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## TRANSPORT TACKLES CLIMATE CHANGE @ TRANSPORT DAY 2014

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The Bridging the Gap (BtG) Initiative and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT).

### BACKGROUND BTG INITIATIVE AND SLOCAT PARTNERSHIP TRANSPORT DAY SERIES

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The BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership decided in 2012 to organize from 2013 to 2015 a series of annual Transport Days, linked the annual UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP) meetings. Through this annual Transport Days the BtG initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership are promoting the integration of sustainable low carbon transport in the UNFCCC processes with a special emphasis on the new global climate change agreement, which is currently being negotiated.

Transport Day 2013 ([www.transportday.org](http://www.transportday.org)) was held on 17 November 2013, the middle Sunday of the negotiations and was attended by nearly 200 participants and enjoyed wide media coverage. In addition, the Warsaw Statement on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport adopted in the closing session of the meeting is now supported by 465 individuals and 150 organisations

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(JANUARY 2014) and was communicated to Parties and the UNFCCC secretariat on the last days of the COP (19). The BtG initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership have documented Transport Day 2013 on their respective websites. The outcomes of Transport Day 2013 have been instrumental in shaping the integration of transport in the planning for the Secretary General's Climate Summit on 23 September (see [www.slocat.net/climatesummit](http://www.slocat.net/climatesummit)) as well as the integration of sustainable, low carbon transport in the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (see [www.slocat.net/transport-open-working-group-process](http://www.slocat.net/transport-open-working-group-process)).

### Reporting on Transport Day 2013

The following resources give a good overview of Transport Day 2013 and the manner in which COP 19 addressed land transport within the negotiations:

- IISD Transport Day 2013 video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol3r7Yzz\\_eQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol3r7Yzz_eQ)
- IISD Report on Transport Day 2013: <http://www.slocat.net/sites/default/files/u10/crsvol217num1e.pdf>
- BtG and SLoCaT Partnership Transport Day 2013 Press Release: [http://www.slocat.net/sites/default/files/u10/transport\\_day\\_2013\\_press\\_release-19\\_november\\_2013\\_-\\_final.pdf](http://www.slocat.net/sites/default/files/u10/transport_day_2013_press_release-19_november_2013_-_final.pdf)
- "Sustainable Transport on Course while Warsaw Wobbles" – Bridging the Gap Initiative and SLoCaT Partnership Report on COP 19. [www.slocat.net/sites/default/files/warsaw\\_wobbles\\_btg\\_-\\_slocat\\_cop\\_19\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://www.slocat.net/sites/default/files/warsaw_wobbles_btg_-_slocat_cop_19_report_final.pdf) and [www.transport2020.org/publicationitem/3060/new-sustainable-transport-on-course-while-warsaw-wobbles](http://www.transport2020.org/publicationitem/3060/new-sustainable-transport-on-course-while-warsaw-wobbles)

The priorities and recommendations resulting Transport Day 2013 have also guided the activities of the Bridging the Gap Initiative and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport with respect to the integration of low carbon transport in global policies on climate change and more specifically the deliberations on a new global climate change agreement.

### OBJECTIVES AND MOTTO OF TRANSPORT DAY 2014:

Transport Day 2014 will have as its objectives:

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- a) To demonstrate the contribution that land transport can make to mitigation and adaptation, specifically in the context of climate change, the UNFCCC negotiations and sustainable development;
- b) To promote the integration of (land) transport in policy making on climate change mitigation and adaptation under the UNFCCC;
- c) To ensure that evolving modalities for financing, including NAMAs and the Green Climate Fund, MRV, capacity building, and technology transfer under the UNFCCC are appropriate for the transport sector.
- d) Promote tools and technologies that Parties can use to help achieve low carbon transport and the reduction of transport infrastructure and service vulnerability to extreme weather events

The motto for this year's Transport Day is "**Transport Tackles Climate Change @ Transport Day 2014**". The proposed focus on action is in line with the outcome of the November 2013 session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), which called for a more active integration of successful mitigation efforts by parties outside the convention into the deliberations on a new global climate change agreement and the discussions at the 2013 Transport Day. The 2014 Transport Day motto is also in line with Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's appeal for "bold pledges that can scale-up and deliver concrete action that will close the emissions gap and put the global community on track for an ambitious legal agreement through the UNFCCC process".

