

**Participant Pack: LEDS Global Partnership 2015
Annual Workshop**

Implementing LEDS: Innovation and Good Practices

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Greetings,

We are delighted to welcome you to the LEDS Global Partnership Fourth Annual Event, beginning on Wednesday 14th October until Friday 16th October, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The event focuses on common priority topics across Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and provides an opportunity for training and collaboration across all regions. In-depth training will focus on financing LEDS and assessment and communication of benefits; while peer learning sessions will cover Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use, Energy, Transport, Subnational Integration of LEDS, and Short-lived Climate Pollutants along with innovations in all phases of LEDS.

Workshop objectives:

- Conduct peer learning and in depth training on LEDS finance and benefits assessment and communications
- Facilitate peer to peer learning on sector LEDS measures
- Share lessons and innovations on LEDS across countries and programs
- Highlight leadership and advance collaboration across countries, the private sector, and international LEDS programs
- Plan for future LEDS GP and regional platform activities

Participant expectations:

As in previous years, the LEDS GP 2015 Annual Event is designed to be a highly interactive ‘sleeves-rolled-up’ experience, with the opportunity for members to lead and participate in sharing their experience, knowledge and expertise through a variety of planned and ‘self-organized’ processes.

This year the emphasis is on training and peer-to-peer learning that build your capacity to fully engage on LEDS and INDCs processes in your country and develop innovative solutions to the low emission development challenges you are facing. By making the sessions as practical and solution-focused as possible, the intention is that you will leave with a number of practical ideas that you can commit to action.

To make the most of the opportunity, and enable you to share your own knowledge with others, we ask that you do some preparation. It is especially important that **prior to the workshop** you:

- Consult with colleagues in your country to identify the approaches, challenges, and needs for learning and assistance you have related to the specific finance, benefits, and other peer learning sessions you plan to attend. You will be asked to comment on these approaches, challenges, and needs and opportunities during these sessions and your engagement will be most productive if you have such advance discussions.
- Identify 2-3 priority topics for learning and technical assistance related to LEDS development and implementation and communicate these priorities during the workshop and please inform

us in advance if you would like to have an meeting along with other representatives with your country to discuss how the LEDS GP can help you advance work in these priority areas.

During the event:

- Identify concrete areas where you will apply learning and resources obtained at the workshop and where you can increase engagement in the LEDS GP regional platforms, working groups and global activities.

After the event:

- Report back on how learning is being applied to advance LEDS in your country and on echo-training and other forms of knowledge sharing after the event.

Country consultations:

Informal consultations with country representatives will be scheduled during the breaks to explain the LEDS GP services including Remote Expert Assistance on LEDS and identify areas of interest in obtaining advisory support. These consultations will be held by the global secretariat, regional secretariats and working group leads. Please contact Bethany.Speer@nrel.gov and also visit the LEDS GP booth at the marketplace for more information and to schedule a meeting to discuss your country's needs for technical assistance.

More Information:

For more information on the workshop and the LEDS Global Partnership, please visit <http://ledsgp.org>.

If you have any queries about the workshop program, please do not hesitate to contact Jebi Rahman at jebi.rahman@cdkn.org and tel: +44-0793-052-7767: or Caroline Uriarte at Caroline.Uriarte@nrel.gov and tel. +1-720-355-6196.

Workshop Agenda

Venue: Isabella and Caracoles Convention Centre (#5 on map)

Day 1: Wednesday 14 th October, 2015		
Time	Location	Session
8:00 – 9:00	Foyer	Registration and Market Place set up
9:00 – 9:30	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	Opening and Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Neeraj Prasad, Co-Chair LEDS Global Partnership, World Bank Mr. Omar Ramirez Tejada, National Council on Climate Change, Government of the Dominican Republic and President, LEDS LAC Steering Committee
9:30 – 9:40	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	Agenda Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Alexandra Stubbings, Talik & Co Ms. Maria Paz Cigaran, Libélula
9:40 – 10:10	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	Peer introductions and objectives
10:10 – 11:00	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	LEDS Global Partnership Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities updates - Mr. Ron Benioff, Director, LEDS GP Secretariat, NREL Website launch – Ms. Janet Strachan, Director, LEDS GP Secretariat, CDKN Regional Platform Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Aida Figari, LEDS LAC Platform Mr. John Bruce Wells, Asia LEDS Partnership Mr. Edward Awafo, Africa LEDS Partnership
11:00 – 11:30	Foyer	Break
11:30 – 12:20	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	Overview of LEDS Benefits Assessment and Communications Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lachlan Cameron, Energy Research Center of the Netherlands (ECN) - TBC Country success story on Benefits Assessment and Communications

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Iris Jimenez, INECC Mexico <p>Overview of LEDS Finance Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nguyen Trinh, Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment & Mr. Donald Pols, ECN <p>Country success story on mobilizing investment for LEDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shirley Mardonez, Colombia's National Planning Department <p>Q&A</p>
12:20 – 13:00	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	<p>The Green Climate Fund (GCF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Carmen Arguello, GCF Regional Advisor Mr. Neeraj Prasad, Co-Chair LEDS Global Partnership, World Bank Mr. Asger Garnak, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Restaurants in Market Place	Lunch
	Concurrent in-depth training sessions:	
14:00 – 16:00	Breakout Room: Caracoles 1 & 2	<p>Training Session 1: Methods and tools for assessing poverty reduction benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) & Grantham Research Institute (GRI) Speakers and Moderators: Mr. Alex Bowen, GRI, Mr. Tom Peterson, Ms. Arianna Ugliano, Loretta Bauer, CCS
	Breakout Room: Caracoles 3 & 4	<p>Training Session 2: Approaches for stakeholder engagement on LEDS benefits: the MAPS experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Mitigation Action Plans and Scenarios (MAPS) Speakers and Moderators: Mr. Stefan Raubenheimer, Mr. Hernan Blanco, Ms. Michelle du Toit, MAPS

