



V-LED

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URBAN CLIMATE ACTION

# Vertical Integration and Learning for Low Emission Development (V-LED)



# The International Initiative

The success of a global response to climate challenge depends on coordinated efforts at multiple levels. However, in spite of national climate and green growth strategies and targets being in place, dynamic vertical policy coordination mechanisms between the national and local levels have not been established in many countries. It is against this backdrop that UN-Habitat supports the efforts of the Philippines and Vietnam in responding to challenges of climate change through improved multi-level governance.

UN-Habitat and Adelphi, a Germany-based non-profit institution for policy analysis and strategy consulting, are jointly implementing the project “Vertical integration and learning for low emission development (V-LED)” with support from the International Climate Initiative (IKI)-Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) of the Government of Germany. This three-year project supports the governments of the Philippines, Vietnam, Kenya, and South Africa to promote climate-resilient and low-emission development pathways through improved multi-level governance and knowledge management.



## V-LED in the Philippines

V-LED aims to systematically strengthen sub-national and national government representatives' local climate action planning, coordination and implementation capacities, particularly the vertical policy coordination and sustainable learning exchanges between national and sub-national policy-makers. These actions contribute to the achievement of national climate-resilient low-carbon targets and priorities (Pillar 1: Vertical and horizontal exchange, learning and networking: national/local).

A knowledge management system will be established to document project results and to disseminate lessons learnt and practical experiences in improving capacities for local climate action of countries in transition and developing countries (Pillar 2: Vertical and horizontal exchange, learning and networking: regional/international).



# Project Outputs and Indicators



## OUTPUT 1

Strengthened planning and coordinating capacities of national agencies in charge of climate actions as well as improved local government representatives' capacities for climate-resilient low emission development actions through regular information, dialogue events, and workshops.

## OUTPUT INDICATOR 1

Key national and sub-national government representatives' (in charge of sub-national climate actions) planning and coordinating capacities are strengthened through regular "dialogue events" (roundtables, workshops).



## OUTPUT 2

Produced/enhanced current climate mainstreaming guide that enables national and sub-national government representatives to effectively integrate national LED goals and priorities into LGU plans and local climate action plans.

## OUTPUT INDICATOR 2

A mainstreaming guide/training modules on climate-resilient, low-carbon development for the sub-national level has been produced or existing ones have been optimised.



## OUTPUT 3.A

Strengthened capacities of national government agency representatives to a.) integrate climate resilience and LED into urban development policies and frameworks, and b.) provide local government units with training on integrating low emission development into their local climate change action plans.

## OUTPUT INDICATOR 3.A

Strengthened selected sub-national government representatives' capacities on planning and implementing LED as part of their local climate change action plan through targeted training measures and good practice exchange series.



## OUTPUT 4

Established an informal regional network of national and sub-national government representatives in charge of local climate change action planning through regional good practice conferences focusing on good practice learning and stakeholder networking.

## OUTPUT INDICATOR 4

Initiation of one regional learning network/sharing on climate-resilient low-carbon development policies among key government representatives from national and sub-national local levels.



## OUTPUT 5

Project results and experiences are documented and analyzed in accompanying studies and three scientific articles are made available to public and scientific audiences.

## OUTPUT INDICATOR 5

One research study document that analyses approaches to local climate-resilient low-carbon development in Vietnam.

# Project Steering Committee

## Key Government Partners

- Climate Change Commission (CCC)
- Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
- Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC)
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environment Management Bureau/Climate Change Division (DENR-EMB/CCD)
- National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)
- Local Government Academy (LGA)

The project also collaborates with other key government agencies and development organizations in the Philippines working on the same thrust.

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## Project Management

UN-Habitat is the implementing partner of adelphi for the V-LED project in the Philippines. To ensure that the project implementation is anchored on the government strategies and priorities, project management is led by a "Project Steering Committee" chaired by national government. The committee chairmanship is rotational. For 2016, the PSC was chaired by HUDCC and co-chaired by DILG. V-LED is chaired by the Climate Change Commission in 2017.



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