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Ministers from 52 Countries to discuss the Future of Transport

International Transport Forum 2010 to be held in Leipzig, Germany, 26-28 May - Media accreditation process has started

Media accreditation has officially started for the 2010 International Transport Forum, to be held in Leipzig, Germany, from 26-28 May. Journalists are invited to register at www.internationaltransportforum.org/Press/press.html as early as possible in order to secure their working spaces and accommodation.

The International Transport Forum is an invitation-only event bringing together Ministers of Transport, leading private sector actors and non-governmental organisations from around the world to discuss strategic issues in global mobility under the headline:

"Transport and Innovation: Unleashing the Potential".

The 2010 International Transport Forum will attract over 500 senior-level representatives from politics, business, civil society, international organisations and research. High-level panel discussions will focus on key topics such as:

- Overcoming barriers to innovation
- Green and more efficient supply chains
- The future of air transport
- Wireless communications and transport
- Low-carbon alternatives and e-mobility.

“Transport moves more people and goods more rapidly and safer than ever,” said Jack Short, Secretary General of the Forum, today in Paris, “but the sector faces enormous challenges that require innovative thinking and practice.” Short added: “Climate change, congestion, security, accessibility and safety remain serious challenges. Creative responses are urgently required.”

The 2010 International Transport Forum will also feature:

- An exhibition including live technology demonstrations
- Presentation of the “Young Researcher of the Year Award
- Presentation of the "Award for Outstanding Innovation in Public Transport"


Media Accreditation at www.internationaltransportforum.org/Press/press.html.
About the International Transport Forum

The International Transport Forum is a strategic think tank for the transport sector. Each year, it brings together Ministers from over 50 Countries, along with leading decision-makers and thinkers from the private sector, civil society and research, to address transport issues of strategic importance. An intergovernmental organisation within the OECD, the Forum’s goal is to shape the transport policy agenda, and ensure that it contributes to economic growth, environmental protection, social inclusion and the preservation of human life and wellbeing. The 2010 International Transport Forum, to be held on 26-28 May in Leipzig, Germany, will focus on Transport and Innovation: Unleashing the Potential.

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