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GERMAN PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS GLOBAL MOBILITY SUMMIT
Horst Köhler confirmed as keynote speaker at 3rd International Transport Forum on 27 May in Leipzig, Germany

The German head of state, Federal President Horst Köhler, is the latest addition to the list of prominent speakers and panelists who will be attending the third International Transport Forum, to be held from May 26-28 in Leipzig, Germany.

Around 900 policy makers, industry leaders, top level researchers and representatives of civil society will meet in Leipzig to debate strategic issues in global mobility, transport and logistics. This year’s event, headlined as “Transport and Innovation - Unleashing the Potential” will focus on the role of innovation in shaping transport systems of the future.

Among those present in Leipzig will be Ministers from the 52 member countries of the International Transport Forum, who will gather for their traditional ministerial session on 27 May.

“We are delighted that President Köhler will be joining us at the Forum”, said Jack Short, Secretary General of the International Transport Forum. “His participation highlights the crucial importance of innovation in the transport sector for our common future in a globalised world. Progress in the transport sector is crucial for a whole range of areas: achieving environmental goals, supporting economic growth, managing congestion, providing accessibility - and last but not least, ensuring safety and security in getting people and goods from A to B on our planet.“

For more information, visit www.internationaltransportforum.org/2010/index.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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