Some lessons on LCDs strategies in Ghana
For us, here is the bigger picture

Environmentally costly development

Technology
Investments
Capacity

CO2 mitigation  REDD+  NAMAs  CDM

low carbon framework

sustainability transition pathway

green economy

sustainable development

Our bottom-line is

Economic Growth
Poverty reduction
Equity/inclusiveness
Sustainability
Integrating LCDs into national development planning is critical, but tendency for “fatigue”, where is the right entry point? – starting from “ground zero” is a huge barrier.
3 options we have learnt are possibilities for mainstreaming LCDs strategies into development structures in Ghana

- **top-down approach.**
  - In the preparation of the national development frameworks, LCD issues are included and prioritized.
  - Explore possibility of highlighting LCDs issues in the application of “sustainability” tools to specific policy, programme or plan

- **bottom-up approach** - study and identify appropriate the entry points in ministries and local government

**Take home message:** one-fit-for-all approach may not work in all cases. Useful to explore combining various approaches where it is possible.
Another important lesson - take note

• Although getting the LCDs issues into the development framework either at national level or at the ministries or local government levels is an important step, it is not an end itself.

• It is only the beginning of collective efforts to facilitate adequate budgeting and appropriation, implementation and M &E.

• Another important issue that needs to be highlighted is public awareness especially, policy maker (the messaging is crucial).

• It is necessary to make sure that people in public offices who are trusted with responsibility are given the necessary information upon which decision-making will be based.
LCDs must be part of on-going public policy reforms, must have long term outlook, build on what is already working, requires strong coordination & visibility, showcase our own success and development benefit, scale up with LCDs

Right message for investors & policy makers, stay competitive, attractive

What we need is, new direction, better coordination, new orientation, up skilling

we have the development structures

We are already making development investments in (transport, electricity, roads, rails, building etc), rural development, agriculture, forestry etc, sanitation
In order to make LCDs help deliver more economic growth, poverty reduction and “carbon”

• Be competitive (keep our eye on the ball and the bigger picture)
  – Institutions and bureaucrats must realize LDCs is a serious business.
  – Government money is not enough.
  – “Private capital” is crucial to getting wide impacts
  – Be result-oriented, transparent and accountable (trust-building).
  – Time, speed and thoroughness are vital ingredients to attract “investors”.
  – Consistent and clarity in policy (what we want, where we want to be, and how)
  – We must be clear on what we really want.
So far, for Ghana, these are important elements:

- Public money must leverage more private capital
- Having access to right technologies and skills
- Leadership, coordination, build on what is already working

We must be competitive
• Having the right LCDs strategies are not good enough.

• right institutions, people with requisite capacity and the “processes” that “work” will do the trick.
Thank you