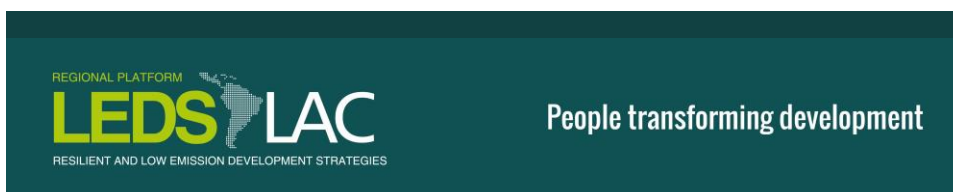


Advances in integrating adaptation and mitigation climate policies in Latin America: key considerations

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What is LEDS LAC?

The Regional Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (LEDS LAC) is a community of practice that brings together leaders in the area of low emission development in the region and from international institutions.

The objective of the LEDS LAC Platform is to promote low emission, climate resilient sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. As such, we seek to:

Serve as a regional hub

for a network of governments, development institutions, non-governmental organizations, academia, businesses and individuals that are - or could be - working in the development and implementation of LEDS.

Provide greater opportunities

for coordination, collaboration and synergies in the development and implementation of LEDS that complements and builds upon the work of existing initiatives and networks in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in other regions.

Develop and strengthen capacities

by promoting learning and exchange of information, best practices and lessons learned among relevant actors, that contributes to raise awareness and improve the process of development and implementation of LEDS.

Facilitate LEDS implementation in the region

through dissemination of analytical tools, case studies, methodologies and other mechanisms, strengthening the link between climate change mitigation and adaptation.





We empower transformational leaders by:

Creating a meeting space for a regional network of governments, cooperation agencies, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector, which are working to develop and implement LEDS, in order



Open opportunities for **coordination, collaboration and synergies.**



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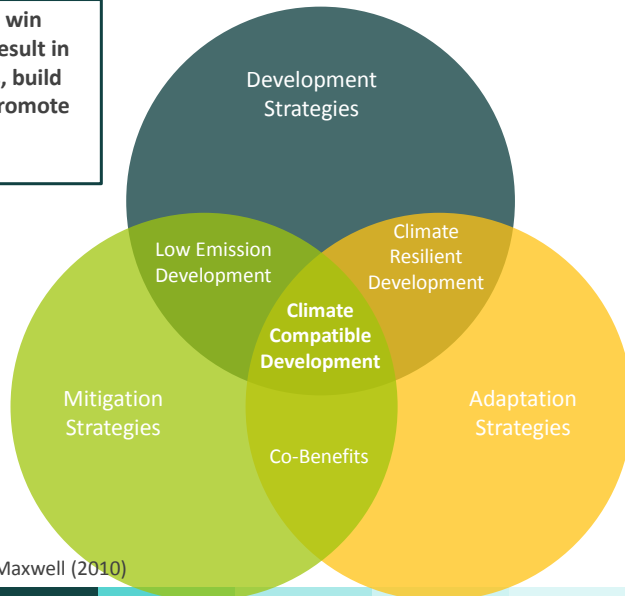


Disseminate, tools, case studies, methodologies and other mechanisms for LEDS design and implementation



Need to strengthen the link between mitigation and adaptation in climate policies

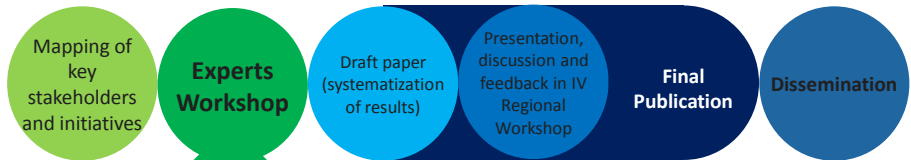
Search for triple win strategies that result in lower emissions, build resilience and promote development simultaneously



Source: Mitchell y Maxwell (2010)



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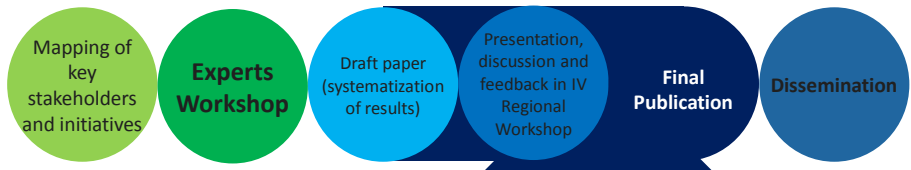
Experts Workshop: Strengthening the integration of resilience into Low Emission Development Strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean
 28 and 29 July, 2015 - Bogotá, Colombia
 22 Participants: Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Costa Rica, CATIE, CCAFS, WB



Objective: Facilitate the exchange and discussion of previous and current experiences of linkages between mitigation and adaptation in region countries, and derive lessons learned, good practices and recommendations for future work.



