

## Low Carbon Development Strategies: Getting Started

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## Low Carbon Development: what's in a name?

### Integrates various fields of policy and practice

- Poverty alleviation, energy and economic development
- Climate change mitigation

### It's not new

- Over 20 national plans integrating economic development and climate change
- Great variety in scope, ambition, aim and names: development plan, growth plan, strategy, action plan, roadmap, climate, low carbon, low emission (LCDS, LCGP, LEDS, ...)

### Renewed interest in the context of negotiations

- National in scope, but potentially useful for channelling international support
- Both for developed and developing countries
- Negotiations increasingly reconcile development and climate interests, with LCDS as possible logical bridge

## What is an LCDS?

### Possible purposes

- Policy document, that states a long-term mitigation goals and mitigation actions
- Aligns different policy areas and makes them coherent
- Provide estimates of the costs of possible future emission reductions
- Enhances regulatory certainty for investors
- Provides an opportunity for stakeholder input into policy planning
- Gives a signal to the international community on national position
- International mechanism for guiding public and private finance

## What is an LCDS?

### Common elements:

- Analysis of the current situation
- Long term vision
- Short to medium term plan for concrete actions
- Need for institutional capacity building, financing and technology

### Controversial issues:

- Conflict with national sovereignty
- Accountability and MRV

### Open questions

- Inclusion of adaptation?
- Overlap with other instruments?

## LCDS: Lessons learned so far

### Best practices (Project Catalyst, World Bank etc.)

- Senior leadership within the government
- Strong basis of data, economic analysis
- Stakeholder engagement from the start: public and private sector
- Ongoing iteration and identification of priority sectors and areas

## Current project: paving the way for LCDS

### Three stages of LCDS

- Develop an LCDS methodology
- Develop an LCDS
- Implement an LCDS

### Aim and scope of the current project

- Work towards a general methodology
- Assist two countries in developing a specific methodology for developing an LCDS
- Contribute to knowledge, understanding and experience on the topic

## Current project: paving the way for LCDS

### Research questions

- Minimal data requirements
- Relation to other mechanisms and instruments under the Convention
- How can it assist in identifying NAMAs and required public and private finance
- Methodology: what should be country specific and what can be generalised

## Current project: research approach

### Methodology

- Integrate bottom-up and top-down insight
- Remain a-political not endorsing specific Party proposals
- Focus on stakeholder involvement in public and private sector
- Flexibility and responsiveness to developments in negotiations
- Flexibility and collaboration towards/with similar efforts on the topic

### How can an LCDS....

- be operationalised
- get mitigation actions going
- channel international public support



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**Thank you for your attention!**



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