The Asia LEDS Partnership: Promoting Low Carbon Growth across Asia

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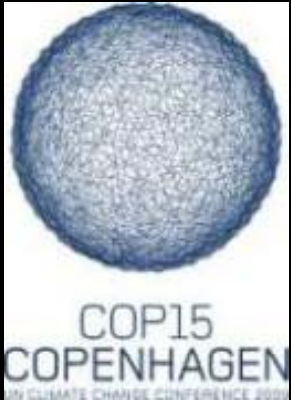
What are LEDS?

Global and Regional LEDS Partnerships

What the Asia LEDS Partnership is doing to support knowledge sharing

What are LEDS?

Copenhagen Accord (2009): "A low emission development strategy is indispensable for sustainable development"

Cancun Agreement (2010): "Decides that developed countries should develop low carbon strategies or plans…"   "Encourages developing countries to develop low carbon development strategies or plans in the context of sustainable development…"

What are LEDS?

Durban Platform (2011): "Invites developed country Parties to submit information related to progress towards the formulation of their low-emission development strategies..." "Encourages developing country Parties to develop low-emission development strategies, recognizing the need for financial and technical support by developed country Parties..."

Doha Outcome (2012): Reaffirms prior statements; "Requests technical workshops and material to build capacity in the preparation, submission and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions, as well as in the formulation of low emission development strategies..."

1. Improve quality of growth and maximize net growth
2. Close the gap between economic and ecological efficiencies
3. Plan and design eco-efficient infrastructure
4. Turn green into a business opportunity

5. Formulate and implement low-carbon development strategies

Low Carbon Green Growth Roadmap for Asia and the Pacific

A summary for policymakers

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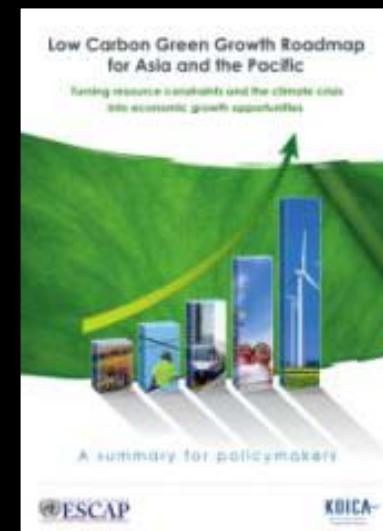
LEDS is Smart Development

- LEDS are **national-level, country-led, and country-specific** plans to promote economic growth and reduce long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) emission trajectories.

- LEDS process:
  - Integrated with existing national development plans, climate change plans, and budgets
  - Result in specific programs and policy recommendations, and implementation and financing plans
  - Monitored for impact
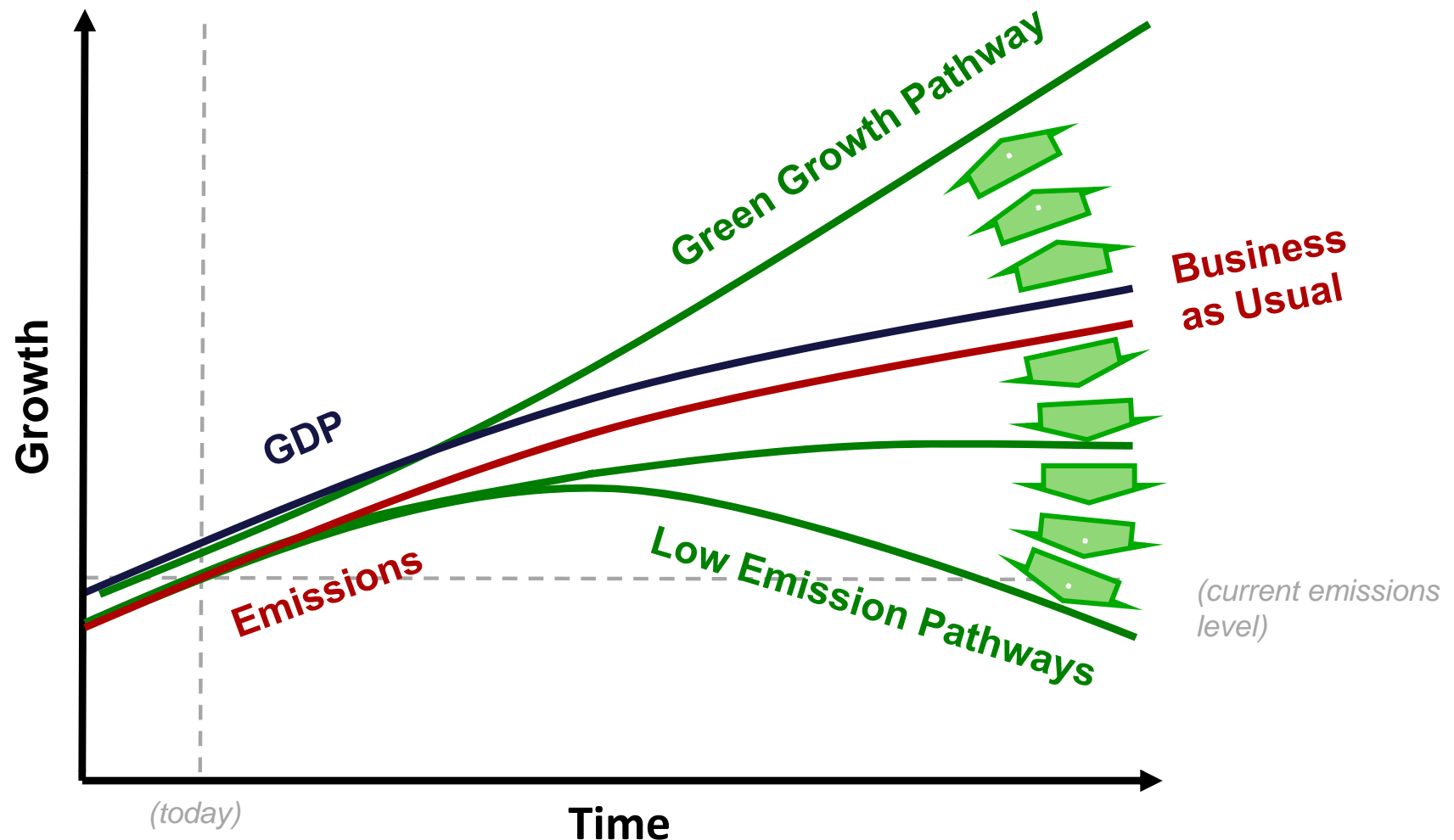 - Revised as needed (with new data, new priorities)