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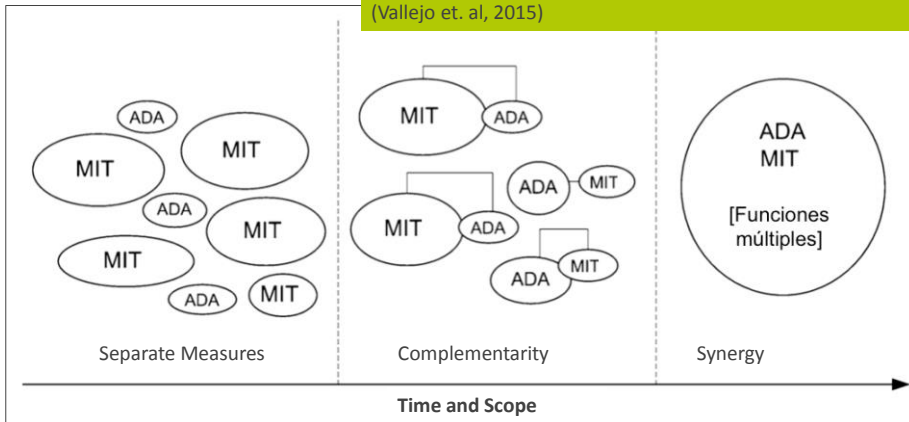


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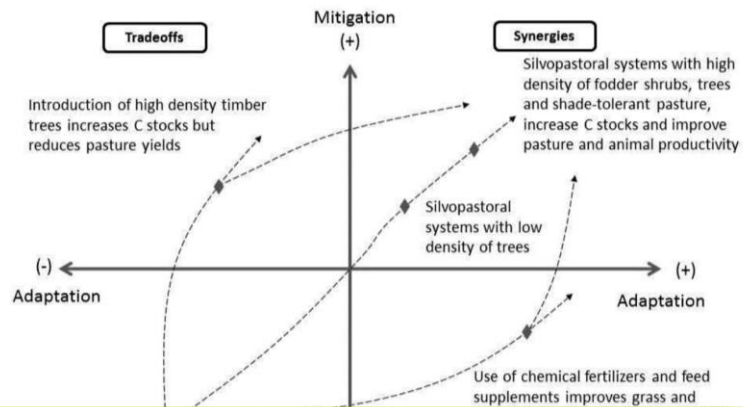
Towards synergies between mitigation and adaptation

Synergy between mitigation and adaptation = That generated if the combined effect of mitigation and adaptation is greater than the sum of its effects when implemented separately
 (Vallejo et. al, 2015)



Source: Duguma et al. (2007)

Paying attention to potential trade-offs



The challenge and purpose is to develop synergies that avoid negative effects over mitigation and adaptation through a specific previous analysis of the existing trade-offs.

Experiences in the Region

COSTA RICA

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Low Carbon Livestock Development Strategy (EDGBC)

BRASIL

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Supply

Plan ABC: Plan of Low Carbon Agriculture

CHILE

Office of Agrarian Studies and Policies (ODEPA); Institute of Agricultural Development (INDAP)

Climate change, initiatives in Chilean Agriculture

COLOMBIA

Ministry of Housing and Territory

Sectorial Adaptation Plan that includes Adaptation and Mitigation in the Housing and Territorial Development Sector.

Discussion among participants

Discussion Topics:

- Coherence of Policies and Interinstitutional coordination
- Enabling conditions. Finance, capacities and stakeholder articulation

Discussion Questions:

- What are the lessons learned and best practices?
- What are the challenges faced?
- What are some strategies or guidelines recommended?



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- ⊙ Acknowledgement and inclusion of all interested stakeholders: public and private, different levels, sectors and ages
- ⊙ Encouragement of associativity and alliances amongst different parts (public private partnerships, etc.)
- ⊙ Acknowledgement, encouragement and interconnection of bottom-up and top-down approaches --- scaling of local actions to permeate national policies
- ⊙ Dialogue and participative processes across all levels, particularly with local stakeholders and at an intersectorial level

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- ⊙ Awareness and strengthening of capacities of relevant stakeholders
- ⊙ Encouragement of further research
- ⊙ Document and disseminate previous experiences and cases

Considerations for the Design and Implementation of Synergies between Adaptation and Mitigation

- ⊙ Necessary to achieve an empowerment of all involved parties and properly assign the roles and responsibilities to each one
- ⊙ Efficient management and successful coordination
- ⊙ Dialogue amongst ministries to ensure a national focus
- ⊙ Acknowledge specialization and competencies formally established to avoid an overlap or duplication of responsibilities

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Considerations for the Design and Implementation of Synergies between Adaptation and Mitigation

