



Secretary-General's Global Sustainable Transport Conference
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26 – 27 November 2016

Programme

Saturday, 26 November 2016	
10:00-11:00 <i>Plenary Hall</i>	Opening ceremony
11:00-13:00 <i>Plenary Hall</i>	Plenary session with statements of commitment and ambition Statements by ministerial-level participants
15:00-16:30	Parallel thematic discussions <i>Sustainable transport at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</i> <i>Hall 2</i> Description Sustainable transport drives poverty eradication and sustainable development. There are a number of SDG targets directly linked to transport, including SDG 3 on health (increased road safety), SDG 7 on energy, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, SDG 9 on resilient infrastructure, SDG 11 on sustainable cities (access to transport and expanded public transport), SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production (ending fossil fuel subsidies) and SDG 14 on oceans, seas and marine resources. In addition, sustainable transport will enable the implementation of nearly <i>all</i> the SDGs through inter-linkage impacts. Access to sustainable transport for all should be at the forefront, including for vulnerable groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities and the elderly. Co-chairs: Mr. Muhametgeldi Atayev , Director of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Institute, Turkmenistan Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin , Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank Group

	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>H.E Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport, Thailand</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Department for International Development (DFID), UK</p> <p>Dr. Liu Fang, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</p> <p>Mr. Kamel Ben Naceur, Director of the Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks</p> <p>Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</p> <p>Dr. Walid Abdelwahab, Director Infrastructure, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)</p> <p>Mr. Garry Neu, Cargolux Airlines International</p>
<p>15:30-16:30</p>	<p><i>Reaching the most remote: rural transport challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p><i>Plenary Hall</i></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Transport is a key enabler of rural development, allowing farmers, including women and small-holder farmers, to access markets, employment, health services, social interaction and the world beyond their village or local community. However, sustainable transport priorities for rural areas must go beyond simply building more all-weather roads. Achieving the 2030 Agenda in the rural context will require a holistic approach to transport: infrastructure improvements, technology transfer and innovation, emphasis on health and safety, focus on active mobility, and local economic and social development. Opportunities for a green path to development must be maximized.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Bolor Erdene Baasanjav, Head of the International Relations and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Road and Transport Development of Mongolia</p> <p>Mr. Abayomi Babalola, Transport Sector Manager, African Development Bank</p> <p>Ms. Laura Capobianco, Global Policy Focal Point, Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Flagship Initiative, UN Women</p> <p>Mr. Stephen Cahill, Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, World Food Program</p> <p>Ms. Chikako Takase, Director, UN Center for Regional Development, UN-DESA</p>
<p>16:30-18:00</p>	<p>Parallel thematic discussions</p> <p><i>Sustainable transport solutions to the climate crisis</i> <i>Plenary Hall</i></p> <p>Description</p> <p>While transport plays a critical role in economic and social development, the transport sector, as one of the top consumers of fossil fuels, is a major contributor to air pollution and generates a variety of emissions that impact the climate. Climate change has in turn impacts on critical transport infrastructure worldwide. Given the potential for climate related damage, disruption and delay to transport across closely interconnected global supply chains, enhancing the climate resilience of critical transport infrastructure is of strategic importance. Finding sustainable transport solutions, including adequate climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, will therefore be central to meeting the ambitious goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. Technology and innovation, inter-modal links and systems, and a robust commitment to public transport will all be vital components of a low- carbon transport future.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Mr. Batyr Ballyyev, Head, Department of Environment Protection State Committee on Environment protection and Land Recourses, Turkmenistan</p> <p>Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable</p>

	<p>Development, ESCAP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Li Xiaopeng, Minister of Transport, China</p> <p>H.E. Mr. S. Aristov, State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Transport, Russian Federation</p> <p>Dr. Liu Fang, Secretary General, ICAO</p> <p>Mr. Jesper Loldrup, Head, Executive Office of the SG and Policy and Planning, IMO</p> <p>Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p>
	<p><i>Public transport in the 21st century: moving passengers and freight in a sustainable manner</i></p> <p><i>Hall 2</i></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Safe, accessible, convenient and green transport systems will be crucial to achieving sustainable development. The improvement and expansion of sustainable public transport systems, including bus rapid transit, metro, light rail systems and ferries, should be at the forefront. Short and long-range mobility solutions that harness the potential of information and communication technology, and incorporate active mobility as well as the new options stemming from the “share economy” will allow for passengers to fulfill their need for movement and for goods to be transported in a more sustainable way while minimizing the role of private vehicles and reducing energy consumption and climate impact.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Leonardo Castro, Secretary, Belo Horizonte, Brazil</p> <p>Mr. Irakli Lekvinadze, Vice Mayor, Tblisi, Georgia</p>

	<p>Mr. Philip Turner, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)</p> <p>Mr. Paul Apthorp, Vice-Chairman and Founding Director, Greater Meakong Subregion, Freight Transport Association</p>
Sunday, 27 November 2016	
10:00-13:00 <i>Plenary Hall</i>	Plenary session with statements of commitment and ambition Statements by ministerial-level participants
10:00-11:30 <i>Hall 2</i>	Thematic discussion
	<p><i>Financing sustainable transport: domestic resource mobilization, international cooperation and public-private partnerships</i></p> <p><i>Hall 2</i></p> <p>Description</p> <p>The foreseen population growth and related rising demand for transport will necessitate massive investment in new transport and infrastructure projects and the adequate maintenance of those already in place. Already today, transport investment needs are estimated to be between one and two trillion dollars per year. Of the current total annual investments worldwide, less than 40% is received by developing countries, where the needs, but also opportunities are the greatest. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, adopted in 2015, elaborates on the many approaches that will be needed to implement the 2030 Agenda, including traditional official development assistance, domestic resource mobilization, and a wide array of partnership models. The same diversity of approaches will be needed to finance sustainable transport in the 21st century.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Mr. Muhametguly Muhamedov, Minister for Finance of Turkmenistan</p> <p>Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Walid M. Abdelwahab, Director, Infrastructure Department, Islamic Development Bank</p> <p>Ms. Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director for Infrastructure, Russia, Central</p>

