

LEDS Checklist

Instructions: Use this checklist to determine if a country's strategy meets the six essential qualities of a LEDS. There are six LEDS qualities:

1. Analytically sound
2. Country-owned and country-driven
3. Comprehensive
4. Forward-looking/long-term
5. Actionable
6. Transformative

Quality 1: Is the LEDS analytically sound ?	Response	Action Needed
Are data available?		
Are data reproducible?		
Are data documented?		
Are data transparent?		
Is the analysis done using accepted techniques and methodologies?		
Do recommendations come from a process of modeling and forecasting?		
Is the process of modeling and forecasting built on defensible data assumptions?		

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Quality 2: Is the LEDS country-owned and country-driven ?	Response	Action Needed
Is there support from all levels of government?		
Does the LEDS feed into decision-making and budget apparatus?		
Does the LEDS integrate with existing strategies and plans?		
Does the LEDS strengthen and rely on local capacity?		
Do local institutions and personnel conduct the LEDS process?		
Does the LEDS inform the country's position on international climate negotiations?		

Quality 3: Is the LEDS comprehensive ?	Response	Action Needed
Are all development objectives considered?		
Are all leading sources of emissions considered? <i>Examples include: energy supply; transport; residential and commercial buildings; industry; agriculture; land use, land-use change and forestry; and waste and wastewater.</i>		
Are all economic sectors considered?		
Are boundaries established that account for the largest sources of emissions without being too exhaustive?		

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Quality 4: Is the LEDS forward-looking and long-term ?	Response	Action Needed
Are impacts in the long term considered?		
Are both up-front and lifecycle costs of technology options considered?		

Quality 5: Is the LEDS actionable ?	Response	Action Needed
Are specific actions or strategies defined in the LEDS?		
Are strategies suggested by the LEDS feasible for implementation by stakeholders?		
Does the LEDS spell out how donors, multilateral banks and the private sector can contribute?		

Quality 6: Is the LEDS transformative ?	Response	Action Needed
Does the LEDS promote long-term economic growth <i>and</i> emissions reductions?		
Does the LEDS decouple economic growth from emissions growth?		