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COP28 UNDESA Pavilion

Sustainable Transport Programme

INTRODUCTION

The global transport sector has the highest reliance on fossil fuels of any sector and in 2021 accounted for almost one quarter of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The road transport sector, including passenger cars, buses, heavy and light duty commercial vehicles, quite unlike other inland transport sub-sectors, such as rail and inland waterway transport, and much more than the aviation and maritime sectors combined, is a main polluter accounting for approximately 77 per cent of global transport related GHG emissions. Therefore, the road-based transport sector bears a unique responsibility in helping countries meet their climate change mitigation goals with solutions already available to drastically reduce its climate impact.

Sustainable low carbon urban mobility is a high priority for all governments and central to delivering on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Paris Agreement. As the world hits eight billion people, with most living in urban areas, the most equitable, meaningful, and sustainable interventions in the transport sector must focus on scaling up public transport, rail and active mobility. Yet only half of the world's urban population can claim to have a sustainable transport system fit for the future. To get us back on track, we need a transformation of transport in cities through the scaling up policy measures and shifting finance towards public transport, rail, walking and cycling.

The transport event at the SDG Pavilion at COP28 includes a high-level policy dialogue that offers a unique platform for countries to take stock of ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the transport sector, in particular inland transport, and at strengthening transport system climate change preparedness through the adoption of appropriate adaptation and resilience measures.

In addition, best practices will be shared alongside innovative actions and solutions that should be adopted by countries as a matter of priority to enhance local and national level action and engagement. Different sessions will provide a better understanding of the relationship between policy, action, impact and what to report on to improve urban mobility with more and better public transport, rail and active mobility. In doing so, it will show what the transport sector needs to do in the short term and maintain in the long term to bring about a paradigm shift in achieving the SDGs in times of global crisis and to address the climate emergency whilst fostering social inclusion.

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 12:45 GST, Wednesday, 6 December 2023

UNDESA/SDG Pavilion, Blue Zone B7, Pavilion number 88

9:00 – 9:25	<p>Welcome and Keynote Speeches</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heather Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Rahma Al Shamsi, Heavy Emitting Sectors Lead, COP28 UAE Presidency ● Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE ● Mr. James Leather, Director, Transport Sector Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<p>Combating Climate Change through Strong Transport Sector Mitigation and Adaptation Actions</p>	
9:35 – 9:50	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heather Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) ● Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (video statement)
9:50 – 10:40	High-Level Panel Discussion

	<p>This high-level policy dialogue offers a unique platform for member States of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to take stock of ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the transport sector, in particular inland transport, and at strengthening transport system climate change preparedness through the adoption of appropriate adaptation and resilience measures. Deliberations are expected to raise awareness of the importance of the transport sector in combating climate change, building resilience and promoting commitment to effective actions in this sector.</p> <p>Panelists: <i>(Placed in alphabetical order of their countries)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Keit Kasemets, Secretary General, Ministry of Climate, Estonia • H.E. Mr. Taitusi Vakadravuyaca, Permanent Secretary for Public Works, Meteorological Services, and Transport, Fiji • H.E. Ms. Afke van Rijn, Vice Minister for the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands • H.E. Mr. Mark Harper, Secretary of State for Transport, United Kingdom • H.E. Mr. Carlos Monje, Under Secretary for Transportation Policy, United States
<p>10:40 – 10:50</p>	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stelios Pesmajoglou, Manager of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)/Long-term low-emission development strategies (LT-LEDS), Impacts Assessment Support Subdivision, UNFCCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Key discussion outputs and the way forward o Way forward in finalization of the Inland Transport Committee UNECE Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport and its contribution to reaching the Paris Agreement targets, as well as the development of the ESCAP Regional Cooperation Mechanism on Low Carbon Transport
<p>Sustainable Low Carbon Mobility</p>	
<p>11:00 – 11:20</p>	<p>Opening Scene-Setting Presentations: Transport Policy Supporting Active and Public Travel and Nationally Determined Contributions (SDG 13) Moderator: Mr. Dionisio Gonzalez, Senior Adviser - Advocacy & Outreach, UITP Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philip Turner, Head of Sustainable Development, UITP • Ms. Lucie Anderton, Head of Sustainability, UIC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Bronwen Thornton, CEO WALK21 • Ms. Alice Yiu, Director, Policy Outreach and Strategic Communications, SLOCAT
11:20 – 11:40	<p>Fireside Chat: Sustainable Finance (SDG 8)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Dionisio Gonzalez, Senior Adviser - Advocacy & Outreach, UITP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Merle Schmidt-Brunn, Board member for Finance and Sustainability, Hochbahn, Hamburg, Germany • Ms. Cecilia Andersson, Lead, Urban Mobility, UN Habitat
11:40 – 12:10	<p>Panel Discussion 1: Technology drivers – how is innovation in transport accelerating decarbonization in this sector? (SDG 7)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Joo-Hyun HA, UIC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sandeep Jain, UN ESCAP – Digitalization • Mr. Paul Bou Chebl, Vice-President, Alstom • Ms. Elisabetta Tromellini, CSR Sustainability Director FNM Group, Chair SDC of UITP • Mr. Alok Jain, CEO & Managing Director, Trans-consult
12:10 – 12:40	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Solutions on the ground – leading cities and countries share strategies and policies that are transforming mobility and communities (SDG 11)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Joo-Hyun HA, UIC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tatiana Gatica Navea, EFE Chile • Ms. Antonia HÖÖG, Head of CSR and Engagement, Keolis • Ms. Urda Eichhorst, Project Directo, NDC Transport Initiative in Asia, GIZ • Ms. Nahla Nabil, Sustainability Expert, Etihad Rail • Ms. Jill Warren, CEO European Cyclists' Federation
12:40 – 12:45	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Minoru Takada, Deputy Director, UNFF, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)