

## The UNDP-UNEP PEF strengthens partnerships with IIED and LEAD International

The UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Facility is strengthening partnerships with the International [Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\)](#), and with [LEAD International \(LEAD\)](#).

IIED is an international policy research institute that works to promote global sustainable development by ensuring that the voices of vulnerable groups are heard in decision-making. IIED works with partners in developing countries to improve policy related to climate change, natural resources, human settlements, sustainable markets, and governance. IIED will support UNDP-UNEP with scaling-up the UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative, institutional and capacity development, and knowledge management. Specifically, the partnership with IIED will support:

- The establishment of in-country 'environmental mainstreaming learning groups', which includes setting up and running an in-country diagnostic learning groups and publishing findings in IIED series
- The development of methodology and tools for policy and capacity diagnostics
- The facilitation of the annual PEI meeting, including preparatory surveys and syntheses of countries' lessons and plans

In addition, the PEF is also drawing on support from LEAD International. LEAD is an international not-for-profit organization that focuses on training and inspiring leaders in the field of sustainable development. LEAD manages an international network of over 1700 leaders in environment and sustainable development. LEAD also runs training sessions to build global capacity for solving environmental problems. Under the partnership, LEAD is committing to provide technical support to PEI candidate and participating countries. Specifically, the partnership with LEAD will support:

- Support for institutional and capacity development, through a leadership training workshop for environmental leaders working with the PEI programme
- Awareness-raising and advocacy for environmental mainstreaming
- Adding further inputs to develop additional PEI training activities

The UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Facility is currently working to develop other partnerships with other leading institutes active in the field of poverty-environment.