Integrating Sustainable Transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

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Paradigm shift on development of Transport

**Predict and Provide**
Build Roads to promote
economic and social
development

- **Road safety**
  - 1.3 million deaths

- **Air Pollution**
  - 3 million deaths
  - (large part transport)

- **Climate change – transport**
  - GHG fast growing

- **Congestion**

- **Access not inclusive**
  - large groups no access
  - (urban and rural)

**Negative externalities of old paradigm:**
6-10% of GDP

**Inclusive Access**

- **Expand/Improve Transport infrastructure and services**
- **Avoid unnecessary motorized transport**
- **Shift Transport to most effective mode**
  - (people and goods)
- **Improve environmental performance transport**

**Then**

**Now**
Road Map for Sustainable Transport and Post 2015 development agenda

- Action Agenda 2012 - 2017
  - Post 2015 Sustainable Development Framework
  - Post 2020 Climate Change Regime
  - Ad hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

- 26 member High Level Panel on Post 2015 Development Agenda
- UN Task Team on Post 2015 Agenda

- 30 Country UNGA Open Working Group on SDGs
- Outcome document: “The Future We Want” (Sustainable Transport)

- TWG on SG action plan on sustainable transport
- Convening Mechanism Sustainable Transport
- UN Friends Group Sustainable Transport

- Energy
- Food & Nutrition
- Water
- Oceans
- Transport
- Antartica

Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon
Key Processes on Sustainable Transport and Sustainable Development

1. High Level Group on Sustainable Transport
2. Friends of Sustainable Transport
3. High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on Post-2015 Development Agenda
4. Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
5. Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum

Country (Party) led:
- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (Hungary and Kenya led)
- Intergovernmental committee for financing of sustainable development (Norway and Kazakhstan led)
- Friends on Sustainable Transport (Netherlands, Kenya and Thai led)
- Regional EST Forums (Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America) UNCRD or WHO led in cooperation with Regional Commissions

High Level Group on Sustainable Transport (HLG-ST)
Technical Working Group (TWG) on Sustainable Transport (supports HLG-ST)
National and City Transport Policies
Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s growing acknowledgement of sustainable transport

- Action Agenda second term: Transport one of six building blocks for sustainable development. Convene stakeholders to develop and take action sustainable transport, particularly in urban areas.
- Over last 2 years repeated statements by SG on importance of improving access to enable economic and sustainable development.
- “We need to change the way we plan our cities and the way in which we move goods and ourselves” – World Habitat Day 2013
Transport and the Millennium Development Goals: Towards a Results Framework

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve Universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Develop a Global Partnership for Development
Transport@Rio+20

Bike ride in support of sustainable, low carbon transport. June 8, 2012

- Sustainable transport integrated in the outcome document: “transport and mobility are central to sustainable development”
- 15 voluntary commitments on knowledge, capacity, policy and financing: **USD175,000,000,000**

• Transport does not merit separate SDG in Action Agenda

• Transport is listed as target for 2 of 12 proposed SDGs
  - Goal 7: Secure sustainable energy
    • Target 7c. Double global rate of improvement in energy efficiency of buildings, industry, agriculture, and transport
    • Target 7d. Phase out harmful & inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption
  - Goal 8: Create jobs, sustainable livelihoods, equitable growth
    • Target 8c. Strengthen productive capacity by providing universal access to financial services & infrastructure, such as transportation and ICT
Global Opinion on Post-2015 Priorities

~ over 1,000,000 people have voted so far

- 11 of 16 categories enabled by sustainable transport
  - “Access to Clean Water & Sanitation” ranks #5
  - “Better Transport and Roads” ranks #12 (low income countries #8)
  - “Reliable Energy at Home” ranks #15

http://www.myworld2015.org/
Submission to the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Universal Access to Safe, Clean and Affordable Transport for All

Target
Urban households are able to access jobs, goods and services within 30 minutes by public transport and/or walking and cycling and rural households have access to all weather roads;

Target
Traffic related deaths are cut in half by 2025 with an ultimate vision of near zero fatalities;

Target
Air pollution from passenger and freight transport is halved by 2025 and GHG emissions from transport peak globally latest by 2020 with an ultimate vision of 40-60% reductions by 2050 compared to 2005 levels.

Access
Economic

Social

Environmental

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Process for development of a Results Framework

• UN-Habitat, together with GIZ and DfID will support the development of Results Framework on Sustainable Transport with other partners
• What is not measured does not get done
• Development of Results Framework is a collaborative process – building on active contribution of 80+ SLoCaT members

October ‘13  
Inception Report

January ‘14  
OWG Meeting First Draft

May ‘14  
Final Version
What If transport is not active part of post-2015 development framework?

- Momentum from Rio+20 sustainable transport VCs will be harder to sustain
- Slowing of institutional and policy transformation to support sustainable transport
- Growing lock-in of unsustainable transport infrastructure investment and settlement patterns
- Less sustainable development world-wide in terms of access, safety, pollution, GHGs, inequality, and poverty
Sustainable Urban Mobility

• Sustainable urban mobility requires a **conceptual leap**. The purpose is to **gain access** to destinations, activities, services and goods.

• Urban planning and design should focus on how to **bring people and places together**, by creating cities that focus on accessibility, rather than simply increasing the length of urban transport infrastructure.

• **Urban form** and the functionality of the city are key, highlighting the need for **integrated land-use planning**.
“The world’s quest for dignity, peace, prosperity, justice, sustainability and an end to poverty has reached an unprecedented moment of urgency…”

“This is an historic opportunity—we can be the generation that can end poverty and put our planet on a sustainable course before it is too late…”

“....The experience with the MDGs shows us that setting global goals can be a powerful way of mobilizing common action. Countries, at Rio+20, agreed to develop “sustainable development goals” that are “coherent with and integrated in the post-2015 development agenda.” These goals will inevitably need to be broader than the MDGs in order to address new challenges and concerns”
Thank You For Your Attention