	Breakout Room: Isabella 1 and 2	Training Session 3: Financial instruments and innovative risk mitigation instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: USAID Climate Economic Analysis for Development, Investment and Resilience (CEADIR) project; IADB Speakers and Moderators: Mr. Alan Miller, Climate Investment Technical Advisor; Ms. Michèle Laird, Principal Associate, Abt Associates; Mr. Asger Garnak, IADB; Mr. Daniel Magallon, BASE
	Breakout Room: Isabella 3	Training Session 4: Investment planning for low emission development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: World Bank Group; Climate Investment Funds; Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment Speakers and Moderators: Mr. Zhihong Zhang, Climate Investment Funds; Ms. Nguyen Thi Dieu Trinh, Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment, Susana Cardenas, IADB,
16:00 – 16:30	Foyer	Break (and Exhibition Hall set up)
16:30 – 17:40	Foyer	Exhibition Hall
17:40 – 18:00	Plenary room: Isabella 1 & 2	Close
19:30	Restaurants in Market Place	Dinner

Day 2: Thursday 15th October, 2015

Time	Location	Session
	Concurrent in-depth training sessions:	
8:30 – 10:30	Breakout Room: Isabella 3	Training Session 1: Assessing and communicating benefits of INDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Energy Research Center of the Netherlands (ECN) Speakers and Moderators: Dr. Alain Serges Kouadio, Côte D'Ivoire's Ministry of Environment and Development, Ms. Luisa Elena Guinand, Peru's PlanCC; Mr. Moisés Alvarez, Dominican Republic National Council on Climate Change; Ms. Imane Chafiq, Climate Change Competences Centre 4C Morocco project/GIZ

	Breakout Room: Caracoles 1 & 2	Training Session 2: Methods and tools for benefits analysis and hands on economic impact training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: ICF International Speakers and Moderators: Prof Francis Yamba, Centre for Energy, Environment and Engineering (CEEEZ); Ms Bethany Speer and Ms Caroline Uriarte, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL); Ms. Pamela Mathis, ICF International
	Breakout Room: Caracoles 3 & 4	Training Session 3: How to mobilize private sector investment into low emission infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Energy Research Center of the Netherlands (ECN) Speakers and Moderators: Mr. James Falzon and Mr. Donald Pols, ECN; Carmen Arguello, GCF Regional Advisor; Mr. Asger Garnak, IADB; Ms. Nguyen Trinh, Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment
	Breakout Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Training Session 4: Innovative solutions to climate finance: Blended finance for private sector projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: World Bank Group; International Finance Cooperation (IFC) Speakers and Moderators: Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez, IFC
10:30 – 11:00	Foyer	Break
11:00 – 11:30	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Report back from training sessions
11:30 – 12:20	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Expanding LEDS Dialogues Moderator: Sam Bickersteth, CDKN Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN): Mr. Roberto Borjabad, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean Opportunities for Action on Short Lived Climate Pollutants: Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Head of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Update: Ms. Amanda McKee, Senior Knowledge Management and Partnership Development Officer, GGKP International Climate Initiative (ICI): Mr. Mirko Abresch, BMUB

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing Capacity for LEDS (EC-LEDS) Program, Mr. Collin Green, USAID Q&A
12:20 – 12:30	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Innovative Solutions for Decarbonizing Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Neeraj Prasad, Co-Chair LEDS Global Partnership, World Bank
12:30 – 12:40	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Introduction to the Innovation Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ron Benioff, Director, LEDS GP Secretariat
12:40 – 13:40	Restaurants in Market Place	Lunch
13:40 – 15:40		Innovation Lab – small groups to challenge each other to develop innovative solutions to LEDS challenges and actions for LEDS GP to support such innovation going forward with leading examples highlighted.
	Breakout Room: Isabella 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1: Public private partnerships to advance LEDS leadership – Moderator: Ms. Maria Paz Cigaran
	Breakout Room: Isabella 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 2: Transitioning from primarily national and donor financing to private sector investment for LEDS - Moderator: Mr. Ron Benioff
	Breakout Room: Caracoles 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 3: Innovative Climate Policies – Moderator: Mr. Pablo Benitez
	Breakout Room: Caracoles 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 4: Open session where participants bring their own challenged to the table –Moderator: Dr. Alexandra Stubbings
15:40 – 16:10	Foyer	Break (and Open Space set up)
16:10 – 17:00	Breakout Rooms: Isabella 1 & 2	Open Space Round 1
17.00 – 17:50	Breakout Rooms: Isabella 1 & 2	Open Space Round 2
17:50 – 18:00	Plenary Room:	Close

	Isabella 1 & 2	
19:30	Restaurants in Market Place	Dinner

Day 3: Friday 16th October, 2015

Time	Location	Session
08:30 – 10:30		Concurrent peer learning and information exchange sessions:
	Breakout Room: Isabella 3	<p>Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) – Access to Climate Finance for AFOLU LEDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Ms. Nguyen Thi Dieu Trinh, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam and Ms. Rosilena Lindo, Ministry of Environment, Panama • Moderators: Ms. Natcha Tulyasuwan and Mr. Kenneth Andrasko, AFOLU Working Group
	Breakout Room: Tropicales 1	<p>Energy – Renewable Energy Grid Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Mr. Ron Benioff, NREL; Mr. Kevin de Cuba, WWI; Mr. John Bruce Wells, Asia LEDS Partnership; Mr. Pradeep Kumar Dadhich PhD, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) • Moderator: Kevin De Cuba, Energy Working Group
	Breakout Rooms: Isabella 1 & 2	<p>Subnational Integration – The Coordination and Vertical Integration of LEDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Ms. Carolina Hernandez, Colombia's Ministry of Housing, City and Territorial Development; Mr. Pathom Chaiyapruksaton, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management (TGO) • Moderators: Ms. Alex Carr, The Climate Registry; Mr. Rodrigo Rodriguez Tornquist, Asociación Sustentar; Mr. Scott Muller, Subnational Integration of LEDS Working Group