#### TIMING AND VENUE TRANSPORT DAY 2014

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Transport Day 2014 will be part of **COP 20 in Lima, Peru** (December 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2014) and is planned to be held on **Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** at the Sheraton Hotel, Lima, Peru. It is expected that, like in 2013, this will be one of the more significant side events to be held on the Sunday in between the two weeks of negotiations. The BtG initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership are in discussion with the UNFCCC Secretariat and COP 20 organizers to get Transport Day 2014 formally acknowledged as a COP 20 related event.

#### TARGET GROUPS TRANSPORT DAY 2014

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The primary target groups are the Climate change community; negotiators and Parties as well as opinion leaders shaping the thinking on a new global climate change agreement. The key message for this target group is the readiness of the transport sector to contribute in a pro-active manner to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The secondary target group is formed by international organizations, national and local governments, experts, NGOs and civil society organizations working on sustainable low carbon development.

As a direct outcome of T-Day 2013 it was felt to be important that transport builds stronger dialogue with other constituencies. Transport Day 2014 will build on the linkages established with the Women and Youth Major Groups, who actively participated in Transport Day 2013 and intends to involve more closely other key Major Groups especially the Business Sector, NGOs and Local Governments.

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## LINKAGE OF TRANSPORT DAY 2014 TO COP 20

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The success of Transport Day 2013 was helped significantly by the active involvement in COP 19. The BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership had a common booth, which was used to distribute materials on transport and climate change as well a promotional hand-out consisting of the Transport Day 2013 scarf. This helped greatly to build up to attract attention and participants. In addition, the BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership (and its members) also organized a number of side events in the COP meeting itself, which also presented opportunities for promoting T-Day.

A similar approach (booth – hand-out – side events) will be adopted for COP 20 in Lima, Peru. A start was made by promoting Transport Day 2014 at the June UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meeting in Bonn via the BtG booth and side event.

It is planned to have a more active tracking of key parts of the negotiations in COP 20 and report on these through the websites of BtG Initiative ([www.transport2020.org](http://www.transport2020.org)) and the SLoCaT Partnership ([www.slocat.net](http://www.slocat.net)). The scope of this coverage will be determined by the availability of funding but is expected to include: mitigation pledges; financing; NAMAs and MRV; capacity building, and technology transfer. The BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership

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will seek the support from its members and other volunteers attending COP 20 to make this reporting a reality.

## LINKAGE OF TRANSPORT DAY 2014 TO SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON'S SEPTEMBER CLIMATE SUMMIT

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To emphasize the pro-active nature of Transport Day 2014 it is proposed that the outreach activities prior to the event on 7 December itself will focus on mobilizing additional support for the Transport Initiatives that will be presented at Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's Climate Summit on 23 September in New York. It is currently planned that there will be 6 transport related initiatives divided over 4 impact areas; transportation, cities, energy efficiency and short-lived climate pollutants. See <http://www.slocat.net/climatesummit> for details.

New publications relative to land transport and climate change are planned for publication in the autumn to coincide with this event.

This outreach effort will build on the 2013 efforts resulting in the Warsaw Statement on Low Carbon Transport and Sustainable Development. A stronger effort is planned for this year to involve national and local (city) governments.

## REPORTS THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED BEFORE AND DURING TRANSPORT DAY 2014

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During the COP 20 some SLoCaT and BtG members will be launching reports on transport and climate change including;

- Land Transport's Contribution to a 2 Degree Target (BtG & SLoCaT)
- A Global High Shift Scenario (ITDP & UC Davis)
- Policy Brief on Transport and Climate Finance (TRANSfer Project)
- Climate Readiness Update
- Transport and Climate Financing (Climate Financing Project, TRANSfer)
- Report by ECF on Cycling

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## ORGANIZER AND SUPPORTERS OF TRANSPORT DAY 2014:

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The BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership will organize transport Day 2014.

The event is open for sponsoring by BtG Initiative and SLoCaT Partnership members as well as other interested organizations. So far the following organizations have pledged support: CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as major supporters; and the EMBARQ, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); FIA Foundation and the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and UNIFE – the European Rail Industry as secondary supporters.

All major and secondary Supporters of Transport Day 2014 will be acknowledged in all relevant publicity materials before and during the event.

