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Climate negotiators in Warsaw sideline transportation sector; ignore evidence that major greenhouse gas emitter could become engine for sustainable growth

New initiative seeks to ensure larger role for transport in putting brakes on climate change

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The transportation sector is now the fastest growing source of greenhouse gases, a result of decades of urban planning that focused on improving mobility for automobiles at the expense of public transport users, cyclists and pedestrians. This approach has made life much more difficult for people in cities, especially the poor.

In an analysis released earlier this year, the International Energy Agency, estimated that US\$50 trillion could be saved by 2050 if the world adopts low-carbon transportation systems and if key technologies are brought to scale globally.

The globe's eight largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) announced at Rio+20 that they would invest US\$175 billion to finance more sustainable transportation systems over the coming decade, boosting equitable economic development and protecting the environment and public health across the developing world. Since then, however, transport has figured little in the global climate change debate—whether as a problem, or potential solution.

WHAT: The *Warsaw Statement on Low Carbon Transport and Sustainable Development* will be delivered formally to Executive Secretary UNFCCC Christiana Figueres at 10am Wednesday morning, November 20.

Adopted in Warsaw by more than 100 organizations and 400 individuals, the statement calls on the negotiators of a new global climate agreement to commit to supporting transportation systems that will slash carbon emissions.

Part of a campaign to ensure a larger role for sustainable transport in addressing climate change worldwide, the call to action has been organized by the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (the SLoCaT Partnership) and the Bridging the Gap initiative to influence negotiations involved in the UNFCCC process and in the UN Secretary General's planned Climate Summit in September 2014.



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WHEN: November 20, 10am

WHERE: Office of Executive Secretary UNFCCC Christiana Figueres, Level 1 Zone C Sky Box 110 Warsaw Climate Summit, Poland

RESOURCES: For additional information on Transport Day 2013, the SLoCaT Partnership, Bridging the Gap, ITDP and their efforts to mainstream sustainable, low carbon transport see: <http://globaltransportation.wordpress.com/>

About SLoCaT

The SLoCaT Partnership, a multi-stakeholder partnership of over 80 members, was formed in 2009 to promote the integration of sustainable transport in global policies on climate change and sustainable development. www.slocat.net

About Bridging the Gap

The Bridging the Gap initiative is a multi-stakeholder partnership formed in 2009 to encourage international recognition the role of land transport in addressing climate change in the Post-2012 agreement. www.transport2020.org

About ITDP

ITDP helps cities to design and implement environmentally sustainable and socially equitable transportation solutions in cities and is at the forefront of efforts to reduce carbon emissions, protect the environment, enhance social equity, and improve the quality of urban life. ITDP helped found and is a leading member of the SLoCaT Partnership and a member of the Bridging the Gap Initiative. www.itdp.org