	Breakout Room: Caracoles 1 & 2	Transport – Packaging policies to advance public transport systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Ms. Cláudia Diaz, Colombia’s Low Carbon Resilient Program; Ms. Margoth Espinoza, Peruvian Ministry of Environment • Moderators: Mr. Benoit Lefevre and Ms. Angela Enriquez, Transport Working Group
	Breakout Room: Caracoles 3 & 4	Reducing short-lived climate pollutants: opportunities for action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Mr. Charlie Heaps, Senior Scientist at the SEI-US; Ms. Iris Jimenez, INECC Mexico • Moderator: Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Head of the CCAC Secretariat
10:30 – 11:00	Foyer	Break
11:00 – 11:15	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Report back from the peer learning sessions
11:15 – 11:45	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Review workshop outputs and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maria Paz Cigaran, Libélula • Dr. Alexandra Stubbings, Talik & Co
11:45 – 12:30	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	LEDS GP future directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ron Benioff, Director, LEDS Global Partnership Secretariat, NREL • Mr. Sam Bickersteth, Chief Executive Officer, CDKN
12.30 – 12.45	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	LEDS GP Awards Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ashley Allen, LEDS Coordinator, US Department of State • Mr. John Bruce Wells, Director, Asia LEDS Partnership Secretariat
12:45 – 13:00	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Workshop evaluation
13:00 – 13:15	Plenary Room: Isabella 1 & 2	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Neeraj Prasad, Co-Chair LEDS Global Partnership, World Bank
13:15 – 14:15	Restaurants in	Lunch

	Market Place	
14:15 – 17:15	Breakout Room: Caracoles 1 & 2	Steering Committee meeting By invitation only

Session Descriptions

Training Sessions

Many of the training sessions will make use of computers. We strongly encourage you to bring your laptop to the sessions to be used for training purposes only!

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 14:00-16:00

Session 1: Methods and tools for assessing poverty reduction benefits

This interactive workshop will cover key concepts, evidence, techniques and tools related to the prevention and resolution of poverty through Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS). Topics will cover the importance and role of goal setting, leadership, organization, economic baselines, equitable economic improvement strategies, screening and design of priority actions, evaluation of actions using multiple metrics, and the development of agency and stakeholder consensus.

Specific poverty issues will include focus on per capita and household income, the upward evolution of economies from primary to secondary and tertiary production using low emitting or “green” approaches, specific economic and equity design strategies for success in sectors, and key evaluation tools and processes. Sectors of focus will include agriculture, forestry, energy, industry, commerce, housing, and waste. These provide options for value added, native opportunities to support overall national vision and agency in a way that supports comprehensive inclusion of interests at the household, community and business level.

The session will be broken into four segments covering: 1) introduction to concepts, evidence, organization and identification of potential policy actions; 2) specific economic and equity strategies that guide selection and design of policy actions in sectors; 3) evaluation of the direct and indirect costs and benefits of potential policy actions in terms of equitable economic progress; and 4) the development of consensus among diverse stakeholders and government interests through

collaborative processes and expert participation. Each segment will include a presentation, a group survey and discussion exercise, and troubleshooting instruction.

Session 2: Approaches for stakeholder engagement on LEDS benefits: the MAPS experience

This training will provide participants with an understanding of the importance for stakeholder engagement in the LEDS process and the opportunity for countries to discuss challenges and opportunities around this topic. The training will focus on methods and tools for stakeholder engagement and communications that have been used in the MAPS Programme in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru and South Africa, as well as the resulting impacts.

Session 3: Financial Instruments and Innovative Risk Mitigation Instruments

Participants will gain an overview of financial instruments used to finance climate change mitigation and adaptation actions as well as traditional and innovative risk mitigation instruments critical to address barriers to climate investment, particularly by the private sector. Examples of financial and investment risk mitigation instruments will be provided. One that will be looked at in-depth is IDB's Energy Savings Insurance (ESI). The ESI was one of the four innovations endorsed by the Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance, and both the Lab and the ESI concept have gained significant attention. Participants will also have an opportunity to work through an example situation, proposing a financing solution.

Session 4: Investment Planning for Low Emission Development

Participants will discuss preparing to effectively access and utilize climate finance by first designing an overall investment strategy to achieve national goals related to climate change. Concrete case studies will be featured, as well as lessons learned during the design of low emissions investment planning funded through the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP).

Thursday, October 15, 2015 08:30-10:30

Session 1: Assessing and communicating benefits of INDCs

At an international level, INDCs offer an opportunity to set the world on track toward the 2°C goal. However, also at the domestic level, significant benefits can be associated with the planned actions that underpin a country's INDC. INDCs can provide an opportunity to design policies that make economic growth and climate objectives mutually reinforcing. It is estimated that least half of the

measures that could drive the necessary emissions reductions needed by 2030 could have multiple economic and development benefits.

Through country case studies and other materials, this session will provide an introduction to: some of the tools that countries have used to assess the expected benefits of their INDCs; how the results have been communicated with stakeholders; and why this will be important in future implementation of contributions.

Participant preparation

The session will be self-contained, but we encourage participants to bring along an understanding from their national context, including a) the content of their INDC (for example, what kind of actions or policies are considered); b) how co-benefits might have been assessed and included in the INDC process; and c) other national climate or low-carbon development assessments that consider (co-)benefits.

