

**TC ABSTRACT**  
**RG-T2142**

**I. Basic project data**

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL
▪ TC Name:	Support the Low Emission Development Strategies and Climate Resilience
▪ TC Number:	RG-T2142
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▪ Indicate if: Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination.	Research and Dissemination (RD).
▪ If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	July 25, 2013
▪ Beneficiary:	Regional
▪ Executing Agency and contact name	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$600,000
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$103,000 CLACDS <sup>1</sup> (in-kind) US\$100,000 NREL <sup>2</sup>
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Required start date:	October, 2013
▪ Types of consultants:	Firm / individuals
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/CCS
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	INE
▪ Included in Country Strategy (y/n);	
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	Climate Change

**II. Objective and justification**

2.1 There is an urgent need for action around the world to slow the growth rate in greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resiliency to the impacts of climate change. As a first response to this need, a growing number of countries have explored, developed, and implemented various strategies to improve climate resilience and transition to low emission economies. However, it soon became apparent that a comprehensive programmatic approach was needed. After an increasing number of bilateral and multilateral donor programs supporting and collaborating with developing countries on those low emission and climate resilient development strategies a clear need for articulation was apparent. To address this issue, the US government launched an initiative in the form of Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS). In 2011, the LEDS Global Partnership was founded to enhance coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among the expanding group of participating countries, international programs, and bilateral and multilateral donor programs. The IDB is

<sup>1</sup> The Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development.

<sup>2</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

among the participating organizations within the Partnership, having played a key role in pushing for a regional level LEDS initiative at three global and regional meetings. Specifically, within the partnership, the agencies and countries from the LAC region joined efforts together to develop a LEDS Platform under the umbrella of the Global Partnership. The LEDS Global Partnership (GP) Latin America Regional Platform (LAC Platform) was established at the LEDS Collaboration in Action workshop in London in March 2012. The Platform builds upon and complements ongoing initiatives and networks in Latin America, like *Finanzas Carbono Regatta*, and *Climate Finance* facilitating information exchange, peer-learning and collaboration on low emissions development in the Region on monthly basis. While thus far, the Platform has function mainly through the support of the NRAL and USAID, through this proposed Technical Cooperation (TC), the IDB will be able to maximize and better articulate its actions and programs on low emissions and climate resilience; promote synergies and feedback within the Platform's members; and strengthen institutional capacity of its member countries through lessons learned and knowledge exchange.

- 2.2 The objective of the Technical assistance is to support the adoption of Low Emission Development strategies in the region. Specifically, the TC will provide resources to a) ensure the proper functioning and operation of the LAC Platform so that the start-up and short term goals are met; b) promote the LAC Platform in the Region through an open space of annual discussions that will strengthen the Platform's network and ensure continuity in the long term and; c) position the LAC Platform and the IDB as one of its members through a strategic program of dissemination and outreach that allows collecting relevant information and sharing it with the public in a virtual information hub.
- 2.3 The initiative is in line with the IDB's Integrated Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Sustainable and Renewable Energy, which supports the introduction of low-carbon alternatives to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the LAC Region, while fostering adaptation to the future impacts of climate change. To date, several Country Strategy Papers incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation approaches to their overarching sustainable development goals. Thus, by promoting knowledge exchange and information sharing across the region of the virtues of LEDS, this operation will seek to contribute to the IDB's goal of 25% lending for climate change investment established under the Ninth General Capital Increase and directly support GCI-9 strategic activities including: mainstreaming climate change mitigation and increasing resilience of Bank-funded activities; identifying and developing lending and technical assistance for climate action in key sectors; scaling up investments; addressing financial gaps; and leveraging private sector investments.

### **III. Description of activities and outputs**

#### **A. Activity 1: LEDS LAC Platform Secretariat.**

- 3.1 As a mechanism of coordination and functioning of the LAC Platform, this activity will support a newly established Secretariat whose purpose is to provide overall coordination and programming of the Platform activities. A central priority of the LAC Secretariat is to support the start-up phase of this recently created platform and ensure a solid foundation is established for the intermediate and the long term. The LAC Secretariat will also provide strategic outreach. The output of this activity will be a work plan implementation that includes organizing calls, webinars, web-based communities of practice, and other forms of

exchanging ideas and lessons from the ground, outlining an outreach strategy, developing action plans, reporting on progress to the LAC Platform and the LEDS GP, identify needs and opportunities in the LAC region and connecting new activities in the LAC region that support LEDS implementation with the goal of avoiding the duplication of efforts.

**B. Activity 2: Support the LEDS LAC Second Regional Meeting.**

3.2 This activity aims to facilitate peer-to peer learning beyond the monthly activities carried out by the Secretariat. As a follow up to the First Regional Meeting in Costa Rica held in 2012, a Second Regional Meeting will be held in Peru in 2013 to set strategic planning and review the goals and the achievements reached since the Platform was established. This activity will provide the resources to support the Event’s logistics and organization. The output of this activity will be the conference and all the materials.

**C. Activity 3: Dissemination and outreach.**

3.3 In order to position the LEDs in the Region, in addition to the Platform, this activity will focus on supporting workshops, seminars, and MOOCs, disseminating publications and materials generated by the Bank or the Platform on Low carbon development. The output of this activity will be a database of collaborating participants and activities, outreach strategies, and communications as well as seminars, trainings and workshops.

**IV. Budget**

**Indicative Budget**

Activity/Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
LEDS LAC Platform Secretariat	Coordination and support the Platform’s activities	230,000	103,000	333,000
LEDS LAC Second Regional Meeting	Event’s logistic and organization	250,000	100,000	350,000
Dissemination and outreach	Workshops, seminars, publications	120,000		120,000
Total		600,000	203,000	803,000

**V. Executing agency and execution structure**

5.1 This operation will be executed by the IDB given the regional coverage of the activities to be performed (i.e. Dissemination of work across the region), possible synergies and complementarities with current Bank operations (i.e. *Finanzas Carbono* and the adaptation platform, in addition to ongoing dialogue with relevant Ministries in the region.

**VI. Project risks and issues**

6.1 There is a potential risk of delay in the execution of the operation due to the complexity of the LEDS Global Partnership and its interaction with this fairly new regional platform. To mitigate the risk, this TC proposes to work closely and in constant feedback with the LEDS Global Partnership, the LAC Regional Platform Secretariat and other key players.

**VII. Environmental and social classification**

7.1 The proposed project is not expected to have any environmental and social impacts on the Region as it focuses primarily on research and dissemination. Therefore, the proposed classification is “C”.