

Media release

Indonesian Cities embark on Urban Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS)

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ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability South-East Asia, in partnership with UN-Habitat and the Indonesian association of municipalities APEKSI, today launched a Low Emissions Development Strategy program for selected Indonesian cities. The Urban-LEDS project launch was hosted by Kota Bogor.

Funded by the European Union and supported by UN-Habitat, the Urban-LEDS project will work with model cities Bogor and Balikpapan and four satellite cities. Over the next two years Urban-LEDS will assist cities to analyze their energy use and emissions profiles and to prepare a development strategy based on a low carbon trajectory. This project will help cities to “climate proof” their medium term development plans (RPJMDs) to ensure a sustainable, low carbon future.

The Urban-LEDS project is being conducted in four emerging economy countries – Indonesia, India, South Africa and Brazil. The Indonesian cities will benefit from North-South and South-South city exchange and a resource pool of local and international experts, tools and solutions. A feature of the program will be a City Networking Event to be held in Nelson Mandela Bay municipality, South Africa, in November this year.

A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was also established at the launch. This group comprises representatives from key national government agencies and other service providers working in the Low Emissions Development field in Indonesia. The PAC will assist to link the Urban-LEDS initiative with other similar initiatives and to ensure alignment with national policies and programs.

The LEDS launch was held in conjunction with the launch of the World Wildlife Fund project “Earth Hour City Challenge”. The Challenge is a partnership between WWF and ICLEI. Participating cities have to present “ambitious, holistic, inspiring and credible” plans for low carbon development, with a special emphasis on Renewable Energy solutions. It calls on local governments to share their climate commitments and actions on the carbon Cities Climate Registry. Judging for the international winner will be held on Earth Hour Day in March 2014.



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