Session 2: Methods and tools for benefits analysis and hands on economic impact training

This session will explore the use of tools and approaches for assessing and communicating the development impacts of LEDS actions with a special focus on the Jobs and Economic Development Impact (JEDI) model, which evaluates employment impacts of LEDS and INDCs. The session will highlight the use of the JEDI tool in Zambia and the United States, and provide hands-on training on how the tool can be used to support decision-making in designing and implementing climate resilient low emission development objectives. Resources available for supporting implementation of this tool will also be discussed, in addition to other new/upcoming tools and resources for assessing LEDS benefits—including the DIA Toolkit and country case studies. Participants should bring their laptops.

Session 3: The Role of institutional investors in financing sustainable energy

Non-bank sources including institutional investors are needed to close the financing ‘gap’ required for the massive up-scaling in sustainable energy needed for realisation of LEDS. Only 1% of large OECD pension fund assets are invested directly into infrastructure – how can these institutional investors be mobilized to invest in sustainable energy? OECD presents policy recommendations to overcome barriers to mobilize institutional investment in sustainable energy.

Session 4: Innovative solutions to climate finance: Blended finance for

private sector projects

National capacities in the provision of resources to climate actions are evermore critical leading up to the Paris negotiations. The objective of this training is to introduce the fundamental concepts and provide practical guidance in the utilization of an innovative financing solution - blended finance - to support private sector operations. Participants can expect to gain an understanding of what blended finance is and how it can be used to support private sector investments. The session will also discuss lessons from IFC's experience of using blended finance instruments and enable participants to work through a short case study to absorb the concept and application of blended finance in a practical way.

Peer Learning Sessions

Friday, October 16, 2015 08:30-10:30

Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) – Access to climate finance for AFOLU LEDS

The AFOLU Working Group of the LEDS GP offers a 2-hour peer learning session on the topic of how to access climate finance for AFOLU low emission development strategies. The session encompasses a brief introduction to the working group's activities and technical assistance offered, case studies on AFOLU LEDS finance from different regions by country representatives and table discussion on the access to funding for real AFOLU LEDS projects identified by the participants.

Energy – Renewable energy grid integration

Based on global transformations in power system planning and implementation, this session will focus on enabling policies and innovative actions to support scaled up renewable energy integration with the grid. The session will provide a high level overview of this topic, a case study on country experience, and an interactive discussion to discuss challenges and solutions to support renewable energy grid integration.

Subnational Integration – The coordination and vertical integration of LEDS

As demonstrated by the MDGs and other multilateral conventions, sub-national governments (SNGs) and other non-state actors (NSAs) are key agents to achieve both national and international

development goals.

While current GHG mitigation pledges by national governments may not be sufficient to limit the global average temperature increase 1.5°- 2°C above pre-industrial levels— improving the coordination and vertical integration of climate actions can undoubtedly help enhance initiatives and scale up new efforts to bring untapped mitigation potential to fruition.

At the local level, the vertical integration of policies and initiatives can help sub-national access to financing and other resources needed for accelerated low emission climate resilient development— e.g. financing transformative urban infrastructure projects. The multi-level coordination of climate actions is also a unique opportunity to capture additional co-benefits and improve synergies with concurrent national and international development priorities.

The SNI-WG interactive peer learning session starts with two expert practitioners each sharing a concrete example of an innovative, practical initiative that is enhancing and scaling up low emission, climate resilient development in their country. Participants in the peer learning session will then break into roundtable discussions for an in-depth exploration on how to adapt similar approaches to their country's particular context and to outline what support from the WG would assist this effort.

Transport – Packaging policies to advance public transport systems

This session will present the case of countries that designed sustainable transport policies that influenced international climate commitments, national laws and leverage climate finance. The session will promote collaboration by training participants on how to develop actions that can be used to create policies for the transport sector that are cohesive with international climate commitments and national government mandates. The session will introduce participants to the process of packaging capacities and actions that can be funded in the transport sector through the development of a policy NAMA. Furthermore, this session will emphasize the value of peer learning when developing and implementing actions that promote low carbon transport.

Participant preparation

- Identify public transport policies under consideration or development in your government.
- The status of your nation's INDCs and if transport is included in the commitment.
- Priorities for learning and assistance in your country in the transport sector.

Reducing short-lived climate pollutants: opportunities for action

Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are substances with a relatively short lifetime in the atmosphere - a few days to a few of decades – and have a warming effect on the climate. The main SLCPs are black carbon, methane, tropospheric ozone, and many hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). With the exception of HFCs, SLCPs are also air pollutants, with various detrimental impacts on human health, agriculture and ecosystems. SLCPs are responsible for a substantial fraction of the climate forcing experienced to date and have a significant control over the rate of warming in the near term (next few decades).

Global studies have shown that rapid action on these pollutants has the potential to slow down the warming expected by 2050 by as much as 0.5 Celsius degrees, to prevent over 2 million of premature deaths each year and to avoid the annual loss of more than 50 million tons of crops.

This session will introduce SLCPs and their impacts as well as possible actions to reduce these pollutants and what are the benefits are of this reduction. The session will present a tool (LEAP-SLCP Toolkit) developed by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to help countries measure, assess and respond to the SLCP issue in their country. The session will provide an opportunity for countries to discuss these issues and potential approaches for taking action on SLCPs.

Innovation Lab Thursday, October 15, 2015 13:40-17:40

This year the LEDS GP workshop will feature an innovation lab, a dynamic space for collaboration among participants to generate ideas and learn about innovative solutions to LEDS design and implementation challenges.

You will have a choice between participating in discussions of three topics of common interest identified in advance – 1) public private partnerships to advance LEDS leadership, 2) transitioning from primarily national and donor financing to private sector investment for LEDS, and 3) innovative climate policies – or on other areas of innovation that participants choose to discuss at the workshop. In order to come well prepared for this session, we ask you to:

- 1) Identify 1-2 challenges your country is facing in advancing the LEDS process and come prepared to discuss these challenges and explore potential innovative solutions with peers. Feel free to bring background materials;

OR

- 2) Identify innovative and new approaches that have been tried for advancing public private partnerships, using public funds as a catalyst to mobilize private sector investment in LEDS, and on climate policies – if you want to participate in those specific sessions. Feel free to bring background materials on such innovations to share.

