

GHANA (PHASE 2)

Area: Public

Scope: GHG NIS, NAMAs, LEDS, MRV

Sectors: Energy

National Implementing Agency: Directorate for Environment, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology

Summary Update

After the stocktaking was completed under the LECB preparatory phase, a stakeholder consultation meeting was organised on 16 October 2012 to discuss the broad scope of the LECB project – in particular, the selection of potential NAMAs to be further elaborated (based upon a prioritisation taken of 55 NAMAs submitted to the UNFCCC), as well as the specific capacity gaps to be tackled by the project. The stakeholder consultation meeting included actors from both public and private sector, such as the Energy Commission, the Forestry Commission, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the Volta River Authority, Zoomlion (waste), and Kosmos Energy.

After a series of further consultations with key stakeholders in November (i.e., Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Commission), it was decided to focus solely on the energy sector for NAMAs, given the strong positioning of the country within the Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (UNDP Ghana provided technical and financial support to the Government of Ghana for the development of a multi-year action plan, which was officially launched at the Rio+20 Summit last June). The LECB project will also review the proposed NAMAs governance structure and support the establishment of a national system to drive the enabling environment for NAMA project development and financing.

During these stakeholder consultations, it was also agreed to provide support to finalise and promote the Ghana NAMAs Investor Guide, which was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency, in collaboration with the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre and with support from UNDP Ghana. As part of the activities to promote the investor guide, key frontline investment organisations such as Ghana Investment Promotion Centre, Ministry of Trade, Private Enterprise Foundation, Forestry Commission, Minerals Commission, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation etc. will be extensively engaged to create the necessary awareness about the potential NAMA investment opportunities.

It is anticipated that the project document will be submitted to the Steering Committee in mid-January 2013 after a final government review is completed.