



## Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Working Group

The LEDS GP Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Working Group aims to enhance the understanding of the importance and options for mitigating emissions in the AFOLU sector, as well as for nationally determined contribution (NDC) planning. Countries are facing multiple, inter-related climate challenges, including protecting remaining forests and enhancing food production in sustainable and resilient ways.

Addressing these challenges can provide integrated benefits to all, ranging from safeguarding local livelihoods, protecting biodiversity and ecosystems provided by forests, to reducing rural poverty. Adopting low emission strategies for both agricultural and forest production is an effective way of mitigating some of the effects of climate change, as well as building more sustainable and resilient agricultural systems.

The AFOLU Working Group serves as a platform for engaging decision makers, practitioners and researchers, for building a LEDS GP AFOLU community of practice that links agriculture and forestry expert networks.

The Working Group's goal is to promote and facilitate information, knowledge sharing, and adoption of tools and solutions for climate resilient, low emission development across the agriculture, forestry and other land use sectors.

We build on relationships with diverse stakeholders in the AFOLU sector from regional, national, and subnational decision-makers, to low emission development practitioners, the private sector, and researchers.

Our services include building programs and expertise through a wide range of global and regional workshops, technical assistance, developing case studies, guidance documents, peer learning, and hosting webinars.

### Priority areas:

- **Forestry:** Carbon accounting methods, planning to mitigate and reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+), methods and implementation, and the relationship between REDD+ and LEDS.
- **Agriculture:** Carbon accounting methods and finance options, climate-smart agriculture.
- **Finance:** Types and assessment methods for land use activities.
- **Land use:** Planning and assessment.
- **Cross-sectoral rural LEDS in Latin America:** Community of practice to dive deep into the role of different stakeholders and the importance of their interaction to foster rural development



## Technical support

LEDs GP's Remote Expert Assistance on LEDs (REAL) service supports requests from developing country LEDs teams, including government agencies and consultants, technical institutions, and NGOs, that are working directly with country governments to plan and implement their LEDs. Teams may submit multiple, successive requests, including follow-on inquiries. For more information please visit [www.ledsgp.org/assistance](http://www.ledsgp.org/assistance).

### AFOLU Working Group REAL requests

**Requests:** Several countries and organizations such as the SilvaCarbon program in Bangkok, the Asia LEDs Partnership, and the LEDs LAC Regional Platform, have highlighted the need for more detailed methods of carbon accounting for mangroves, identification of types of finance available for land use activities, and an assessment of the relationship between REDD+ and LEDs land use initiatives.

**Actions taken:** The Working Group co-supported and provided experts in the following technical workshops:

- Regional workshop on incorporating mangroves into national greenhouse gas inventories (March 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia)
- National workshop on mangrove carbon stocks and implications for conservation and management (March 2016, Phnom Penh, Cambodia).

**Outcome:** The mangrove workshops produced a rich summary of available methods and gaps in methods as well as identifying next steps in carbon accounting for mangroves. These are being collated for sharing more widely.



### The relationship between LEDs and REDD+: Case studies from Peru and Guatemala

This paper evaluates the relationships between low emission development strategies (LEDs) and strategies to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+). Based on a preliminary assessment of two case study countries in Latin America – Peru and Guatemala – it also provides some guidance and opportunities to better integrate LEDs and REDD+.



**Read the paper here**

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