Results from this session on compelling innovative solutions will be shared with LEDS GP members and actions to advance these solutions will be considered by the LEDS GP for implementation in 2016.




Exhibition Hall Wednesday, October 14, 2015 16:30-17:40



The exhibition hall (also referred to as marketplace) is an opportunity for all participants at the event to showcase their LEDS work by posting materials (posters, photos, brochures, etc) on an exhibition wall, creating a 'market stall' where they can speak to other participants and share information about their LEDS programs.



Open Space Thursday, October 15, 2015 16:10-17:50



Open Space is an opportunity for participants to host interactive conversations on LEDS topics of their choice. There will be 2 open space sessions 50 minutes long (refer to the agenda). Up to 20 open space discussions will take place simultaneously and participants are encouraged to move freely among them, contributing and learning. While topic choice can be decided on the day, you may like to think in advance about your interests and come prepared to host a short session. You may also like to bring relevant hand-outs and/or prepare a poster on LEDS-related activities to support discussion.

Meet the Speakers and Moderators



<p>Ashley Allen, LEDS Coordinators, US Department of State</p>		<p>Ashley Allen is a Foreign Affairs Officer for the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Change. Ashley leads the Department's Low Emission Development Strategies programs and coordinates outreach efforts on climate change. Prior to joining State Department, Ashley served as the Deputy Associate Director for Public Engagement at the White House Council on Environmental Quality where she supported the roll out of President Obama's Climate Action Plan. She also served previously as the Acting Division Chief for the Global Climate Change office at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Ashley holds a Master of Public Affairs in International Environmental Policy from Indiana University and a B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois.</p>
<p>Moises Alvarez, Technical Director, National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism</p>		<p>Moises Alvarez is physicist and philosopher and currently the Technical Director of the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism. He has been in charge of the Department of Science and Technology in the National Planning Office of Dominican Republic. He is also a Researcher Professor of the Faculty of Science and Technology in the Pedro Henriquez Ureña National University. He has an extensive experience in consulting and publications in technology transfer, ozone layer protection, climate change, clean development mechanism, science and technology and is an active Board Member of the Dominican Republic Academy of Sciences</p>
<p>Kenneth Andrasko, AFOLU Working Group Lead</p>		<p>Kenneth Andrasko is a specialist in analysis and implementation of programs to assess and mitigate climate change — especially from forestry and agricultural practices — in the U.S. and globally. Previously, he worked for six years in the World Bank's Environment Dept. and Carbon Finance Unit as a core founder of the \$850 million Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). He led development of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility's Methodological Framework; assessment of tropical country proposed strategies for REDD+; and the first country proposal for</p>





		<p>emissions reductions payments, from Costa Rica. Andrasko also spent 18 years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the Climate Change Division and policy office; on the Clinton Administration's Kyoto United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiating team from 1999 to 2001; on U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation and U.S Country Studies Program from 1995 to 1998. He was lead author or editor for five U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports.</p>
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<p>Pablo Benitez, Ph.D., Team Lead, World Bank</p>		<p>Pablo holds a PhD in environmental economics with more than 15 years of experience in climate change policy and environmental economics. He is Team Lead of the CF-Assist Program of the World Bank's Climate Group that supports a variety of lending operations as well as climate finance readiness and carbon pricing strategies in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was Chief Economist of ICF-Marbek Consulting, where he led strategic environmental economic analysis and program evaluations for government and private sector clients in Canada and internationally. Previously, he worked for the Ministry of Environment of British Columbia, the International Institute for Applied System Analysis in Austria and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation in Ecuador. He has a large number of</p>




		<p>publications on climate change, forestry and energy issues and was co-author of the IPCC Assessment Report in 2007.</p>
<p>Mr. Sam Bickersteth, Chief Executive Officer, CDKN</p>		<p>Sam became Chief Executive Officer of CDKN in January 2011. He is responsible for leading CDKN's strategy and delivery, ensuring coherent direction across its regional and global outputs on knowledge management, research, technical assistance and partnerships. Sam brings an established background in international development, natural resources and climate change, having worked for DFID and Oxfam over a number of years. From 2006 to 2010 he was head of programme policy at Oxfam and prior to that led DFID programmes in Mozambique, Bolivia and Nepal. He has lived and worked in Sri Lanka, Sudan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bolivia and Mozambique and travelled widely in his roles as researcher, policy adviser, and programme manager. Most recently he was leading international donor efforts to mainstream agriculture into climate change policy and negotiations.</p>
<p>Mr. Hernan Blanco, MAPS</p>		<p>Hernán has been the process leader for MAPS Chile since its beginning in late 2011. Together with the Chilean project team, and with the support of South African colleagues, Hernan designed and implemented the participatory process of MAPS Chile, which altogether has involved more than 300 experts and stakeholders. Hernan has done research, teaching and consulting on diverse sustainable development related issues for the last 23 years. His background is on hydraulic and environmental engineer and he holds a Master of Philosophy in Environment and Development. He is also a photographer and enjoys working in the garden during the weekends. He lives with his partner and two boys in the country side close to Santiago, Chile.</p>



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<p>Lachlan Cameron, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands</p>		<p>Lachlan joined ECN in 2010 where he is a senior advisor on international climate and energy policy, including: intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs), nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), low-emission development strategies (LEDS) and international climate finance. He has provided advice to the governments of Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kuwait, Mongolia, Pakistan and Thailand on a range of climate and energy issues, including INDC preparation and benefits assessment. He has a background in engineering, business development and project management. In his previous jobs he has held technical and research roles in the Asia-Pacific automotive and European marine energy industries for over 7 years. He holds a M.Sc. in Sustainable Energy Systems and degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Physics.</p>




