



Lao People's Democratic Republic



PRE-EVENT

Contribution of Rural Transport to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

13 March 2017

Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Co-organized by:

Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Lao PDR

Research for Community Access Partnership (ReCAP)

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Facilitated by:

Partnership for Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)

13 MARCH 2017 (Monday)	
Time / Room	Provisional Programme
08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10: 00	Opening Session
	<p>Keynote Speech: The role of rural transport in achieving the SDGs H.E. Viengsavath Siphandone, Vice Minister, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR</p> <p>Importance of rural transport in regional development Ms. Chikako Takase, Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development</p> <p>Rural Transport Research in Support of SDGs Dr. Jasper R Cook, Team Leader, Research for Community Access Partnership</p> <p>Rural Transport policies in the Asia Pacific region Mr. Madan B. Regmi, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>State of the art on rural transport Services Mr. Paul Starkey, Transport Services Research Manager, Research for Community Access Partnership</p> <p>Launch of Key Messages on Rural Transport and SDGs Mr. Cornie Huizenga, Secretary-General, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport</p>
10:00-10:30	Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 11:30	Plenary Session 1: Rural Transport Access and Services
	<p>“First Mile” transport for smallholder farmers Mr. David Salter, Rural Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank (TBC)</p> <p>Mainstreaming Gender in Rural Transport projects in Nepal and other initiatives in Asia Ms. Jun Hada, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), Nepal</p> <p>Financing Rural Transport Services in Developing Countries: Challenges and Opportunities Mr. Karl Peet, Sustainable Transport Research Director, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport</p>

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	Q & A session
11.30 – 11.45	Brainstorming Exercise
	<p>Participants are invited to comment on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the main challenges for Asian countries to increase climate adaptation and resilience of rural transport infrastructure? 2. What are the key actions to enhance sustainability of rural transport networks in Asia?
11:45-13:00	Networking Lunch
13:00 – 14:15	Plenary Session 2: Climate adaptation and increasing resilience of rural transport infrastructure
	<p>Results of brainstorming exercise (1)</p> <p>Risk Management and Climate Resilience Optimization for Vulnerable Road Access: emerging lessons from research in Africa Mr. Les Sampson, Infrastructure Research Manager, Research for Community Access Partnership</p> <p>Panel Discussion Panel Facilitator: Mr. Cornie Huizenga, Secretary-General, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abul Monzur Md Sadeque, Executive Engineer (Planning), Local Government Engineering Department, Bangladesh (TBC) Topic: Experiences of Bangladesh in adaptation policies in rural transport development • Mr. Darong Chan, Director General of Technical Affairs, Ministry of Rural Development, Cambodia (TBC) Topic: NDF-ADB project on improved planning in adaptation and resilience for rural road infrastructure in Cambodia • Mr. Karl Peet, Research Director, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport Topic: Adaptation in the UNFCCC process • Dr. Jasper Cook, Team Leader, Research for Community Access Partnership Topic: The role of research in enhancing adaptation in rural transport <p>Guiding Questions for panel discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the linkages between climate adaptation and rural transport? 2. What are the relevant global processes that are guiding the development of adaptation in rural transport? 3. What are the challenges and lessons learned from country-level adaptation policies for rural transport? 4. What are the ways to accelerate actions on adaptation for rural transport in Asia?
14:15 – 15:00	Plenary Session 3: Enhancing the wider sustainability of rural transport networks
	<p>Results of brainstorming exercise (2)</p> <p>Community involvement in maintaining rural roads – Nepal case study (roadside plantation project) Dr. Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Professor, Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</p>

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	<p>Enhancing the sustainability of rural transport infrastructure through effective asset management (Africa based – capacity building) Mr. Les Sampson, Infrastructure Research Manager, Research for Community Access Partnership</p> <p>Q & A session</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break
15:30 – 16:30	Closing Session
	<p><i>Interactive discussion to formulate 7 key recommendations to be presented at the plenary session on rural transport at the 10th EST Forum on March 14, 2017.</i></p>