



LAC BIOENERGY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (BioE CoP) ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE BIOENERGY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Bioenergy Community of Practice (BioE-CoP) is a peer-to-peer learning network of practitioners from governments, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, who work together to advance the development of bioenergy in Latin America and the Caribbean. Launched in 2016 by the Secretariats of the LEDS LAC Regional Platform and the LEDS GP Energy Working Group, the BioE CoP brings together LAC bioenergy leaders and key international experts to exchange good practices and provide tools and resources towards the design and implementation of bioenergy policies and programs.

Since 2016, the BioE-CoP has enabled experts from 13 countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, and Uruguay; as well as numerous regional and national organizations to exchange experiences about opportunities and challenges for bioenergy in LAC.

Activities

Past and planned activities of the COP include:

- Online exchange and training sessions,
- In-person meetings and workshops,
- Bilateral exchanges,
- Coordination of technical assistance from international partners to CoP member organizations
- Dissemination of information about relevant initiatives and tools; and
- Development of knowledge products.

Visit our webpage to see the detail:

<http://www.ledslac.org/es/comunidades-de-practica/bioenergy>



LEDS LAC is the Regional Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP). Both LEDS GP and LEDS LAC are led by Steering Committees formed by representatives from governments, NGOs and international organizations.



LEDS GP's Secretariat is operated by GIZ. LEDS LAC Secretariat is operated by Libelula Environment, Communication and Development, based in Peru.



The Energy Working Group is one of LEDS GP's specialized networks of experts. The Secretariat is operated by SD Strategies, based in Germany.

Methodology

The Community of Practice uses a three-step methodological approach to foster cross-country learning and deliver expert assistance:



Country deep-dives:

Direct technical assistance by international cooperation and technical partners to CoP member organizations to meet their bioenergy-related goals and provide inputs for group learning.

Group learning:

Online and in-person exchange of knowledge, tools and lessons learned from country deep-dives and other relevant initiatives, to build capacities and knowledge among all members of the Community of Practice.

Regional dissemination of knowledge:

Preparation of knowledge products such as webinars, reports, case studies, sessions in regional and global events to build capacities as broadly as possible.

Thematic focus

Although the Community of Practice has a broad focus on different forms of bioenergy, each year the learning activities are organized around a specific topic, which is selected based on the interests expressed by the CoP members. Topics selected in the past include:



2016

Advancing bioelectricity development



2017

De-risking investments in bioelectricity



2018

Policy and market environment for sustainable biogas investments

In December 2019, in the framework of COP 25 in Madrid, the CoP brought together experts from various sectors and policy areas to take part in a result-oriented dialogue, aimed at identifying concrete lines of action regarding bioenergy use and fostering new partnerships to advance bioenergy's contribution to climate-related actions and sustainable development.

Based on the results of that dialogue, the 2020 workplan aims at expanding the reach of the CoP and deepening technical support of member countries and organizations, with a focus on better **integrating bioenergy in national energy and climate policies**, especially in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).



Join us!

In line with LEDSLAC's principles of operation, the Bioenergy Community of Practice facilitators seek to avoid duplication by looking for synergies with similar or related initiatives. We aim at bringing together members and partners whose knowledge and resources contribute to scaling up and deepen the impact of our work. If you are interested in learning more about the BioE CoP or joining our Community please contact:



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