<p>Alex Carr, Director of International Business Development The Climate Registry</p>		<p>Alex leads TCR’s capacity-building work in developing regions, partnering with the likes of USAID, ICF International and the World Bank Partnership for Market Readiness to develop resources and programs that support carbon measurement, reporting and verification. She also works closely with TCR’s Board, which is made up of regulators from the majority of U.S. states and Canadian provinces and is an important nexus for exchanging information on climate policy. For almost 20 years, Alex has been working to address sustainable development issues and opportunities by building bridges between and developing the capacity of large, publicly-listed companies, NGOs, and governments from around the world. Alex has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Sussex and an undergraduate degree from the University of British Columbia.</p>
<p>Mr. Pathom Chaiyapruksaton, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Public Organization</p>		<p>Mr. Pathom Chaiyapruksaton achieved his Master of science in field of environmental technology from King Mongkhut University of Technology in 2000. He has almost 20 years experiencing in areas of research on sustainable consumption and production, eco labeling, green public procurement, life cycle costing and eco design. His area of expertise covers corporate carbon footprint, corporate GHG measurement, reporting and verification, eco-product development & eco labelling scheme, environmental product declaration and certification, green purchasing and greening the supply chain, approaches and measures through various program in order to change production and consumption pattern, sustainable production and consumption strategy, approach and implementation. Currently, he is the project manager working for the Carbon Market program of the carbon business office at Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization).</p>



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<p>Kevin De Cuba, WWI, Energy Working Group</p>		<p>Kevin de Cuba recently joined the Worldwatch Team as the Senior Program Manager for the Institute’s Caribbean Program and is also the Executive Director of the Americas Sustainable Development Foundation (ASDF), an official partner of Worldwatch Institute.</p>
<p>Cláudia Diaz, LCRD Program, Colombia</p>		
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<p>Matthew Halstead, ECN</p>		<p>Matthew Halstead currently works in the field of energy and climate policy with the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN) in the Global Sustainability group. He focuses on climate finance and works predominantly in developing countries on stimulating sustainable development and climate change mitigation actions. His work is focused mainly in South-East Asia in Thailand and Indonesia working on the emerging UNFCCC concept of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA).</p>
<p>Dr. Charlie Heaps, U.S. Center of the Stockholm Environment Institute</p>		<p>Dr. Charles Heaps is the Founding Director of the U.S. Center of the Stockholm Environment Institute and a senior scientist in its climate and energy research programme. He is the designer and manager of SEI's Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning (LEAP) System, a scenario-based modeling system for integrated energy planning and climate change mitigation assessment that is widely used by countries developing LEDS and other climate change mitigation assessments. LEAP has thousands of users in over 190 countries worldwide including government</p>




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		<p>Investment and Finance Issues" of the 5th Assessment Report (AR5), Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).</p>
<p>Rosilena Lindo, Head of the Climate Change Unit, Ministry of Environment of Panama</p>		<p>Rosilena Lindo is the Head of the Climate Change Unit of the Ministry of Environment of Panama and focal point for REDD+ and NAMAs under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. She has been a Climate Change Negotiator and Chair of the Forum of the Designated National Authorities of the CDM in Latin America. During the last ten year she has been a specialist in Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Protection, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainable Development. She has an MSc in Technology and Natural Resource Management from Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Germany, as well as an MSc in Environmental Sciences at the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.</p>
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		<p>summits) through strategy evaluation and design to coaching CEOs. Her action research based doctoral thesis was concerned with stakeholder-led approaches to shared value strategy and provided the theoretical grounding and action research field- testing for the Talik model.</p>
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<p>Ms. Nguyen Trinh, Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment</p>		<p>She is a Senior Officer of Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment, where she worked for the past 14 years. Her current work focuses on the formulation and implementation of Vietnam Green Growth Strategy and Action Plan. She is also active in UNFCCC negotiations, focusing on climate finance issues and environmental-friendly investment policy making process. She holds a master degree in Environmental Economics from Hanoi Economics University. Within LEDS GP, she serves as a co-chair of finance working group and assistant to Co-chair of Asian LEDS Partnership.</p>
<p>Natcha Tulyasuwan, Ph.D., Forest Carbon Advisor, Engility/USAID LEAD Program</p>		<p>Natcha is a Forest Carbon Advisor to the USAID Low Emissions Asian Development Program. Her current work involves capacity building on forested wetlands carbon stock assessment in Asia Pacific region. She worked in the area of REDD+ and national Greenhouse Gas inventory for Oxford University, FAO, European Commission and CIRAD, prior to her work at the USAID LEAD program. She received her MSc in Environmental Change and Management from Oxford University and PhD in Forestry from AgroParisTech. Currently, Natcha serves as a co-chair of the AFOLU Working Group.</p>
<p>Arianna Ugliano, Policy Analyst, Center for Climate Strategies</p>		<p>Arianna Ugliano joined CCS as a Policy Analyst. Ms. Ugliano is a Master of Science candidate in Energy Policy and Climate at the Johns Hopkins University. She has acquired experience in developing low-carbon emission strategies (LEDS) capacity-building curriculum. She is currently supporting the development of the Climate Action Plan for Coahuila under the Mexico LEDS Program, and the design of customized LEDS planning and analysis process training and curriculum for Ukraine and Guatemala. She is also working on the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to the United States Transatlantic Debates Research project. Ms. Ugliano is an attorney by training. Ms. Ugliano holds a J.D. from the LUISS Guido Carlo University of Rome, Italy, and a Master in International Business Law (LL.M.) from King's College, University of London, UK.</p>

