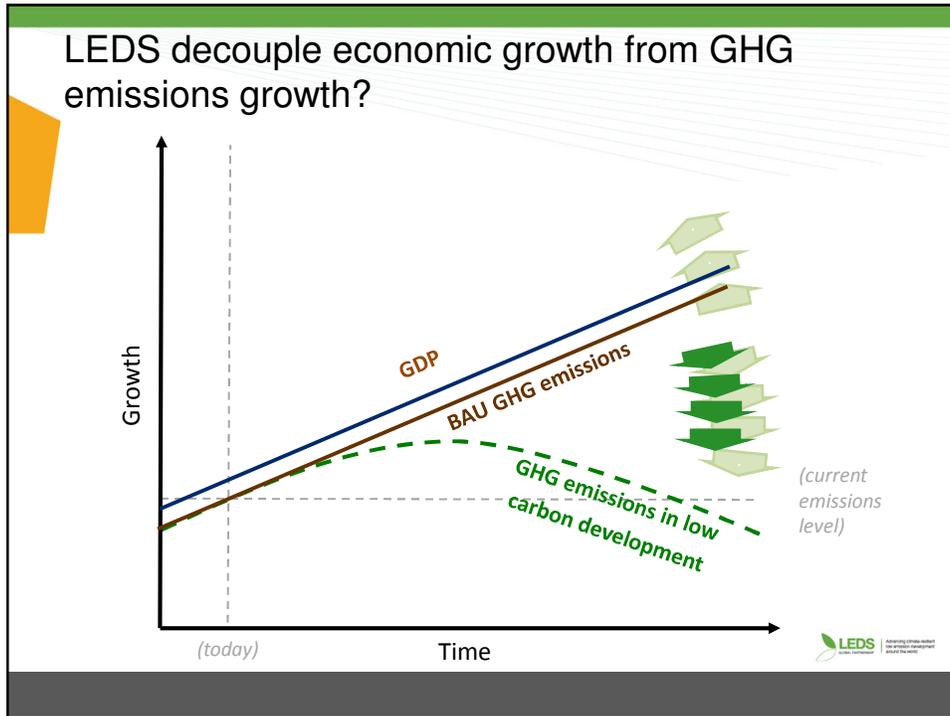
LEDS and Related Plans and Strategies

- Not all countries have a formal document or process called a “LEDS”
- However, many countries are incorporating LEDS-type concepts into other planning mechanisms, e.g.,
 - Green growth
 - Sustainable development
 - Climate change resilience and response
 - Clean energy and sustainable land use



Source: adapted from Zadek, 2009, and informal communication with staff from the UK Department for International Development

Regardless of their name, LEDS are distinguished by their focus on both *enhancing development* and *reducing GHG emissions*.



What can low emission development mean for your country?

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Increased energy security
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Improved health and economic activity from less pollution
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Increased industrial efficiency and productivity
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New economic opportunities, employment, and poverty reduction
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Contribution to global effort toward GHG emission reduction and enhanced climate resiliency

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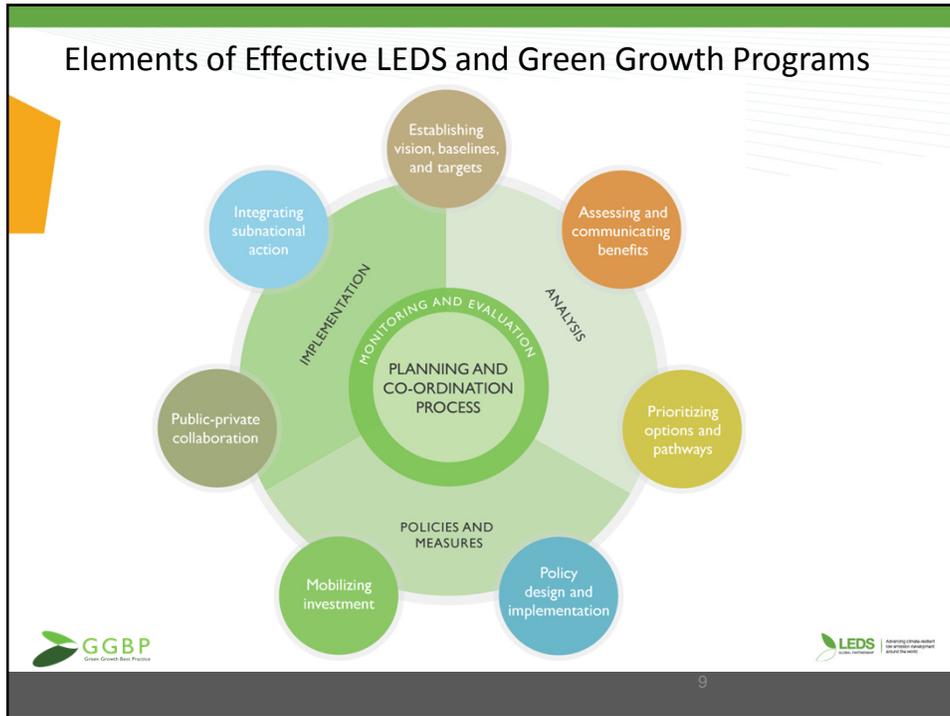


Example of LEDS Processes

- **Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategy**
 - Emphasizes integration of green growth and climate resilience
 - Seeks to achieve significant carbon neutral increases in per capita GDP to support economic and social development goals
- **South Africa's National Climate Change Response Strategy**
 - Aligns closely with the GoSA's National Development Plan 2030 and emphasizes job creation
 - Focuses on poverty, welfare and social equity impacts of proposed actions to ensure alignment with broader social development goals
- **Kenya National Climate Change Action Plan**
 - Aligns with Vision 2030 National Development Plan with a goal to become "a newly industrialising, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its citizens in a clean and secure environment"
 - Address concerns related to droughts and flooding through ensuring climate resilience
 - Contribute to global GHG emission reduction goals

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Many countries have organized LEDS in 5 steps:

LEDS Planning & Coordination	Assess the Current Situation	Analyze Options	Prepare Prioritized Action Plans	Implement and Monitor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a Vision linked to National Development Goals • Define a multi-stakeholder participatory planning process at the national and subnational level • Assessing and Communicating Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze existing climate change related plans, programs and policies • Define strengths and weaknesses of existing local capacity • Assess available resources and analyze data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Business-as-Usual scenario for GHG Emissions & develop low carbon scenarios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of implementation and finance plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize finance • Implement actions and policies across agencies and levels of govt. • Monitoring, reporting and verification and adjustment

LEDS
Low Emission Development Strategy

Adopting climate action for production development and the world

Key Challenges with LEDS

- Building the development case
- Securing support of political leaders and key stakeholders
- Mainstreaming with current development plans with active engagement of key ministries
- Robust analysis of options and policy design
- Translating plans into action
- Integration with related climate change programs