Message from the Co-chairs

As 2014 comes to a close, we want to thank all our Asia LEDS Partnership members and friends for your support and participation in collaborative activities this past year, including the estimated 250 people who attended this year's Asia LEDS Forum in Yogyakarta, Indonesia last month. A special thank you to the Indonesia National Council on Climate Change and BAPPENAS for hosting this year's forum, to our key sponsors, and to the impressive range of partners that collaborated to share the latest technical content and insights into ways that LEDS and green growth can contribute to sustainable economic development. We also appreciate the active engagement of participants, and the input provided to help us prioritize areas for collaboration in the near future.

As you may know, we are in the process of finalizing the transition to two new Co-Chairs as well as changes to the Steering Committee. Stay tuned for details early next year, as well as information on activities planned for 2015. As our two-year term comes to end, we would like express our gratitude for the opportunity we have had to serve as the first Co-Chairs of the Asia LEDS Partnership. We are excited to see the continuing growth of the partnership, the increasing diversity of members, and strengthened collaboration on LEDS and green growth in the region. We look forward to staying engaged with the Asia LEDS Partnership and with all of you in the near future.

Doddy Sukadri & Orestes Anastasia
Countries Can Grow Economies While Addressing Climate Change

At the third annual Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Forum in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, officials, practitioners, and experts from across Asia and the world shared ideas and experiences of how low-carbon, green growth policies and actions contribute to priority national development goals such as economic growth and job creation.

The event brought together 250 participants during November 11-13 to discuss how smart green policy and investment choices for cities, land use, and energy can reduce poverty, make cities more economically competitive and socially inclusive, increase industrial and agricultural productivity, protect natural environments, and strengthen energy security. Participants also identified new regional priorities for action and collaboration as well.

In addition, a new OECD report Toward Green Growth in Southeast Asia was launched at the forum, and the IPCC hosted a side event to launch of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Synthesis in Asia.

Innovative LEDS and Green Growth Initiatives in Asia

One highlight at the Asia LEDS Forum 2014 was an interactive marketplace-style session featuring 16 displays on LEDS and green growth initiatives and their development impacts. The examples aimed to help participants identify models, tools, and ideas to improve green growth planning and actions in their own countries. Part of the session included a popular vote to select the three initiatives considered most useful by participants. The winners were:

1. The Philippines Building Resilient Island Communities by the Municipal Government of Roxas, Palawan, Philippines (pictured above)
2. The Indonesia Clean Energy Project display by USAID Indonesia
3. The Indonesia Climate Change Trust Fund (ICCF) display by BAPPENAS

The Asia LEDS Partnership has developed a new animated video to help explain the concepts of green growth and LEDS, and ways that countries in Asia can apply this transformative development model in different sectors.

Watch it now >
WEBSINAR
Leveraging the Capital Market for Climate Change: Exploring the Opportunity of Green Bonds in Asia
December 16 - 09:00AM ICT (Bangkok/Jakarta/Hanoi)

In response to Asia LEDS Partnership member interest in market-based financial instruments used to catalyze investment in low-carbon green growth, the World Bank Treasury and the World Bank Climate Change Group are offering a new webinar on green bonds and how they fit in the climate finance landscape. It is intended as an introduction to green bonds for anyone interested in climate finance and especially those looking to work with potential issuers to introduce them to the green bond market and help grow the market.

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OPPORTUNITY
Help ISO develop a roadmap for climate change standards

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is in the process of developing an array of new types of standards related to greenhouse gas management, such as the specifications for product carbon footprinting (ISO TS 14067). The sub-committee on GHG Management and Related Issues is requesting input from stakeholders through an online survey. The survey questions are multiple choice and take about 2 minutes to complete.

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MEMBERSHIP
The Asia LEDS Partnership is a voluntary regional network comprised of organizations and individuals from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors active in designing, promoting, and/or implementing LEDS in Asia. The ALP is one of three regional platforms of the LEDS Global Partnership.

Membership is open to organizations and individuals working to advance LEDS within the sub-regions of East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and the Pacific. Membership is voluntary, cost-free, and unlimited in duration.

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