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Background Note

Session 3: SCP and sustainable transport

Background

Sustainable transport is crucial for sustainable development and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda by providing access and connecting people and communities to jobs, schools and health care and delivering goods and services to rural and urban communities, thus providing all with equal opportunities and leaving no one behind. In the 2030 Agenda, sustainable transport is mainstreamed across several SDGs and targets, especially those related to food security, climate change, health, energy, economic growth, infrastructure, and cities and human settlements. The importance of transport for climate action is further recognized under the UNFCCC - the transport sector will be playing a particularly important role in the achievement of the Paris Agreement, given the fact that close to a quarter of energy-related global GHG emissions come from transport and that these emissions are projected to grow substantially in the years to come.

Sustainable transport solutions are defined as green, efficient, equitable and safe. The principles of SCP, such as resource efficiency, are therefore of utmost importance for the transport sector.

The EGM will analyze the interlinkages between sustainable transport and SCP and highlight recommendations aimed at supporting the achievement of sustainable transport through SCP. Topics discussed will, among others, be the optimization of resources (e.g., energy, technology, space, institutions, and regulations) to generate an efficient transport system or network and measures aimed at reducing a diverse set of environmental impacts caused by the transport sector (e.g., climate change, air and noise pollution). The global mobility report of the Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative, and in particular its two chapters on energy efficiency and green mobility, will inform discussions.



Questions

Guiding questions to frame the discussion:

- Linking SCP and sustainable transport - how can we optimize resources (e.g., energy, technology, space, institutions, and regulations)?
- Best practice examples of sustainable mobility: What kind of transport systems and measures reduce environmental impacts caused by the transport sector (e.g., climate change, air and noise pollution) while following the principles of SCP?