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HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON TRANSPORT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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MOYNIHAN STATION (FARLEY POST OFFICE BUILDING - 31ST STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE), NEW YORK CITY

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EVENT CONCEPT

RAILWAY SESSION (MORNING)

There is a global resurgence of railways. This session will discuss the key contribution of railways to promoting sustainable development and addressing climate change.

TRANSPORT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S CLIMATE SUMMIT (AFTERNOON)

Over the last years the transport sector has taken substantive action to address climate change in the context of sustainable development. This session will explain the climate change mitigation potential of the transport sector and explain the context of the commitments on transport to be presented at the Secretary's General's Climate Summit.

CLOSING RECEPTION (EVENING)

This is a celebration of progress in realizing sustainable, low carbon transport and intended to serve as an informal get together between the sustainable, low carbon transport community and key policy and decision makers on sustainable development and climate change.

AGENDA

8:00 A.M. Sign-In and Registration, Coffee and Light Breakfast Served

8:45 A.M. Welcome Remarks Workshop Organizers

Morning Session: Railways

There is a global resurgence of railways and it is important to bring this to the attention of policy makers on climate change and sustainable development. This session, aimed at national and international policy makers on (rail) transport and development, will provide a global overview of how railways contribute to sustainable, low carbon development. Recent accomplishments and future plans of Amtrak and other operators in strengthening the position of railways in the USA and worldwide will be discussed and linkages will be made with the post-2015 development agenda that is currently being discussed in the United Nations.

9:00 A.M. Keynote Address:

José Viégas, Secretary General International Transport Forum – OECD

9:30 – 11:00 A.M. Panel 1: The Perspective of Global Institutions on the Contribution of Railways to Sustainable, Low Carbon Development

Moderator: Cornie Huizenga, Secretary General, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport

Panel Members:

- José Viégas, Secretary General International Transport Forum – OECD
- Philippe Benoit, Head, Energy Efficiency and Environment Division, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Peter Bakker, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Pierre Guislain, Senior Director, Transport and ICT GP, World Bank

11:00 – 11:15A.M. Coffee Break

11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. Panel 2: Rail Industry Sector Perspective

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General, International Railway Association (UIC), Member, Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

Panel Members:

- Joseph Boardman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Amtrak
- Masaki Ogata, Vice-Chairman, Japan East Railway
- Yves Desjardins-Siciliano, President and Chief Executive Officer, VIA Rail Canada
- Gombosuren Sereenendorj, President, Mongolian Railways
- Thomas Prendergast, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MTA
- Jerome Wallut, President Alstom Transportation Inc., representing UNIFE – the European Rail Industry

12:45 – 1:45 P.M

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: Transport as part of international Climate Change Policy

This session aims to explain the importance of integrating transport in international policy on climate change. Relevant findings for the transport sector from the recent 4th Assessment report of the IPCC will be presented as an underpinning for a discussion on the mitigation potential of the transport sector. In response to 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, the session will discuss how to best shape the contribution of the transport sector. This will include a discussion on how to integrate the transport commitments that will be presented at the 23rd September Climate Summit of the Secretary General into an emerging Road map for effective action on transport and climate change; this based on the understanding that fighting climate change is essential for poverty reduction and sustainable development.

1:45 – 3:00 P.M.

Panel 1: The Potential of Transport to Reduce Climate Change

Moderator: Rob Wallis, Chief Executive, Transport Research Laboratory, Convener, Bridging the Gap Initiative

Panel Members:

- Michael Replogle, Managing Director for Policy & Founder, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
- Nick Nuttall, Coordinator Communications and Outreach Program, UNFCCC
- Tanya Müller García, Minister of Environment of Mexico City, Member, Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport
- Xiaomei Tan, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility
- Hugh Sealy, Chair Clean Development Board, Executive Board
- Dr. Knut Sauer, Vice President/Partner, Mobility Consulting Siemens

3:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Coffee – Tea Break

Program (version-16 September)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Panel 2: Roadmap for Action on Transport and Climate Change

Moderator: Andrew Steer, President and CEO of the World Resources Institute

Panel Members:

- Laurence Tubiana, Special Representative for the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, French Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Joan Clos, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (invited)
- Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General, International Railway Association (UIC), Member, Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport
- Alain Flausch, Secretary General, International Association for Public Transport (UITP), Member, Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport
- Sheila Watson, Director Environment, FIA Foundation, Executive Secretary, Global Fuel Economy Initiative
- Sophie Punte, Executive D, Green Freight Initiative

Closing Reception

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Closing Reception in the Farley Post Office Building Rotunda (at 31st Street and Eighth Avenue)