- ⊙ Need of tailored made messages towards each interested stakeholder group.
- ⊙ Design and communication of different messages and languages according to the stakeholder addressed, their particular and common interests

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- ⊙ Long term vision, country policies and objectives aligned with synergies between adaptation and mitigation sought
- ⊙ Design an implementation of encouragement, financial and non financial, that:
 - Build on what already exists
 - Encourage integrated results beyond mitigation and adaptation, and
 - Provide security to local stakeholders for implementation

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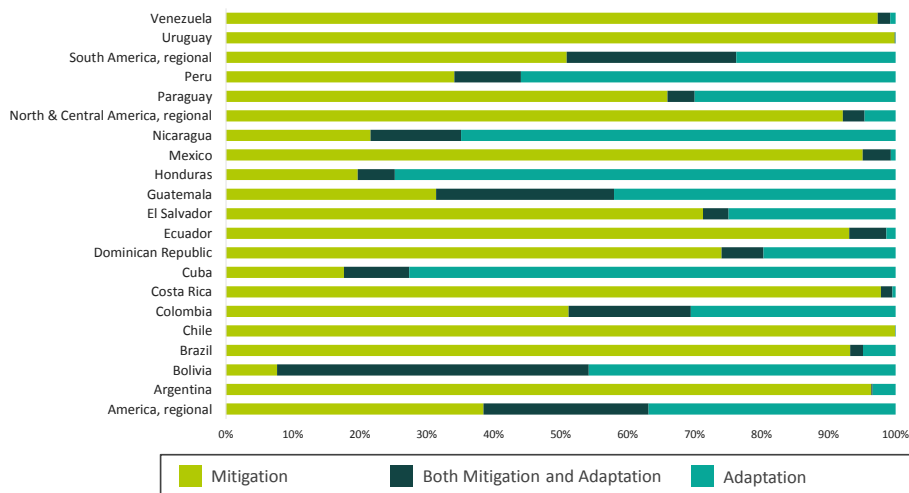
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Highlighted challenges for work in 2016:

- Financing for an integration between mitigation and adaptation
- MRV of an integration between mitigation and adaptation

Climate Finance in LAC



Source: CAD Statistics, OECD. 2013 Data. (<http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/climate-change.htm>)

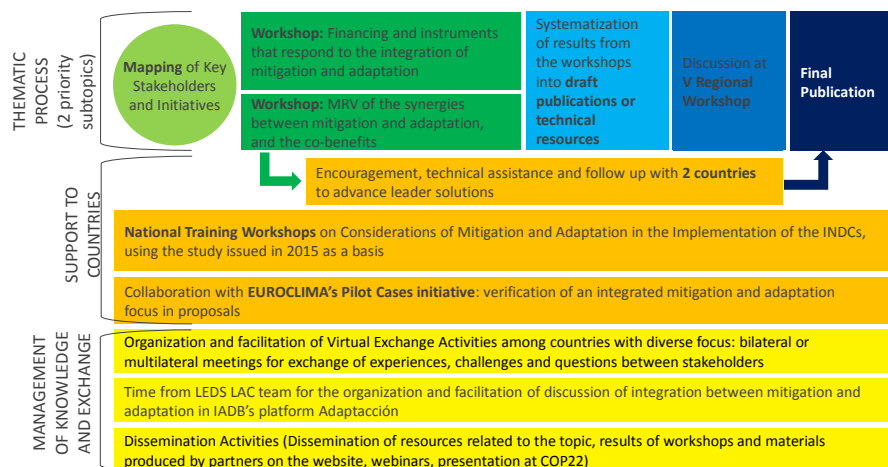
Challenges in integrated mitigation and adaptation **FINANCE**

- Risk of marketing cases of complementarity in which mitigation is predominant as synergy, through which a real advance is not achieved.
- Important to make use of new instruments such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as opportunities to promote a real integration of both agendas.
- Activities that integrate resilience into LEDS can help consolidate support for mitigation efforts where adaptation is assigned the highest priority, and vice versa
- Governments, financing agencies, donors and the private sector could adjust existing financial mechanisms to demand results in both mitigation and adaptation, and use these metrics to measure performance.

Challenges in integrated mitigation and adaptation MRV

- Several experts highlight MRV as a critical element for a successful integration of mitigation and adaptation, with the objective to better communicate the opportunities, benefits and trade-offs.
- Limited current capacities of MRV of adaptation itself, adding complexity to MRV of the integration between mitigation and adaptation
- Development of capacities, methodologies and knowledge in this topic is essential to be able to determine and measure the benefits of acting on both objectives, as well as other co-benefits.
- The MRV challenge is complemented with the need to standardize information and create general indicators, as well as a database that allows recognition of advantages of this integration in each sector to facilitate convincing involved stakeholders

Planned work for 2016





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