LEDS Benefits

- Long-term and comprehensive (all economic sectors)
- Transparent and include broad range of stakeholders
- Account for country's development objectives and unique circumstances
- Help countries meet international climate commitments with appropriate actions
- Increase access to public and private financing

Goal of a Low Emission Development Strategy

Grow the economy… while reducing or slowing emissions

Key Elements of the LEDS Process

"Develop the LEDS"				"Implement the LEDS"
❶ **Organize the LEDS Process:** work plan, stakeholder engagement	❷ **Data:** assess the current situation	❸ **Analyze:** consider scenarios and options	❹ **Prioritize and Plan:** prepare implement-ation and financial plans	❺ **Actions:** finance, implement, and monitor

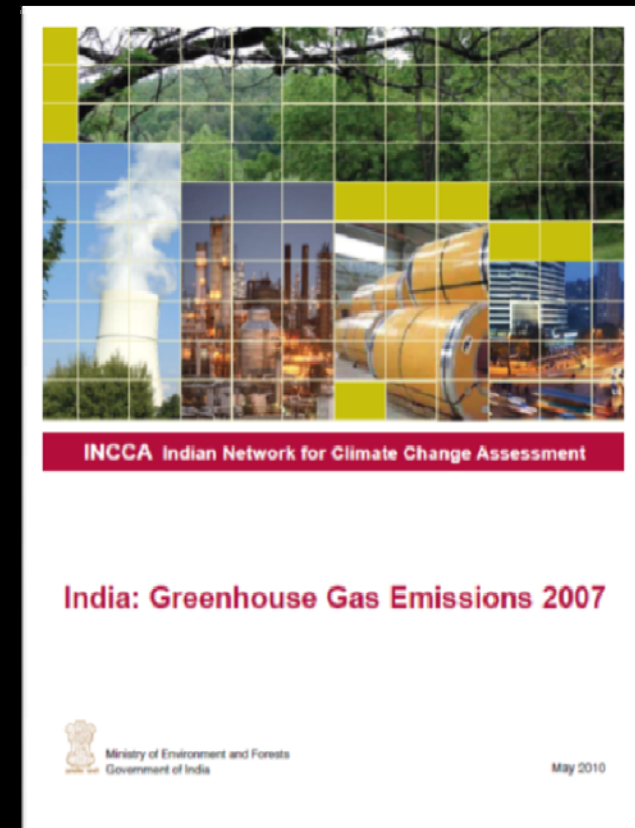| ❶ Organization	❷ Data	❸ Analysis	❹ Plans	❺ Actions
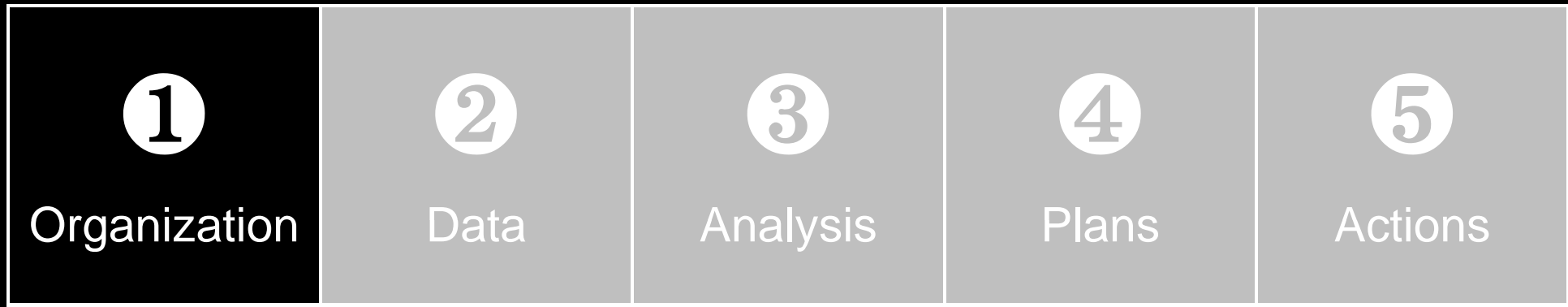
1. Organize the LEDS Process:

