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International Transport Forum 2008
“Transport and Energy: the Challenge of Climate Change”

The International Transport Forum has just launched its new web site:

www.internationaltransportforum.org

The theme of Forum 2008 will be “Transport and Energy: the Challenge of Climate Change”. Preliminary information on the inaugural forum to be held from 28 to 30 May 2008 in Leipzig (Germany), the future permanent venue of the Forum, can be found on the website under the menu “Forum 2008”. Please note the date already.

The theme is a crucial one for the transport sector, as it needs to facilitate trade and growth, while at the same time reducing its dependence on oil and limiting its impact on environment and climate.

With keynote presentations by high-profile experts from industry and the political sphere, and through debates and discussions, participants will examine key areas where energy, transport and climate change come together in policy.

This will include topics such as:

- “Securing and Improving Access to Energy for Transport”. The future challenges for securing and improving global access to energy for transport in order to provide as many people as possible with sustainable and affordable mobility will be examined.

- “Introducing Energy-Efficient Technology and Alternative Fuels”. The potential of different technologies and alternative fuels to reduce the sector’s dependence on oil in the short and longer run will be in focus.

- “Implementing Integrated Policies and Planning to Increase Efficiency and Reduce Emissions” and other “Policy Levers and Instruments”. Different specific policy levers that are available to decision-makers to improve efficiency in the transport sector and reduce CO₂ emissions as well as the potential benefits of better transport system management will be examined. The policy tools include regulations, economic instruments such as taxes or charges, and mixed instruments like tradable permits.

Work is still underway to develop the web site further with regular updating. Please visit the site from time to time to keep abreast of forthcoming information about the Leipzig 2008 Forum. This information will include details on speakers, ancillary events, exhibitors and exhibition space.

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