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## PROPOSED PROGRAM FORMAT:

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The program for Transport Day 2014 will be developed taking into account:

- a) The current status of the UNFCCC process, especially the discussions in the ADP Working Group as well as NAMAs and Climate Financing including the Green Climate Fund;
- b) The recommendations for further action resulting from the break-out sessions for the 5 Transport Day 2013 streams on mitigation potential; low-carbon transport policies; NAMAs, Adaptation and Financing ([http://slocat.net/sites/default/files/u10/transport\\_day\\_2013-conclusions\\_from\\_breakout\\_sessions.pdf](http://slocat.net/sites/default/files/u10/transport_day_2013-conclusions_from_breakout_sessions.pdf));
- c) The discussions on the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. Linked to this is the SLoCaT Results Framework on Sustainable Transport; and
- d) The outcome of the SG Climate Summit on Climate Change and the transport related action platforms. Of special interest in this context are country commitments and pledges as well as the Transport related initiatives presented at the Climate Summit (<http://www.slocat.net/climatesummit>).

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Transport Day 2014 will, like last year, consist of a number of plenary sessions and breakout sessions. Learning from the experiences of last year it is suggested to:

- Include more time for discussion and interactions from the floor
- Keep breakout sessions focused
- Include some 'dissenting' voices
- To increase the 'entertainment value' of the afternoon sessions when the attention of participants is dropping off in respect to the fact that it is Sunday and mid way in the busy negotiating agenda.

The co-organizers coordinate the plenary sessions while the breakout sessions are organised by the stream coordinators. In line with the recommendations of last year these might be mainly female this year if feasible.

#### Tasks Stream Coordinator

Each stream will have a coordinator who will work with the BtG Initiative and the SLoCaT Partnership in developing the program for the breakout sessions for that theme. The Coordinator is responsible for contacting and confirming the speakers, communicating programme updates to the secretariat, ensuring the presentations are not too long, reporting on the session and contributing 3-5 bullet point summary to the Transport Day 2014 Recommendations. The position of stream coordinator can be shared by more than one organisation.

The following breakout sessions are planned:

- Mitigation Potential of Transport – linked to the ongoing discussions on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs);
- Adaptation – linked to discussions on acceleration of climate change adaptation;
- NAMAs and MRV – how to ensure that transport sector does not lose ground in the development and implementation of NAMAs;
- Financing – linked to discussions on Green Climate Fund and other Climate Finance modalities.

Timing

Agenda Item

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Timing	Agenda Item
09.00AM – 09.30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
09.30 AM – 10.15 AM <i>(Plenary session)</i>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> on behalf of Organizers Transport Day 2014 and local hosts in Lima, Peru
10.15 AM – 11.30 AM <i>(Plenary session)</i>	<p><b>Tackling Climate Change in Transport:</b></p> <p>Brief 5 minute presentations (pecha kucha style) on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport and IPCC;</li> <li>• Transport and the UNFCCC;</li> <li>• Transport and SDG process;</li> <li>• Transport and SG Climate Summit.</li> </ul> <p>Moderated panel discussion to determine whether the messages from IPCC, SDG process and Climate Summit are getting heard with representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Governments</li> <li>• Local Governments</li> <li>• Private Sector</li> </ul>
11.30 AM – 12.00 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12.00 AM – 01.30 PM <i>(Breakout Sessions)</i>	<p><b>Focused Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation Potential of Transport</li> <li>• Adaptation</li> <li>• NAMAs and MRV</li> <li>• Financing</li> </ul>
01.30 PM – 02.30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
02.30 PM – 03.00 PM	<b>Report Back Breakout Sessions</b>
03.00PM – 04.00PM <i>(Plenary session)</i>	<p><b>Reporting on Stakeholder Support for the Transport Commitments from the SG Climate Summit</b></p> <p>Present the Results of the BtG – SLoCaT Campaign to solicit support for the SG Climate Summit Transport Related Initiatives</p> <p>Feedback by coordinators for the Transport Initiatives from the Climate Summit: Public Transport (UITP); Railways (UIC); Urban Electric Mobility (UN Habitat); Fuel Economy (GFEI); BRT (UN Habitat) and Green Freight (CCAC).</p>
04.00 PM – 04.30 PM <i>(Plenary session)</i>	<b>Keynote Address</b>

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	Inspiring speaker. Preferred topic – “how I sparked changed in ....”
04.30 PM – 05.15 PM	<p><b>From Lima to Paris</b></p> <p>Moderated Panel discussion, with extensive audience engagement, on how to move transport sector forward to Paris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNFCCC Parties and Secretariat</li> <li>• Major Groups</li> <li>• Transport Community</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Community</li> </ul>
05.15PM – 05.45PM	<b>Conclusions and close</b>
05.45PM –07.30PM	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>

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