- LEDS Institutional Structure

- Work plan for LEDS Development

- Establish Mechanisms for Stakeholder Engagement

2. Assess the Current Situation:

- Confirm Development Goals

- Collect Economic and Other Resource Data

- GHG Inventory

INCCA Indian Network for Climate Change Assessment

India: Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2007

Ministry of Environment and Forests
Government of India

May 2010

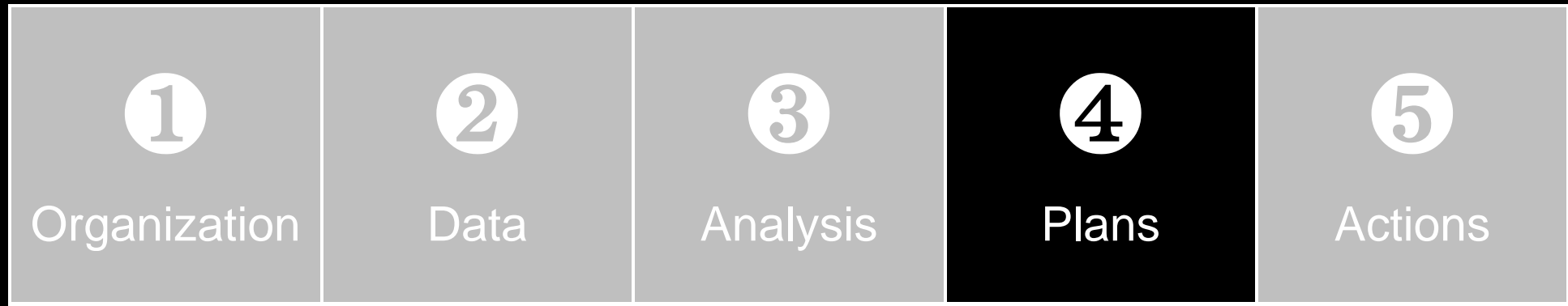| ❶	❷	❸	❹	❺
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3. Analytical Decision-making:

- BAU Scenario Analysis

- Analyze Low Emissions Pathways/ Scenarios

- Assess Low Emission Options

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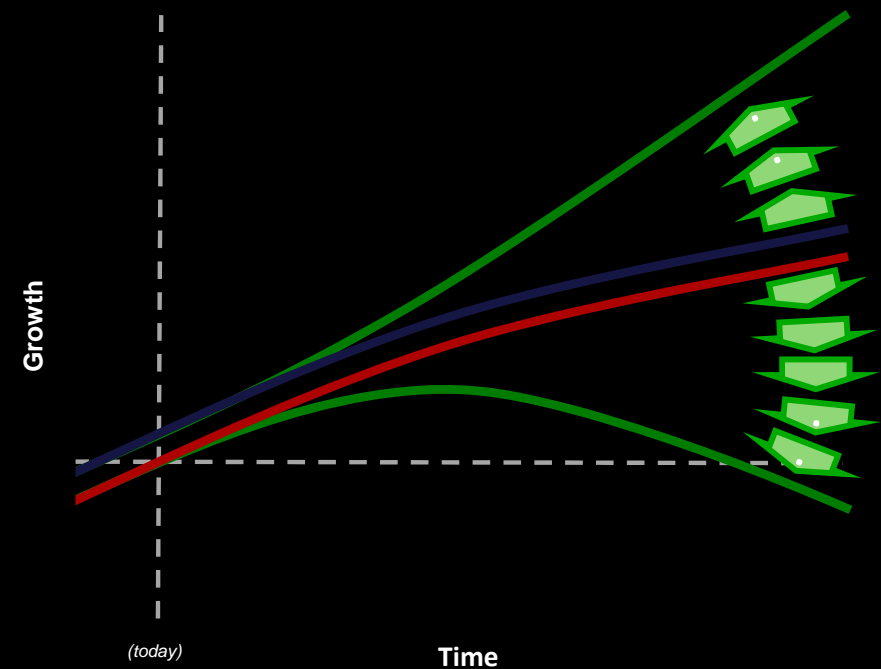
4. Prioritize and Plan:

