



Sustainable Mobility for African Cities

- Promoting non-motorized transport options and compact cities as complements to public transport -

Expert Group Meeting with a Focus on West African Countries,
following the 1st UATP African Public Transport Congress,
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Background

Rapid motorization rates, rapidly worsening traffic congestion and thus decreasing mobility and increasing health problems entail significant technological, economical and policy challenges for African Cities. To respond to the current and future environmental, social and economic challenges associated with urban transport, the promotion of public transport and non-motorized transport as either a substitute, or a complementary mode for travel to the private car is essential.

The Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Mobility for African Cities will bring together National and Local Governments, key agencies, institutions and stakeholders involved in urban transport issues. It will provide an action-oriented forum to share experiences, and innovative solutions for addressing policy challenges related to sustainable urban transport systems. At the centre of the discussion will be the current state of non-motorized transport infrastructure and public transport systems in West Africa.

The intention of this meeting, jointly organized by GTZ, UATP, the African Bicycle Network and UN-HABITAT is to discuss the way forward on promotion of non-motorized transport options and compact cities as complements to public transport investments towards sustainable urban mobility.

You are invited to attend this meeting and make your contribution towards a more sustainable transport situation in African cities.

9h15 – 10h00: Opening Session

- ▶▶ Welcome Addresses and Keynote Speech
- ▶▶ Overview on UN-Habitat's Sustainable Urban Transport Activities and Priorities

10h00 – 12h15: Session 1: Opportunities for promoting sustainable mobility in African cities

- ▶▶ The GTZ Sustainable Urban Transport Sourcebook as a framework for developing cities
- ▶▶ Cycle inclusive planning: Mainstreaming bicycle use in African cities
- ▶▶ Urban Mobility Initiatives of Development Banks (t.b.c.)

13h15 – 14h45: Session 2: Country initiatives and experiences on working towards sustainable mobility in Africa cities

- ▶▶ Key policy pillars for sustainable urban transport in Liberia
- ▶▶ Urban transport infrastructure in Bamako, Mali: Promoting walkways as complement to public transport facilities (t.b.c.)
- ▶▶ Integrating NMT into Mass Transit Systems: Successes and challenges in Ghana (t.b.c.)

14h45 – 16h00: Session 3: Grassroot Initiatives for promoting Investments in Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure

- ▶▶ Moving slowly but reaching far: promoting non-motorized transport in Kampala, Uganda
- ▶▶ Non Motorized Transport: The Ghana experience (Past Present and future)

16h00 – 18h00: Closing Session: The way forward on the promotion of sustainable transport in African cities

- ▶▶ Panel Discussion: Promoting sustainable urban mobility in West Africa and beyond
- ▶▶ Mapping the Way Forward – Interactive Discussion

Registration

Registration is free. Contact UN-Habitat for additional information:
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