



Request Side Event or Parallel Event
UN HABITAT 24th Governing Council, 15-19 April
Contribution of Sustainable Transport to the Post 2015 Development Agenda

On 25 January 2012 the Secretary-General announced a Five Year Action Agenda for the second term (2012-2016), which listed transport as one of six building blocks for sustainable development.

The announcement of the Secretary General indicated that he “plans to convene aviation, marine, ferry, rail, road and urban public transport providers, along with Governments and investors, to develop and take action on recommendations for more sustainable transport systems that can address rising congestion and pollution worldwide, particularly in urban areas”.

“The Future We Want”, the Rio+20 outcome document states: “Transportation and mobility are central to sustainable development”. Transport provides access to goods and services and improving such access is essential to sustainable urbanization. At the same time the adverse effects of congestion, pollution, noise, road accidents and unaffordable transport need to be reduced or avoided in order to improve the quality of urban life.

As follow-up to Rio+20 the Open Working Group was set up for the purpose of identifying a set of Sustainable Development Goals to supersede or complement the Millennium Development Goals, which come to term in 2015. Consultations are taking place on a variety of themes from the Rio+20 outcome. It is important to consider how sustainable transport fits in with possible Sustainable Development Goals as well as the wider post-2015 Development Agenda, which is being elaborated by the UN-Secretary General, aided by the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda.

The proposed side event is part of a wider set of consultations aimed at developing a common understanding of the contribution to sustainable development. Various formulations of an SDG for Sustainable Transport have been discussed and proposed with varying levels of emphasis on the environmental, social and/or economic dimension of sustainable transport.

“Equitable access to goods and services through safe, clean, affordable and reliable transport systems including land use planning” is a formulation that attempts to integrate aspects supporting sustainable development generally.

Since the number of Sustainable Development Goals will be limited, it is possible that Sustainable Transport will be an enabler of the other themes on Poverty Alleviation, Education, Health, Energy, Urban Development and Sustainable Consumption and Production.

The side event will inform participants of the GC 24 on the discussion on sustainable transport and the post 2015 development agenda, including possible SDGs. It will seek the views of participants on this topic.

The results of the side, or parallel, event will be incorporated in a report by the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport on all consultations conducted on this topic in the period January – June, 2013. The report will be made available to the members of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda as well as the members of the Open Working Group on SDGs. It is believed that this event will also be helpful to HEBITAT in the further development of its work on sustainable mobility.

Our preferred time slot would be any of the available slots on April 16-18. We are grateful for full consideration for a side event, either at the times specified above, or as available.



Program side event
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One Hour

Time (minutes)	Provisional Program	Speaker
0-5	Opening Welcome	Representative UN-DESA
5-10	Video on sustainable transport as a human right	Enrique Penalosa (<i>video produced by Dutch Cycling Embassy and Institute for Transportation and Development Policy</i>)
10-17.5	Sustainable Transport@ Rio+20 and contribution of sustainable transport to post-2015 Development Agenda	Cornie Huizenga, Partnership on Sustainable Low, Carbon Transport
17.5-25	Key priorities for cleaner fuels and vehicles to achieve more sustainable transport	Rob de Jong, UNEP
25 – 32.5	Linkages between sustainable urban mobility and sustainable urban development	Andre Dzikus, HABITAT
32.5-50	Response and comments	3 Urban Development Ministers (Africa, Asia and Latin America)
50-60	Audience questions	