

# Transparency and Long-Term Strategies (T-LTS) Project Factsheet

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## T-LTS Project Overview

Long-Term Strategies (LTS) are a policy tool to help countries define a vision and development priorities to the middle of the century. The Global Climate Change Office is implementing the new **Transparency and Long-Term Strategies (T-LTS)** project, which supports countries in developing robust LTS for low-emissions development. This two-year project focuses on building regional and country capacity to model and report on development, economic, and greenhouse emissions scenarios to 2050. LTS help define country priorities and inform the development of near-term activities to achieve mid-century development and climate goals.

### What are Long-Term Strategies (LTS)?

LTS define mid-century goals for climate and development and inform short-term planning of mitigation, adaptation, and development activities. LTS may include the following components:

- Emission reduction goals
- Greenhouse gas projections and scenarios
- Adaptation strategies
- Sectoral mitigation approaches
- Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plans

As of March 2020, 14 countries have submitted [communications of long-term strategies to the UNFCCC](#), with multiple additional countries signaling intent to submit by the end of the year.

## Why Transparency Matters

Transparency can ensure that development assistance is properly utilized and outcomes from that assistance are accurately monitored and evaluated; this can help countries realize their development and climate goals and support them on the pathway to self-sufficiency. Transparency is also a foundational pillar for democratic governance and free and competitive markets. It can promote a shared vision for development and enhance overall public trust. Additionally, it can create a favorable investment climate in emerging markets and can ensure that all countries are held to the same standard.

Enhanced transparency is a crucial vehicle for ensuring that Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and LTS are implemented effectively and climate, social, and developmental benefits are achieved.

## Goals of the T-LTS Project

The T-LTS project runs from September 2019 to September 2021. The goals of this project are to:

- Develop and enhance the understanding and capacity of countries in long-term modeling and forecasting of low-emission development alternatives
- Empower countries to address current or future long-term low-emissions planning requests

## Planned Activities

The T-LTS project will be comprised of several activities, including an initial scoping analysis, regional workshops, targeted capacity building support, and knowledge product development and dissemination.

### Scoping Analysis

The project will first conduct a scoping analysis that provides an overview of the current transparency and long-term forecasting landscape, potential areas for USAID intervention, and linkages to existing USAID programs.

### Regional Workshops

Based on this scoping analysis, the T-LTS project team will develop and design two workshops that address identified technical needs. The primary audience for these regional workshops will be government, non-governmental, and academic practitioners with the responsibility of developing economic and/or climate modeling, LTS, and scenario analyses. The workshop curricula will balance theory, peer-to-peer exchange, and hands-on exercises that accommodate the varying needs across countries and focus on practical skill development. The project team

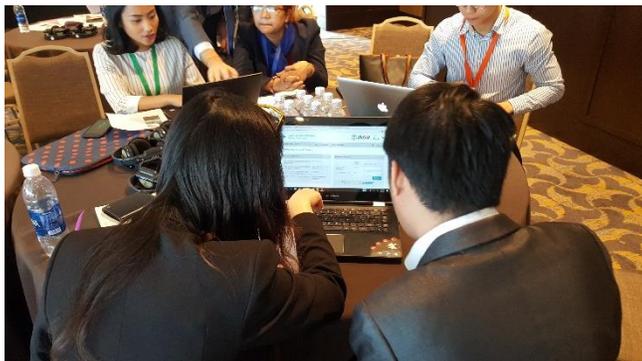


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will develop best practice guidance that can support the broader transparency and long-term planning community using the information collected from these workshops and in consultation with USAID.

### Capacity Development and Targeted Support

Following these regional workshops, the project will provide targeted bilateral support. The specific support will be determined by country needs related to transparency.

Technical assistance activities will vary depending on local circumstances and the country-led demands for LTS support. Technical support could include:

- Pairings between LTS planners and modelers that facilitate peer-to-peer learning
- Support for academic institutions conducting or supporting LTS development
- Support for LTS development for specific sectors, such as energy or land-use
- Updates to past or ongoing LTS modeling efforts

### Knowledge Products Development and Dissemination

Throughout its engagement, the T-LTS project team will be developing and disseminating a series of knowledge products, including regional workshop reports, factsheets, webinars, and best practice guidance. These materials will be made available to governments, USAID, contractors, international partners, and other key stakeholders.

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For more information on the T-LTS project:  
<https://www.climatelinks.org/project/transparency-and-long-term-strategies>

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