

## Berlin High-level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Transport

**19-21 June 2013**

Gasometer EUREF-Campus | Berlin (Germany)

### Rio+20 policy decisions on sustainable cities and urban transport

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, known as “Rio+20”, was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13-22 June 2012. More than 100 State and Government Heads attended the conference, and more than 50,000 participants took part in one or more of the many associated events. Rio+20 adopted by consensus a comprehensive outcome document-“The future we want”, which was subsequently endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly. Rio+20 noted that transportation and mobility are central to sustainable development, and recognized the importance of the efficient movement of people and goods, and access to environmentally sound, safe and affordable transportation as a means to improve social equity, health, resilience of cities, urban-rural linkages and productivity of rural areas. Rio+20 called upon governments to support the development of sustainable transport systems, including energy efficient multi-modal transport systems, notably public mass transportation systems, clean fuels and vehicles.

### Objectives of the Rio+20 Follow-up High-level Dialogue

Coinciding with the first anniversary of Rio+20, Berlin High-level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Urban Transport aim to (a) highlight proven sustainable urban planning and transport policies and measures, (b) identify good and best practices in this regard, and (c) facilitate capacity building through national and international exchanges of information and experiences among relevant practitioners, experts and policy makers, in particular from developing countries.

### Berlin: A future capital city of sustainability

The Government of the State of Berlin recently adopted a coalition agreement for the period 2011-2016 to make Berlin a future “Capital of Sustainability”. The local government is committed to (a) scale up the use of renewable energy (incl. through energy storage and smarter grids), (b) improve energy conservation in retrofitted and “greener” buildings, (c) re-develop and modernize urban “brownfields”, (d) establish clean technology business parks, (e) invest in infrastructure and public transport services, and to facilitate the use of car and bike sharing systems, with a view to attain the following milestones and goals, (f) by 2020, 10 per cent of vehicles to be electric (incl. electric bikes), (g) by 2030, 60 per cent of local electricity (2500 MW) to come from renewable sources, (h) by 2050, to become a carbon-neutral “Capital of Sustainability”.

### Participants and targeted audiences

Participation in the High-Level Dialogue and the associated meetings is by invitation only. Interested institutions, experts and the media are invited to contact any of the co-organizers listed on the last page with a view to preregister their interest in attending some or all the planned sessions and events. Some 250-300 experts from Germany and from countries around the world are expected to attend this event, including: Leading policy and decision makers from national and local governments, representatives and experts of city administrations, of urban transport public and private companies, of civil societies and academia, of national and international professional associations, of relevant UN and international organizations.

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Tentative Programme of High-level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Urban Transport



WEDNESDAY, 19 June 2013

Venue: Gasometer / Old City Hall of Berlin

14:00 Official welcome and briefing session

Welcome address by Senators of the federal states of Berlin and Brandenburg Senior Official(s) of German International Cooperation (GIZ)

Keynote addresses:

Ambassador Anwarul Choudhury, Chair, Global Forum on Human Settlements and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Gino von Begin, Secretary-General, ICLEI (invited, tbc)

Introduction of participants and visiting mayors and senior representatives of local authorities

16:00 Special session on Model projects in international cooperation

Project Green Health City Boao Lecheng, Hainan, China  
Ms. Li Xiaolin, Chairman, China Power International

17:30 Urban Transport Planning in Berlin and Sustainability Model Projects

18:30 Transfer to Old City Hall of Berlin

19:00 Networking and welcome cocktail reception (City Hall of Berlin)



THURSDAY, 20 June 2013

Venue: Gasometer / EUREF-Campus

10:00 Opening session

Opening Statements for High-level Segment

Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, President, German Federal Environment, Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, Agency and other High-level officials from Germany

Keynote addresses by distinguished High-level Guest Speakers

11:30 Moderated High-level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20: Multi-stakeholder cooperation and win-win-win scenarios in urban development and transport planning

Moderators: Mr. Kurt Bodewig, former Federal German Minister of Transport and Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development

13:00 Lunch break and viewing of exhibits

14:00 Parallel Sessions

Dialogue 1: GFHS 2013: EcoCities in Asia

Dialogue 2: International Cooperation for Sustainable Transport (GIZ)

Dialogue 3: Multi-Modal Transport Concepts

Dialogue 4: Exchange on urban planning

Dialogue 5: Sustainable transport and energy

Coffee break & networking

17:30 Plenary Session: Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations

18:30 Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS) Award ceremony

19:30 Buffet Dinner – Cocktails

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 2013

Venue: InnoZ / EUREF-Campus

Working Group Meeting

Global Consultation on Sustainable Transport in the post-2015 Development Framework

Other Working Group Meetings or Briefing Sessions can be arranged upon request.

12:00 Optional sustainable transport study tour & site visit programme

Bus transfers and/or guided group rides on e-bikes (tbc)

Berlin Traffic Management Center (VMZ Berlin)

e-Car-Sharing and e-Bike-sharing services downtown Berlin

German Parliament

Berlin Energy Efficiency Model Home (including e vehicles)

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