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## Sustainable Mobility on the Road to the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

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### Introduction

The UN General-Secretary's new 5-Year Action Agenda identifies sustainable transport as one of 5 building blocks of sustainable development. Yet transport is virtually invisible in the initial framing of Rio+20, the June 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development. A growing number of multilateral development banks, bilateral development agencies, NGOs, and private sector actors, among others, are developing their own commitments to recognize and implement sustainable transport. Together, they hope to garner additional commitments for sustainable transport from governments in the context of Rio+20.

What are the prospects for putting sustainable transport on the agenda at Rio in June 2012 and in its follow-up? How can the United States best promote sustainable transport internationally given unfolding domestic policy and political challenges? What commitments for sustainable transportation could emerge from Rio+20? What can be done by civil society, business, governments, and finance institutions between now and June to ensure a successful global conference that includes sustainable transport?

### Speakers

**Elizabeth Thompson** a former minister for energy and environment of Barbados, was appointed by the secretary-general of the United Nations as executive coordinator for the Rio+20 UNCSD and assumed her duties in December 2010.

**Michael Repogle** has more than 30 years of experience in transportation and urban planning, policy, environmental assessment, and finance. Since 2009, he has headed Institute for Transportation & Development Policy's Global Policy Program, which documents global best practices and enhances the capacity of international development organizations and governments to advance environmentally sustainable and equitable transport.

**Polly Trottenberg** is currently the acting undersecretary for policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Her office focuses on surface transportation reauthorization, livability, high-speed rail, the TIGER program and freight policy development. She oversees the offices of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation, Safety, Energy and the Environment, and Economic and Strategic Analysis.

**Lawrence J. Gumbiner** is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES). Since January, 2010, Lawrence J. Gumbiner has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES). In his present role, he

is in charge of coordinating the State Department's preparation for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20), as well as Green Growth and Green Economy elements in numerous multilateral fora.

**Gordon Feller** is a director of the Cisco Internet Business Solutions Group Public Sector Practice, Urban Innovations team. Feller works with city leaders worldwide, in both public and private sectors. In this capacity he supports Cisco's numerous China initiatives, while simultaneously leading Cisco's new City Leader Program for Chinese mayors and city-based party secretaries.

**Peter Lehner** is executive director of Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). The position is his second at NRDC. Beginning in 1994, he led the Clean Water Program for five years, before leaving in 1999 to serve as the head of the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office.

**Cornie Huizenga** is currently joint convener for the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport as well as a consultant on transport and climate change for the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. He had a lead role in the establishment of the Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia) and served as its executive director until 2008.

**Marc H. Juhel** became sector manager of the Transport Division in the Energy, Transport and Water Department of the World Bank in May 2007. Previously, he was lead transport specialist. His specific areas of expertise are the development planning of port facilities; the economic, financial, and institutional aspects of transport systems administration and management; and the integration of national logistics functions within the international transport system.

#### **Moderator**

**Dan Sperling** is a visiting scholar with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is the founding director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis, holds the transportation seat on the California Air Resources Board, received a 2010 Heinz Award, and is co-author of *Two Billion Cars* (Oxford University Press, 2009), co-written with Deborah Gordon.