

# 11 WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

## 1 Actively participate on the LEAD Fellows Online Community

The LEAD Fellows Online Community can be accessed by clicking here: <http://community.lead.org>. If you are not yet a member please sign up as soon as possible and remember to upload a photo of yourself and keep your profile up to date.

There are many features on this site which help make communication amongst the network more dynamic and engaging. For example: you can post interesting information, videos, and photos; connect with Fellows from previous cohorts and other member programmes; organise online chat and video conferences; write or share blog entries; and keep up to date with news from across the network. We hope you will take the time to explore and engage with this space.

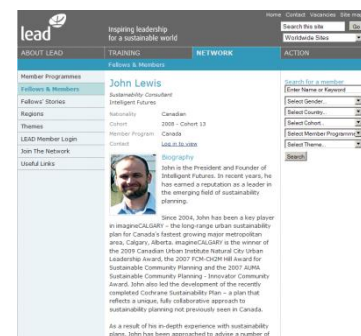


## 2 Actively use the LEAD Fellows' Mailing Lists

The [allcohorts@lead.org](mailto:allcohorts@lead.org) is a network-wide mailing list. This is a moderated list and all members of the network can send and receive messages from it. You will be amazed by the level of response you can get from this group whenever you need information, hints or support on a specific issue related to sustainable development. There are also national and regional LEAD mailing lists which you can subscribe to by contacting the member of staff in your programme responsible for maintaining these mailing lists.

## 3 Keep your profile updated on the LEAD Website

The LEAD Fellows section of the main website is a very valuable resource for documenting the professional knowledge and expertise of our network. You can view this page here: <http://www.lead.org/page/11>. There are currently close to 2,000 entries in LEAD's database making it easy to find a professional in virtually every area of sustainable development in more than 90 countries. This page is also used by many external partners looking for Fellows with particular expertise for projects and consultations. Maintaining this database by keeping your information updated is crucial for LEAD and all its members. Please note that this is separate to the LEAD Fellows Online Community which is a private site only open to members of the LEAD Network. After graduation at the International Session, you will receive a username and password to access this site and update your profile.



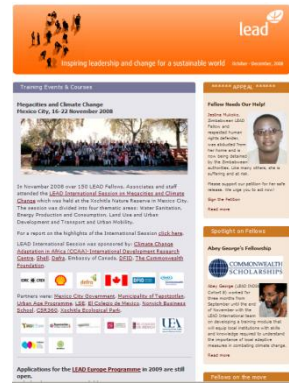
## 4 Stay in contact with your LEAD Member Programme

Each LEAD Member Programme is involved in a series of projects and activities related to training, capacity building or other sustainable development related initiatives. Staying in touch with them is a great way to learn about what LEAD is doing both locally and internationally as well as being aware of professional opportunities.

## 5 Read the LEAD Newsletter

LEAD issues a quarterly Newsletter with information about training events, projects we are engaged on around the world and network activities including news from each LEAD Member Programme. In every edition we showcase one accomplishment by a distinctive LEAD Fellow and also “Fellows on the move”, who are either changing jobs or moving countries.

You can share your professional achievements and the projects you are currently working on with others by emailing your story to [trine@lead.org](mailto:trine@lead.org). Through the Newsletter you will also receive job postings and be able to follow our calendar of events. You can also encourage your colleagues and friends to sign up to the Newsletter mailing list here <http://www.lead.org/page/15>.



## 6 Help with recruitment of new LEAD Associates

Many LEAD Associates hear about the programme via a LEAD Fellow. Applicants recommended by LEAD Fellows are always welcomed as we know they will be exceptional individuals. Also, your support in marketing the LEAD Cohort Training programme by telling other potential candidates about us is very important for building the network.

## 7 Attend LEAD events

LEAD organises side events during major international conferences. During these events, LEAD Fellows meet to network and exchange information about their current projects and activities. LEAD maintains a calendar of events where side events are hosted. Visit our web site and let us know if you are attending an event that is not listed. If the event you are attending is not listed, you can send a message to our internal mailing distribution list to connect with other attendees.

## 8 Engage with one of our four thematic areas

LEAD International and all the LEAD Member Programmes have identified and prioritised four key areas of work: Climate Change, Business and Sustainability, Environment and Livelihoods, and Sustainable Cities. Each of these ‘thematic hubs’ will be hosted by a LEAD Member programme in conjunction with LEAD International and a number of external organisations.

In 2009 we officially launched the Climate Change Network hosted by LEAD Pakistan and the Environment and Livelihoods Network hosted by LEAD Brazil. These thematic networks were designed to give Fellows with particular expertise in the above areas an opportunity to collaborate with peers on a more dynamic and strategic level and to connect our network to other organisations working on the issues. Each network also has ‘LEAD Champions’ who are Fellows with particular interests in the subject who act as coordinators for the network and work on building strategic partnerships and alliances with external organisations.



**Antonio Carlos C. de Albuquerque**, LEAD Brazil, Cohort 9, is currently the LEAD Champion for the Environment and Livelihoods Network.

## 9 Organise LEAD cohort reunions in your country or region

Face to face meetings are important to keep the network alive. You will find that there are LEAD Fellows living close or in the same city as you. Many LEAD Fellows organise informal gatherings. LEAD Member Programmes also organise events to bring Fellows together. Keep in touch with Fellows and Member Programme to be informed about it.

## 10 Be involved as a consultant, advisor, or researcher on a LEAD project

LEAD delivers capacity building development projects in conjunction with a number of our Member Programmes. For example, we are currently delivering a community based adaptation programme in Africa, a capacity building leadership programme for tsunami affected areas of Aceh in Indonesia, and a climate leaders programme in India. Each of these projects were designed and delivered through the collaborative efforts of the LEAD Network, including the Secretariat, LEAD Member Programmes, as well as LEAD Fellows and their organisations. The Bridging Leadership Project in Aceh alone involves around 12 LEAD Fellows in its programme delivery. We encourage you to think about how to leverage the LEAD Network in strategic ways which can help make an impact in your own communities and areas of work.



**Any Sulistyowati**, LEAD Indonesia, Cohort 7, is the project manager and head coordinator of the Bridging Leadership Project in Aceh.

## 11 Volunteer on a LEAD training programme

More and more, LEAD is relying on the Fellows Network to deliver first class training programmes. There are many ways in which you can be involved as a speaker, as a resource person, helping organise the session or hosting a site visit to your project. For example, in 2009 the LEAD Europe training programme involved a total of 10 LEAD Europe Fellows as speakers and facilitators. Contact your Member Programme Director to find out ways to actively participate in national or international sessions.



**Tom Dodd**, LEAD Europe C13, was a guest speaker on the subject of 'Business and Sustainability' for the LEAD Europe training in 2009.

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