

Urban-LEDS project – Recife, Brazil

City Developments and Experiences – Market Place Poster

Low-carbon development: planning & actions implemented

Recife aims to become a pioneer on the implementation of innovative management actions that motivate other cities in the Northeast region and wishes to become a reference in sustainable cities.

Currently Recife is in the data collection stage for the elaboration of its greenhouse gas emissions inventory. The city is very advanced in this stage given the start date, October 2013, having most of the data for government activities.

The Municipal Sustainability and Climate Change Policy is being developed, and will guide actions on sustainability, mitigation and adaptation of climate change with focus on Low Emission Development. Recife launched the Sustainability and Climate Change Committee on September 3rd, 2013 during the Urban LEADS National Seminar.

The priority sectors of Recife are transport and mobility, waste management, urban planning, environment and sustainability, public health and education.

Recife has one project to change the public lighting with more efficient LED lamps, not only for street lighting but also for public spaces and buildings. Also plans to invest in high performance and capacity public transportation, with a reduction in the use of fossil fuels.

Challenges and solutions: how we addressed these ...

Recife aimed to engage different sectors of civil society in the process of LED, so in order to enhance participation of different actors a climate change committee was created. The Sustainability and Climate Change Committee is composed by 7 different departments involving urban planning, mobility, infrastructure, sanitation and habitation and will involve other actors from academia, civil society and private sector.

Lessons learned: we recommend to others

Recife suffered great urban growth in the past decades, which was not well planned. The Mayor of Recife is totally involved in the Urban LEADS project and bringing it up monthly meetings and has been participating of international advocacy events, putting Recife in the spotlight.

With the engagement of urban managers results are much richer and come quicker.

Impacts / Results

- Political Commitment
- Engagement of various actors from private and public sectors

