



**Consultation for Decision-Makers on Implementing Sustainable Transport
26-27 September 2013
Organised by UN-DESA, Ford Foundation and UN Habitat**

Background

The Rio+20 outcome document “The Future We Want” recognizes that “transportation and mobility are central to sustainable development.” Rapid urbanization of developing economies has brought urgency to this looming problem of access while least developed areas continue to lack basic access, both of which are exacerbating poverty alleviation efforts. The key enabling role of transport in advancing sustainable development was further confirmed in the report by the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on Post-2015 Development Agenda as well as in the ‘Action Agenda for Sustainable Development’ by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. Both documents proposed a number of targets on sustainable transport.

Consultations on Transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including a June 10-11 retreat of several Missions to the UN (<http://www.slocat.net/event/929>), have considered options for goals and targets for Sustainable Transport as well as options to improve institutional frameworks for implementation. In this context the following goal on sustainable transport is emerging from discussion along the lines of “access to goods and services through clean, safe, reliable, affordable transport, and land use planning” with supporting targets that:

- 1) Urban households are, on average, able to access jobs, goods and services within half an hour by quality, affordable public transport and/or walking and cycling infrastructure
- 2) Rural households have access to all-weather roads for taking products to market and obtaining essential services;
- 3) Traffic related fatalities are cut in half by 2030 compared to 2005 with an ultimate vision toward zero fatalities;
- 4) Air pollution from passenger and freight transport is halved by 2030 compared to 2005, and GHG emissions from transport peak globally by 2020 with an ultimate vision of 40-60% reductions by 2050 compared to 2005 levels or as compatible with the UNFCCC agreement.

The Open Working Group (OWG), established by the General Assembly to develop recommendations on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be discussing sustainable transport in its January, 2014 session. To promote the integration of sustainable transport in the goal framework of the post 2015 development agenda it is important to demonstrate how sustainable transport aligns with the overarching post 2015 themes: eradication of absolute poverty and the promotion of sustainable prosperity. A more detailed results framework for sustainable transport, elaborating the proposed targets on sustainable transport and their contribution to the post 2015 development agenda will also be helpful.

Outputs

- a) *Integration of sustainable transport in the goal framework for the post 2015 development agenda:*
 - Possible formulations of a Sustainable Development Goal and/or supporting targets on sustainable transport

- The development of a Results Framework on sustainable transport, in support of the proposed goals on sustainable transport
- b) *Establishment of supportive institutional frameworks for on sustainable transport:*
 - Role of Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forums in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe

Participants

Participation in the Consultation will be at the level of decision makers who would participate, benefit or contribute to implementation of sustainable transport in their capacity.

- Local and national government representatives involved in transport and environment from Asia, Africa and Latin America;
- UN organizations: UNDESA, UNEP and UN Habitat; UNECE, and UNESCAP
- Multilateral Development Banks: ADB and World Bank;
- NGOs – Foundations: EMBARQ, FIA Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP).

TENTATIVE AGENDA

26 Sept 2013. Ford Foundation 320 43rd St, 11th floor board room

9.00 – 09.45 Opening of the meeting - Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA, Don Chen Ford Foundation

9.45 – 10:45 Consultation for Decision-Makers on Implementing Sustainable Transport

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Rohana Dissanayake Deputy Minister Transport Sri Lanka

Panelists: Didier Yayi, Benin Direction General for Terrestrial Transport, Jamil Mujahed, Director General - Land Transport Regulatory Commission, Jordan

- Scenarios of Sustainable Transport Investments to meet Climate Change mitigation targets – Francois Cuenot, International Energy Agency – by video conference
- Shaping the SDG on Transport for the post 2015 development agenda – Eva Molnar, Director Transport Division, UNECE
- Car Sharing -- where and how it can work, and where it doesn't -- Robin Chase, Founder and former CEO of Zipcar and Buzzcar – by video conference
- Up-coming issues paper on sustainable transport and post-2015 development framework – Rob de Jong, Head of Transport, UNEP

10:45 – 11:15 Break in the East River Room

11:15 – 12:00 **Special High Level Segment – East River Room**

Co-Chairs: Saul Billingsley, Acting Director General, FIA Foundation

Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary General, UN DESA

- Safe and Sustainable Transport – Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica
 - Road Safety – Zoleka Mandela, Global Road Safety activist, leading the Long Short Walk campaign
 - Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce, double Olympic Champion, World Champion.
 - Mr. Dmitry Maksimychev, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the UN
- Photo Opportunity 'Long Short Walk' Campaign, Decade of Action for Road Safety

12:00 – 13:00, 11th Floor Board Room

- Bike sharing systems – Peter Midgley, Global Transport Knowledge Partnership, International Road Federation – by video conference
- Importance of rural access to markets and services for poverty alleviation – Jose Luis Irogoyen, World Bank

- Sustainable urban transport and poverty – Andre Dzikus, UN Habitat
- Benefits of increasing the share of public transport – International Public Transport Association – by video message

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch in East River Room

14.00 - 15:00 Consultation for Decision-Makers on Implementing Sustainable Transport - 11th Floor Board Room

Chairperson: Pablo Salgado Poehlmann, Environmental Coordinator Transport Subsector Chile
 Panelists: Clarence Rupingena, Manager of Transport Windhoek Namibia, R.M. Zafarullah, Expert Adviser, Sri Lanka Ministry of Transport

- Managing Bus and Taxi Fleets – Igor Rounov, Under Secretary General, International Road Transport Union
- Financing socio-economic benefits of sustainable transport – Samuel Tumiwa, Asian Development Bank
- Outcomes of the Bali and Berlin Consultations on Sustainable Transport – Pak Wendy Aritenang, Ministry of Transport Indonesia and Frank Wolter, InnoZ Germany

15:00 – 15:15 Break

15:15 -- 16:00 Consultation for Decision-Makers on Implementing Sustainable Transport

Chair: Director General - Land Transport Regulatory Commission, Jordan

- Results Framework on Sustainable Transport – Holger Dalkman, World Resources Institute EMBARQ
- Status and further process on Sustainable Development Goals – Thomas Hamlin, Inter-Regional Adviser on Energy and Transport, UNDESA

16:00 – 17.00 East River Room
 Release of the 2013 Global Report on Human Settlement –
 Joan Clos USG, UN Habitat

17:00 – 18:00 Reception hosted by Ford Foundation

27 September 2013 Venue: Ford Foundation

8.30 – 14.30

Global Development After 2015 (by separate invitation)

2015 marks the deadline for achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, a global effort to fulfill the rights of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. It's time to look beyond that deadline. As the United Nations and world leaders plan the next generation of priorities, how can foundations, civil society and other stakeholders work together to help shape the collective vision that will guide the process and ensure meaningful change?

One stream of the discussion will be on Sustainable Urban Development including land use planning and transport. Lunch served.