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Concept Note Action Event: Transport

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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10:00 - 13:00

Organised by the Transport Thematic Group

MPGCA Transport: More Ambitious Climate Actions for Low Carbon, Resilient and Inclusive Transport

Description

This event will showcase the efforts made by various transport stakeholders to create the building blocks for a low carbon, sustainable pathway to 2050. It will demonstrate the immediate, bold and ambitious actions that are currently being implemented across the world and discuss the ways to maintain the momentum through 2020 and beyond. It will focus on both mitigation and adaptation measures, as well as cross-cutting issues such as gender and accessibility.

Background

With 23 percent of carbon emissions stemming from fuel combustion worldwide, transport is a vital part of the solution to solve the puzzle of a net zero emission-economy. Transport carbon emissions are set to increase by 60 percent in 2050 from 2015 levels, while they should decrease by over two thirds in a below 2°C scenario. The goal is both visionary and challenging. However, there are many examples of immediate, bold and ambitious transport actions that are currently being implemented to align with the desired pathways for 2050 and limit the lock-in effects of a high-carbon business-as-usual (BAU) scenario.

These pre-2020 actions span across policy, regulatory and operational solutions for both passenger mobility and freight movement, thus providing a balanced toolbox to ramp up needed actions across transport themes and modes. Mitigation measures also need to be coupled with adequate adaptation measures especially for low-lying coastal zones and small island states.

In addition, an inclusive, accessible and gender-neutral transport system is critical to sustainable development and climate change mitigation efforts in both developing and developed countries. Transport is central to the empowering of daily living and livelihoods. It is the engine of the global economy and helps spur economic development and determine different levels of well-being. Access to goods, jobs, services and other opportunities is a fundamental condition for ensuring the well-being of citizens. An accessibility-based approach to transport decision making can thus benefit the society as a whole and create more equity in the society. As economies transition to low carbon transport infrastructure and services, countries must gain a better understanding of the factors that influence different individual travel behaviour and patterns, in order to improve mobility planning, provide infrastructure and services that are fit-for-purpose, and ultimately better design and implement low-carbon, resilient and inclusive transport policies that will meet emissions reductions goals.

This thematic event provides an opportunity to build upon existing initiatives and foster innovations by connecting multiple stakeholders from governments at all levels, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), non-government organisations (NGOs), multilateral development banks, the private sector and academia. Participants will discuss how transport is a key building block for climate action both locally and globally.

Programme

10:00-10:05 **Welcome Remarks**
Moderator

10:05-10:10 **Break-the-ice mentimeter:**

- 2-3 questions for participants to answer. Eg: *What is your vision for the transport sector in your country by 2050? What will it be like?*

10:10-10:55 **Segment 1: Building blocks for the pathway to 2050**

In this segment, a panel discussion will focus on the following key points.

- What do we want to achieve as a sector by 2050 (Impacts and action tables from the transport pathway document)?
- What are some examples of the immediate actions (or “quick wins”) that can help achieve this visionary pathway?

Moderator: TBC

Panelists:

- Mr. Pedro Saura García, Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Housing, Ministry of Development of the Government of Spain (TBC)
- Mr. Rodolfo Lacy, *Director, Environment Directorate, Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)*
- Ms. Virginia Raggi, *Mayor, City of Rome*
- Dr. Young Tae Kim, *Secretary General, International Transport Forum (ITF)*
- Mr. Rui Teixeira, *Executive Board Member of EDP and Board member of EDP Renewables*
- Ms. Stintje van Veldhoven, *Minister for Environment and Housing, Kingdom of Netherlands | Chairperson, Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TBC)*

10:55-11:35 **Segment 2: The way forward for climate resilient transport actions**

Speakers from a range of transport organizations will make TED Talk Style interventions on the challenges and opportunities to implement climate resilient transport actions and measures that need to be taken to better prepare mobility in cities for extreme climate conditions

Moderator: ITF/SLoCaT

Speakers:

- Ms. Regina Asariotis, *Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD*
- Ms. Jan Brooke, *Focal Point, Navigating a Changing Climate Initiative*
- Mr. Francois Davenne, *Director General, International Union of Railways (UIC)*
- *City / Port (TBC)*

11:35-12:15

Segment 3: Low carbon and sustainable mobility for all

Fishbowl style moderated discussion will look at how to build and enhance low carbon and sustainable mobility systems for all. An empty chair will be provided in the panel session. During the session there is time for discussion -- any member of the audience can join the panel discussion by occupying the empty chair and ask question or comment on the discussed topic.

Moderator: Ms. Sheila Watson, Deputy Director, FIA Foundation

Speakers:

- Mr. Anup Jagwani, Manager, Climate Finance & Policy, International Finance Corporation
- Mr. Mohammed Mezghani, Secretary General, UITP
- Ms. Ana Nassar, Program Director, ITDP Brazil
- Ms. Marta Serano, Director at EMT Madrid, Spain & Mujeres Movimiento

12:15-13:00

Segment 4: Creating Momentum beyond COP 25

In a coffee table discussion style, speakers in groups of two or three will have a dialogue and share their perspectives on how to create momentum beyond COP 25 and link the outcomes of the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit and COP 25 to key global events which will take place in 2020 such as World Urban Forum 10, Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, ITF Annual Summit and COP 26.

Moderator: Ms. Mary Crass, Head of Institutional Relations and Summit, ITF

Speakers:

- Ambassador Luis Alfonso De Alba, *Special Envoy for the UN Climate Action Summit*
- Ms. Maruxa Cardama, *Secretary General, SLoCaT Partnership*
- Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, *High-Level Champion of Chile (TBC)*
- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, *Executive Director, UN-Habitat*
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, *Under Secretary General, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)*

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