<p>Caroline Uriarte, NREL</p>		<p>Caroline Uriarte is a project lead at the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). In her capacity, she co-manages the LEDS Global Partnership Secretariat and leads several tasks within the Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) program. Since joining NREL in 2009, Caroline has worked on a range of environmental related issue, including LEDS, climate change policies analysis, clean energy development, among others. Caroline holds a Masters of Science in Engineering Systems – Electrical Engineering Specialty from the Colorado School of Mines. Prior to joining NREL, Caroline was an adjunct professor in the Engineering Department at the Colorado School of Mines.</p>
<p>John Bruce Wells, Asia LEDS Partnership</p>		<p>John Bruce Wells, of the Asia LEDS Partnership Secretariat, is based in Bangkok, Thailand as Chief of Party of the USAID Low Emissions Asian Development (LEAD) program. He served as Senior LEDS Advisor for USAID-funded work in six Eastern European and Eurasian countries and as Clean Energy Access Advisor for USAID’s South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy. Working with the corporate sector, he led the Sustainability and Climate Change practice of Environmental Resources Management in Indonesia; and was President of Citizens International and of PT Chemonics Indonesia. Mr. Wells was also the founder of The Bruce Company, a two-time Inc. 500 firm that advised the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, World Bank and United Nations Development Programme on energy efficiency, global climate change and stratospheric ozone protection. He received his graduate degree from the University of Dundee and his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University.</p>

<p>Helena Molin Valdes, Head of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat</p>		<p>An experienced leader within the UN system, Helena is since 2013 heading up of the Secretariat for the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC), hosted by the United Nations Environment Program in Paris. She is a former senior executive with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and a long-time proponent of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and adaption, and disaster risk reduction. She has been instrumental in making the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) an important force in global disaster management and launched the global Resilient Cities campaign in 2012. She worked early in her professional life on improved bricks production from traditional kilns in Central America, and improved cookstoves to reduce indoor air pollution and increase energy efficiency. She holds a Masters degree in architecture and urban development from Lund University, Sweden.</p>
<p>Prof Francis Yamba, Centre for Energy, Environment and Engineering (CEEEZ)</p>		<p>Professor Yamba is currently a full professor in mechanical engineering at the University of Zambia with a bias on thermal sciences and energy and environment since 1985, and currently serves as Director at Centre for Energy Environment and Engineering Zambia (CEEEZ). Has 38 years of experience in teaching, research and development, consultancy, management, engineering applications. Has served as Dean - School of Engineering at the University of Zambia, Executive Director-Technical at INDECO (Industrial Development Corporation), Managing Director of Engineering Services Corporation (ESCO), Prof F.D Yamba has wide experience in project management and research having supervised and participated in over 40 projects in climate related studies (climate modelling and adaptation analysis, mitigation analysis related to energy and combustion, industry, land use change and forestry, and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects development); And energy related studies (energy modelling and planning, and renewable energy and energy efficiency analysis and applications.</p>

<p>Zhihong Zhang, Senior Program Coordinator with the Climate Investment Funds Administrative Unit</p>		<p>Zhihong Zhang is Senior Program Coordinator at the Climate Investment Funds Administrative Unit, overseeing the Clean Technology Fund and the Program for Scaling up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries. From 2004 to 2011, he was Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator for Climate Change Mitigation at the Global Environment Facility. In this capacity, he led the development and implementation of the GEF climate change focal area strategy and was extensively engaged in the UN climate change negotiations on mitigation, finance, and technology transfer. Prior to joining the GEF, Zhihong served as Chief Technical Advisor on behalf of the UN Industrial Development Organization to manage energy efficiency projects in China. Zhihong holds a Ph.D. in Energy Management and Policy from the University of Pennsylvania.</p>
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Accommodation Information and Transport

Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel

Bávaro, 23000, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Telephone: 1 (888) 774 0040

Telephone: (305) 774 0040

Website: <http://www.meliatropicalcaribe.com/>

Contact Person at the Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel:

Jennifer Simon, Convention Service Manager -Melia Caribe Tropical

Jennifer.simon@melia.com

Tel. 809-221-1290 - Ext. 6262

Map of hotel grounds



Airport transfer and taxi service in Punta Cana

The Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel does not have its own airport transfer service and recommends that participants use a reputable taxi service from Punta Cana International Airport to travel to the hotel. The distance between the airport and hotel is 22.7km, and the taxi journey should take approximately 20 minutes, costing \$30-\$40 each way.

The hotel recommends the following service.

Connect Travel Service

Contact: Mr. Jose Luis Soto (Managing Director)

