



AWG-LCA Side Event by Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN)

Low Emission Development Strategies – A reality check

Wednesday August 4th
18.00 – 19.30
Ministry of Transport (METRO)

In the negotiations running up to COP15, there has been a lot of attention for ‘low emission development strategies’ (LEDS). The concept has been subsequently incorporated in both the Copenhagen Accord and the LCA text. Supported by the Dutch government and UNEP, ECN is working on a project with Ghana and Indonesia to assess under what conditions an LEDS can be useful as an instrument under the UNFCCC, and how the rather abstract concept can be operationalised.

The preliminary findings of this project are that a ‘reality check’ is in order. In our view, an LEDS can be a very valuable instrument for a country, when it is driven by the country’s needs, but it is less useful as a mandatory instrument under the UNFCCC, too specific for a ‘template approach’ and not be made a precondition for any form of support. In our side event we will go into how an LEDS could add value, and how it can be (very) beneficial to developing countries.

This side event is about framing the concept of LEDS. In short presentations it highlights current thinking, experiences from practice and (preliminary) results from a research project. As an intermezzo, in an interactive session the audience uses hands and colored cards to position subjective statements, revealing the way it frames the concept.

Programme

Time	Topic	Presenters	
18.00	18.15	Welcome and current thinking on LEDS	Patrick Todd (Dutch Ministry of Environment)
18.15	18.30	Interactive ‘hands up’ session for framing the concept of LEDS	ECN – team
18.30	18.40	What LEDS could mean for Indonesia	Dr. Hardiv Situmeang (Indonesian delegation)
18.40	18.50	What LEDS could mean for Ghana	Mr. Opong-Boadi (Ghanaian delegation)
18.50	19.00	Korea’s approach to Green Growth	Mr. Jin-Gyu Oh (Korean delegation) (tbc)
19.00	19.15	ECN LCDS project results	Xander van Tilburg (ECN)
19.15	19.30	Q&A	All presenters

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