



## Latin America Transport Strategy towards Post-2015.

### CTS EMBARQ

EMBARQ CTS Mexico is a Mexican Non-Governmental Organization, nonprofit, non-party and guided by a Board of Directors. Our mission is to catalyze sustainable mobility solutions to improve the quality of life in Mexican cities.

### ITDP

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy works with cities worldwide to bring about transport solutions that cut greenhouse gas emissions, reduce poverty, and improve the quality of urban life.

CTS EMBARQ Mexico, ITDP (Institute for Transport and Development Policies), members of the SLoCaT Partnership, participated in the Regional consultation “*Realizing the Future We Want in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards a Development Agenda post-2015*”, held in Guadalajara, Mexico. The mission of this gathering was to put together regional key actors to discuss the progress of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to formulate recommendations for the next development agenda. The conference, organized by the Government of Mexico, provided a forum to discuss and enhance regional perspectives in the post-2015 process adding to the national and thematic consultations and to the meetings held by the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLP).

Following the inclusion of sustainable transport in the outcome document “The Future We Want” of Río+20 Conference, it is important to keep the momentum and integrate it in the wider post-2015 Development Agenda, due to its indirect contribution to the economy (providing access to jobs and markets and enabling trade) and its direct contribution to Climate Change and health (second major source of GHG).

The main objectives of our participation in the consultation were: a) to bring up the importance of sustainable transport as part of the international development agenda, considering it as a key area to enable economic and social progress and environmental equilibrium and; b) to raise the profile of transport in ongoing discussions on a new post-2020 global agreement on Climate Change.

#### Goals achieved:

- The importance of the transport sector in sustainable development was pinpointed due to its relationship with health, economic growth, access to goods and services, and disaster risk reduction (relationship with climate change effects).
- Sustainable Transport was promoted as a specific goal. However, due to current tendencies it was included as part of the energy goal.
- In the final document several lines were dedicated to sustainable transport: “*Universal access to safe, clean and affordable transport*”, “*Real alternatives to reach sustainable transport*”, “*Goals and indicators to measure the reduction of fossil oil consumption*”.
- We included the importance of urban development oriented to transport in order to reduce the use of fossil oil consumption.



Partnership on Sustainable  
Low Carbon Transport

## SLoCaT Partnership

SLoCaT improves the knowledge on sustainable low carbon transport, helps develop better policies and catalyze their implementation. Over 75 organizations have joined the Partnership, including UN organizations, multilateral development banks, technical cooperation agencies, NGOs, research organizations and other organizations.

### Next steps:

Future steps for the Latin American Region will be added to the global sustainable development agenda. For our region the main objective is to improve policies and invest in sustainable transport (i.e. public transport, walking paths cycle lanes, etc.), through the *Avoid-Shift-Improve* strategy, both in cities and in rural areas.

Also, it is important that the High Level Panel considers transport as an essential enabler of poverty eradication and social addition, contrary to current policies and investments focused on road infrastructure. For example, in Mexico the emphasis on developing these policies and making transport related investments, has been by 75% the construction of road infrastructure.

Finally, a change of current consumption and production patterns has to be highlighted, in order to incorporate other paradigms within the sustainable development approach as means to ensure people's wellbeing and create harmony with nature.



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