

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.1

## BUILDING ON STRONG DOMESTIC ACTION, LEAD INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

### Agency Priority Goal on Climate Change

By the end of 2015, U.S. bilateral assistance under low emission development strategies (LEDS) will reach at least 25 countries (from the previous baseline of 22 countries) and will result in the achievement of at least 45 major individual country milestones, each reflecting a significant, measureable improvement in that country's development or implementation of LEDS. Also by the end of 2015, at least 1,200 additional developing country government officials and practitioners (from a baseline of 0) will strengthen their LEDS capacity through participation in the LEDS Global Partnership and that capacity will be meaningfully applied to 25 countries (from a baseline of 22).

### Impact Statement

Enable economic growth concurrent with significant reductions in national emissions trajectories through 2020 and the longer term by supporting the development and implementation of LEDS.

### Overview

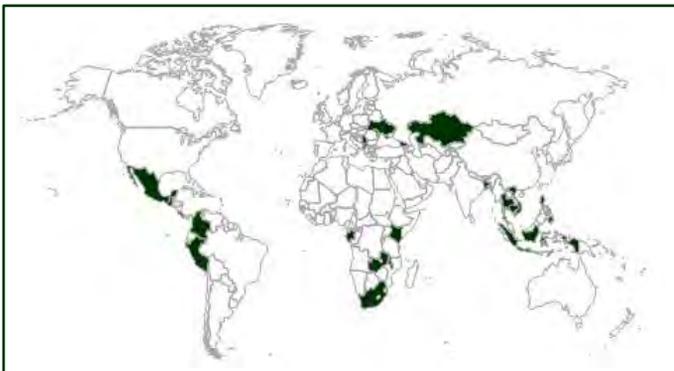
The focus of this Agency Priority Goal (APG) is to enable economic growth concurrent with significant reductions in national emissions trajectories through 2020 and the longer term by supporting the development and implementation of low emission development strategies (LEDS). Specifically, this APG measures the progress of Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) and the multilateral Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP).

Through EC-LEDS, a multiagency U.S. Government team is working with partner countries to identify and advance effective

economy-wide LEDS.

The LEDS Global Partnership is a multilateral platform for enhanced coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among countries and international programs working to advance low emission climate resilient growth that the U.S. State Department founded.

Low-emission, climate-resilient sustainable economic growth is highlighted as a U.S. diplomatic and development priority in the U.S. National Security Strategy, the President's development policy, the President's Climate Action Plan, and the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review.



### EC-LEDS Country Partners

EC-LEDS country partners include Albania, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Peru, the Philippines, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zambia.



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**Key Indicator:** Number of officials and practitioners with strengthened capacity and knowledge through participation in the LEADS Global Partnership

	FY 2013 Baseline	FY 2014 Quarter 1	FY 2014 Quarter 2	FY 2014 Quarter 3	FY 2014 Quarter 4	FY 2015 Quarter 1	FY 2015 Quarter 2	FY 2015 Quarter 3	FY 2015 Quarter 4
Target		300	325	500	525	825	850	1100	1200
Actual	0								

**Key Indicator:** Number of major milestones achieved by partner countries as a result of U.S. assistance, each reflecting significant, measurable improvement in national frameworks for low emission development.

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target	10	30

**Key Indicator:** Number of major milestones achieved by partner countries as a result of U.S. assistance, each reflecting significant, measurable improvement in LEADS implementation

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target	4	15

**Key Indicator:** Number of countries in which USG technical assistance for LEADS has been initiated

	FY 2012	FY 2013 Baseline	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target	7	20	25	25
Actual	9	22		

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: PROMOTE THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-EMISSION, CLIMATE-RESILIENT WORLD  
WHILE EXPANDING GLOBAL ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



**BUILDING ON STRONG DOMESTIC ACTION,  
LEAD INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE****Achieving the Agency Priority Goal*****Strategies***

The State and USAID climate change teams have developed the implementation strategy for this Agency Priority Goal through a series of interagency discussions and regular EC-LEDS management meetings convened by the USAID Global Climate Change Coordinator and the Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change.

The U.S. Government's work on LEDS has two primary components:

1. Providing targeted technical assistance and capacity building for LEDS. Examples of this assistance include: 1) supporting the development of new strategies and/or enhancing and strengthening existing strategies, 2) working with government and civil society partners to strengthen in-country human and institutional capacity, including through the provision of tools and approaches to assist with LEDS, and 3) supporting the implementation of LEDS. Additional examples of types of technical assistance provided include: greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory support, emissions and economic modeling and projections, policy analysis, and financing, as well as implementation planning and programs for specific low carbon growth options.
2. Promoting a shared global knowledge base on LEDS through the LEDS Global Partnership. The LEDS Global Partnership—a partnership of more than 100 countries and international programs—enhances coordination, information exchange, and cooperation to advance climate-resilient low emission growth. It does this through three regional platforms for cooperation and more than nine global working groups focused on issues ranging from designing and implementing LEDS, to measuring and assessing the impact of low emissions development pathways, to financing the implementation of low emission development policies and technologies.