	<p>Asia and Mongolia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</p> <p>Ms. Jannat Salimova-Tekay, Head, Project Finance and Infrastructure, Central Asia and Caucasus, Ernst and Young</p> <p>Mr. Holger Dalkmann, Co-chair, SLoCaT</p>
<p>11:30-13:00 <i>Hall 2</i></p>	<p>Thematic discussion</p> <p><i>Sustainable transport and transit solutions in countries in special situations</i></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Sustainable transport is a challenge for all countries, but countries in special situations, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states, face particular obstacles. High transport cost, restricted access to the sea, limited air service for passengers and cargo, and difficulties securing investments and partnerships are among the challenges that must be addressed in order to achieve sustainable development in these countries. Evidence suggests that a significant share of the high trade transaction costs faced by many countries is attributable to transit-related challenges. Addressing these challenges, including through simplified, harmonized and standardized transport and transit procedures, intermodal connectivity, will go a long way in boosting economic development, sustainable tourism, and trade, while building regional and global value chains and promoting sustainable development.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Brian Mushimba, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Zambia and Global Chair of the LLDC Group</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Milton Claros Hinojosa, Minister of Public Works and Housing Services, Bolivia</p>

	<p>H. E. Mr. Seiuli Ueligitone, Associate Minister for the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Samoa</p> <p>Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank</p> <p>Mr. Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor (Transport), Asian Development Bank</p>
<p>15:00-16:00</p>	<p>Parallel thematic discussions</p> <p><i>Energy and transport</i> <i>Plenary Hall</i> Description</p> <p>Transport decisions—at the national and municipal levels, but also globally—must go hand in hand with energy decisions if sustainable development is to be achieved and should include a shift towards high- efficiency and low-carbon modes of transport. Sustainable energy will, by definition, serve as a precondition for and ultimately further sustainable transport. However, in the short-term developed and developing countries alike will be looking to strike the right balance between assuring access to energy and transport for this generation and preserving the planet for the next.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Mr. Pradeep Monga, Special Representative of the UNIDO Director General on Energy and Director of Energy Department</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Salem Al-Futaisi, Minister of Transport and Communication, Oman</p> <p>Mr. Kamel Ben Naceur, Director of the Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks</p> <p>Mr. Jean Pierre-Loubinoux, Director General, International Union of Railways</p>

	<p>Dr. Branislava Balac, international consultant on urban transport issues</p>
	<p><i>Multi-modal sustainable transport and transit solutions: connecting rail, maritime, road and air</i> Hall 2 Description</p> <p>Integrated multi-modal transport and transit systems that optimize the comparative advantages of each mode of transport are crucial in order to achieve sustainable transport of passengers and freight within and between countries. Road, rail, maritime, ferry and air transport, as well as non-motorized transport such as walking and cycling, need to be taken into account and emphasis should be placed on low-carbon-based energy modes of transport and an increased reliance on public transport systems. Sustainable multimodal transport and transit systems can provide an array of options for passenger and freight transport and successfully connect citizens and countries while supporting economic growth, social development and global trade. Transporting goods across national borders and over “the last mile” to their final destination in a safe, efficient and effective way is an ongoing challenge. Solutions will require collaboration between governments and across modes, and regional initiatives will be important to harmonize legal and policy frameworks.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Donat M. Bagula, Executive Secretary Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority</p> <p>Mr. Pablo Ortiz, Director of International Relations of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile</p> <p>Mr. D. Zh. Iskakov, CEO, Kazakhstan National Railways</p> <p>Mr. Igor Rounov, Under Secretary General of International Road Transport Union (IRU)</p>

	Mr. Menno Menist , Director of International Transport and Mobility, Panteia
16:00-17:30	Thematic discussion
	<p><i>Global Vision Zero: reaching a new era in road safety</i> Hall 2</p> <p>Description With 1.3 million people killed and up to 50 million people injured every year in road accidents, road safety has to be a top priority for the global community. The establishment of adequate legal frameworks, the expansion of safe public transport systems, the transport of freight by modes that are less harmful to humans, and the creation of national road safety strategies and plans will be of critical importance in the coming decades.</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <p>Turkmenistan (TBD)</p> <p>Ms. Eva Molnar, Director of Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Ion Cotruta, Senior Advisor, Road Transport Division, Ministry of Transport and Roads Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Head of Cabinet of Transport Commissioner, EU</p> <p>Mr. Jean Todt, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety</p> <p>Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UNECE</p> <p>Dr. Bahtygul Karriyeva, Head of the WHO office in Turkmenistan</p> <p>Mr. Michael Gschnitzer, Global Head of Sales, Kapsch Traffic Com. AG</p> <p>Mr. Koichiro Kakee, Assistant Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</p>
16:00-18:00 <i>Plenary Hall</i>	Plenary session with statements of commitment and ambition and closing ceremony
PARALLEL ACTIVITIES	

Type of activity	Date
Treaty Event	27 November, 12:30pm, Room for Treaty Event, main floor, room #5 [in parallel to official programme]
Business forum	27 November [in parallel to official programme]
Side-events	For the programme of side events, please visit this URL: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/Global-Sustainable-Transport-Conference-2016