- Implementation Plans for Portfolio of Actions

- Prioritized Near-term Actions

- Financing Plan

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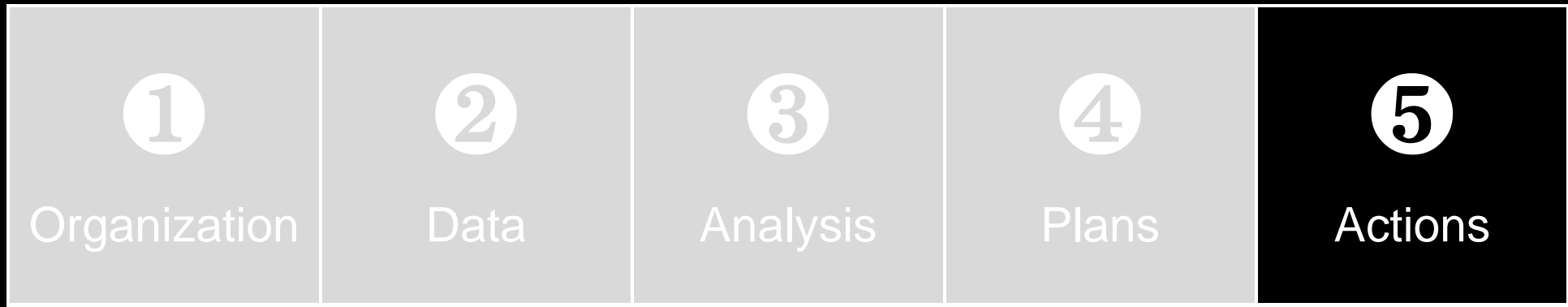
5. Implement and Monitor:

- Implement Actions and Policies

- Secure Financing

- Monitoring Systems to Measure Implementation Progress

LEDS Global Partnership

- Founded in 2011 to enhance coordination, information exchange, and cooperation among countries and international programs advancing low emission, climate-resilient growth

- Brings together more than 100 countries and international institutions through regional and global peer learning and collaboration forums and activities.

- 4 regional platforms, 10+ technical working groups

Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP)

- **Objectives:**
  - Identify and disseminate **LEDS tools, models, approaches, and best practices**
  - **Information exchange, coordination, and collaboration** among countries, donors, and other partners working on LEDS
  - Promote **capacity building** of practitioners in designing and implementing LEDS and green growth
  - **Build awareness,** support, and leadership for LEDS across Asia

- **Members:** Asian governments, multilateral agencies, donors, international NGOs, think tanks

Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP)

- Practitioners' network – launched during 1st **Asia LEDS Forum** in 2012 – 150+ participants from 17 Asia-Pacific countries

- Priority Issues:
    - Financing, analytical tools, sector-specific technical training, coordination, and knowledge-sharing systems
- Co-Chairs: Government of Indonesia and USAID
- Steering Committee: 25 gov. and non-gov. members
- Secretariat: USAID's regional LEAD Program

Recent/Upcoming ALP Activities in 2013

- **Regional Climate Financing Forum** – April 2013 (Manila)
- **Knowledge portal**
  - ALP priority needs assessment, mapping, online database
  - New ALP website
- **Asia LEDS training center launch**
  - Partners: USAID, Asian Institute of Technology, GHG Management Institute, others
- **Southeast Asia/ASEAN Climate Financing Workshop** – August (Hanoi)
- **South Asia Climate Financing Workshop** – August (Delhi)
- **Asia LEDS Forum 2013** – Sept. (Manila)
- **APEC/Asia Regional LEDS Transport Workshop** – Sept. (Manila)

- Expand outreach, network, and membership

  ♦ Membership is fast and easy, open to organizations and individuals!

- Support integrated database on climate financing

- Annual **Asia Green Finance Forum**?

- New Asia-focused Working Groups

  ♦ Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use (AFOLU)

  ♦ Green Financing

Thank you!

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