

# 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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**WEDNESDAY, 19 June 2013**

Venue: Gasometer / Old City Hall of Berlin

**14:00 Official welcome and briefing session:**

**The importance of local initiatives in enhancing sustainability of cities and transport**

**Welcome addresses:**

Mr. Michael Müller, Senator for Urban Development and Environment and Mayor of the City of Berlin  
Ms. Almuth Hartwig-Tiedt, Secretary of State Ministry of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection (State of Brandenburg)

**Keynote addresses:**

Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, Chair, Global Forum on Human Settlements and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Ms. Kathrin Schneider, Secretary of State of the Ministry for Infrastructure and Agriculture of the Federal State of Brandenburg

**15:15 Urban Transport and eMobility model projects Berlin**

Mr. Friedemann Kunst, The Berlin Transport Strategy, Head Department of Transport, Senate Department of Urban Development and the Environment Electromobility Strategy in the Capital Region  
Mr. Thomas Meißner, Deputy Director, Berlin Agency for Electromobility eMO

**17:00 Model project on eco-city development in China and perspectives for international cooperation**

The Chinese Green Health City Project - global partnership for a sustainable future; Ms. Li Xiaolin, Chairman, China Power New Energy Development Company Limited (CPNE)  
Partners from Berlin and CPNE in the Green Health City of China

**18:30 Transfer to Old City Hall of Berlin**

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

**Dinner speeches:**

Ms. Cornelia Yzer, Senator for Economic Development, Technology and Research of the City of Berlin  
Ms. Li Xiaolin, Chairman, China Power New Energy Development Company Limited (CPNE)

**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 Agency, 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**

**11:15 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  
**Dialogue 3:** Multi-Modal Transport Concepts  
**Dialogue 4:** Exchange on urban planning  
**Dialogue 5:** Sustainable transport and energy  
Coffee break & networking

**18:00 Plenary Session: Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations**

**19:00 Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS) Award ceremony**

**20:00 Buffet Dinner – Cocktails**

**FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 2013**

Venue: InnoZ / EUREF-Campus

**9:30 Working Group Meeting**

**Roundtable on sustainable urban transport for greener and more sustainable cities**

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

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

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

- e-Car-Sharing and e-Bike-sharing services downtown Berlin
- German Parliament
- Berlin Energy Efficiency Model Home (including e vehicles)

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