

# An Introduction to The Platform for Climate-Smart Planning

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# Challenges for Climate Smart Planning

## Tools



- Few guidance on strengths/weaknesses
- Black box syndrome, with questions on assumptions, and implications for transfer and improvement
- Niche market, without integration of tools

## Data



- Large data gaps for countries, sectors, topics
- Questions on protocols and assumptions
- Issues with access and update

## Learning



- Often targeted at specific tools, select countries, and short-term initiatives
- No coordinated and systematic support for in-country capacity on tools/datasets for long-term planning

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### User Benefits

- One-stop platform
- Community of users
- Technical support

### Core Principles

- Collaborative
- Crowd-sourcing
- Quality control
- Neutrality

The Platform helps developing countries access climate-related datasets and toolkits and lends support to the design of climate-resilient and low-carbon development programs.

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Covers most modeling needs of developing countries on a path towards climate resilience and low-carbon development through the following toolkits:

Multi-Sector Tools

Sector-Specific Tools

Project-Level Tools

Data Visualization Tools

Knowledge Sharing Tools



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## Multi-Sector Tools



### MCA4climate Tool

Decision support tool based on multi-criteria analysis and common theme (four mitigation and eight adaptation themes and guidelines and prioritization efforts (covering issues such as baseline development, climate change planning, and climate change economics).



### Marginal Abatement Cost Tool (MACTool)

The Marginal Abatement Cost Tool (MACTool) is a transparent tool for calculating marginal abatement cost curves and calculating break-even costs.



### Low Emission Development Strategies Gateway (LEDS) Tool

The Low Emission Development Strategies Gateway (LEDS) tool supports the creation and implementation of country-driven, analytically rigorous low-emission development strategies.

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### MCA4climate Tool

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Scope:

Objective	Issues: the tool is designed for policy planning and prioritisation within adaptation or mitigation; Strengths: focus on multi-criteria analysis (MCA) allows for the integration of other types of decision support tools (notably cost-benefit analysis) and increases the transparency of the decision process.
Geographical scope	National or sub-national (though other scopes would be equally feasible)
Spatially explicit	No
Countries	All
Sectoral scope	<a href="#">Four mitigation sectors and eight adaptation sectors</a>
Sectors	All (the tool is adaptable)
Nature	Not applicable

[Access Tool](#)

# Coming Soon: Cloud for Climate-Technology Data



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## Cloud-based Climate-Technology Database



Administrators moderate posted data

Users can search, submit, rate and review data

**Web  
Interface**



Submit and  
retrieve data via APIs

**LEAP**

**EFFECT**

**MODEL 1**

**MODEL 2**

**MODEL 3**

**...**

# Learning and Knowledge Sharing



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### Current Partners:

- WBI
- NREL
- LEDS Global Partnership

Current and future support features include:

- E-Learning
  - Help desk applications
    - Multimedia training platforms
      - Reference material
        - Global events, web seminars and other outreach activities

## From the Prototype's launch last April to COP-19 in November

- **Continue engagement with new partners on tools, data and knowledge**
- **Map landscape of tools and data, putting in perspective countries' modeling needs and the Platform's offering**
  - Highlight gaps & determine collaborations with existing initiatives
  - Develop decision-support navigation to guide users
- **Define Tools/Data Standards**
  - Vetting criteria and process
  - Modalities to share, update, refine
- **Establish Steering Committee and Governance Structure**



# Join Our 10 Initial Partners



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