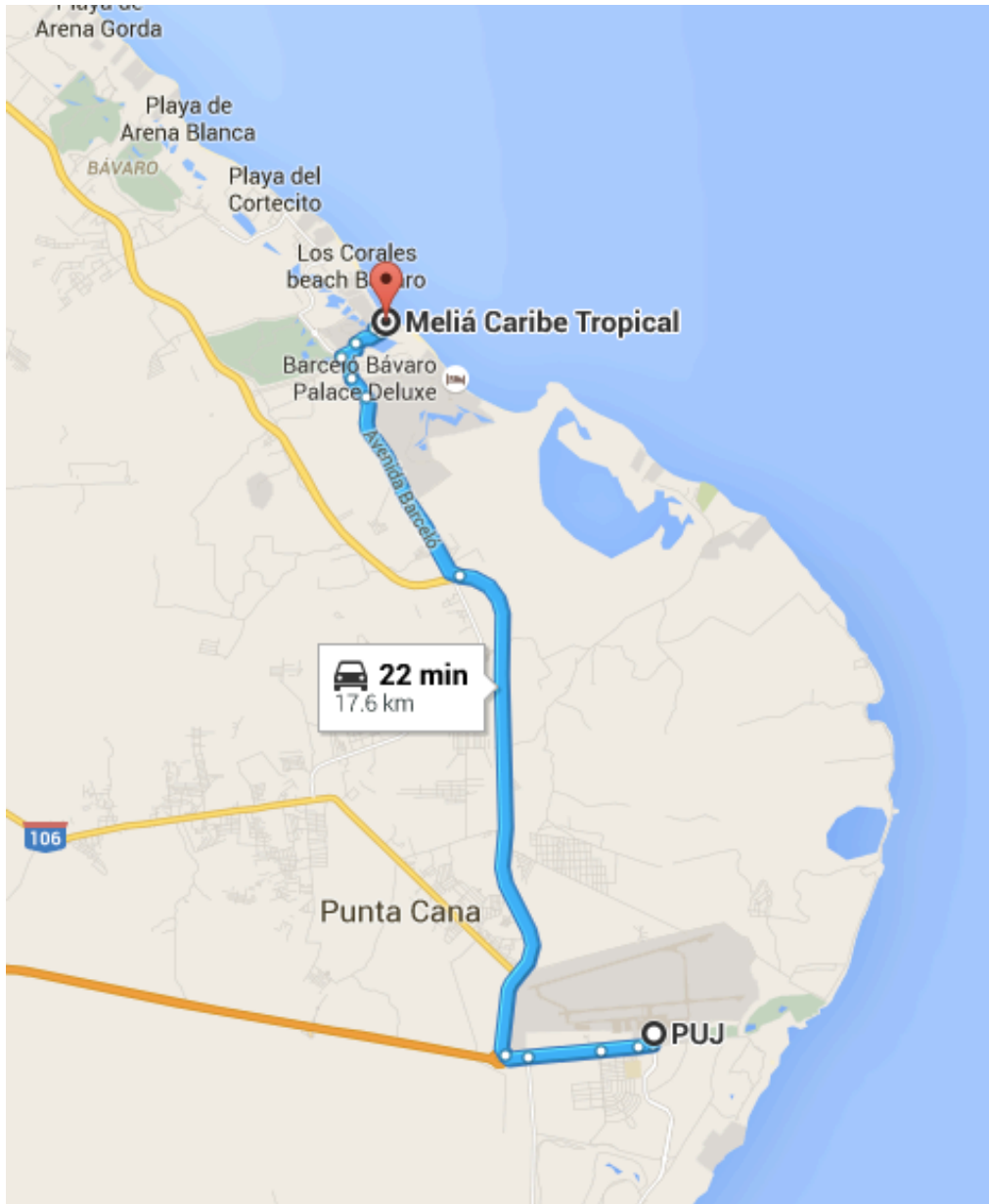
e-mail: md@ctsdr.com

Phone: 1-809-959-0505 or 786-863-8111

Taxis are also available on demand just outside the customs area of the airport. All taxis operate with standard rates and most drivers carry a copy of these. Clarify your destination and the price in advance. You pay upon arrival at your destination. Most hotels have taxi stations on or near their property, in most cases a bellman or front desk clerk can order a taxi for you. Taxi drivers accept dollars, pesos and euros.

Route map of Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) to Melia Caribe

Tropical Hotel



Useful Information

Travel and medical insurance

Participants are strongly recommended to obtain comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover the full duration of your trip from departure to return to your home country.

Please check your country's travel advice for travelling to the Dominican Republic. The UK government issues the following travel advice, which is updated regularly: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/dominican-republic>

Currency

Dominican peso (RD\$); The American dollar (US\$) is also widely accepted. It is recommended that you carry US dollars on you for entering and leaving the country. For example, by Dominican law, there is a US\$20 departure tax, the cost of which is usually included in your airfare (please check with your carrier).

Only exchange money at banks or official exchange offices (casas de cambio). The Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel has a currency exchange (charges apply). Please check with your bank/ credit/ debit card company if you are able to use the ATMs in the Dominican Republic. It is generally safer to use cash. The Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel accepts debit/ credit card payment, for which you must carry identification with you.

Official Language

Spanish; English is also widely spoken. The LEDS Global Partnership annual event will be held in English (while the LEDS LAC event which directly precedes the global event, will be held in Spanish with English translation).

Dress Code

The dress code for the LEDS Global Partnership annual event is smart-casual.

Weather

Punta Cana is located on the eastern coast of the Dominican Republic, and is known for its tropical climate, which features high temperatures and lots of sunshine all year round. The average temperature for Punta Cana in October is 27°C, with highs of 32°C. October falls toward the end of the wet and hurricane seasons in Punta Cana, which means there is a good chance we'll experience a fair bit of rainfall and strong winds during our stay!

Time

GMT -5

Electricity

110 volts and plugs are three broad bands.

Tipping

Restaurants: 10-20% (if not included in the bill)

Hotel/housekeeper: \$1-2 per night for good service. It is helpful to leave a short note with it to let them know that it is intended for them. Leave both of these on your pillow, as the housekeeper will need to show this to security to prove it was meant for them.

Taxi drivers: 10% (check this is not included in the service fare)

Tour guides: In the Dominican Republic, tours are quite inexpensive. You should tip your private tour guide \$25 per day and give the driver \$10 if you have one.

Personal Safety Recommendations

- Take precautions in public places and main tourist attractions
- Keep valuables (money, jewellery, camera) to a minimum
- Make a copy of your passport, insurance papers and any other important documents and keep them separately from the originals.
- Deposit valuables in hotel safety deposit box.
- Avoid poorly lighted streets at night.

Important telephone numbers in the Dominican Republic

Emergency services: 911

Politur Police (Policía Turística/ Tourist Police): Punta Cana 809-754-3157

If you have an incident involving police (for example, they pull your vehicle over while driving or riding and ask you for money or harass you in any way) this can be reported to the Internal Affairs Department of the National Police at 809 688-1777
