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Ministers Meet in May for Global Summit on “Transport for a Changing World”

Registration opens for International Transport Forum’s Summit in Germany

Registration is now open at www.internationaltransportforum.org/2014 for the 2014 Summit of the International Transport Forum at the OECD. The Summit will take place on 21-23 May in Leipzig, Germany. The Summit theme is “Transport for a Changing World: Understanding Trends – Shaping Responses”.

The ITF Summit is the leading global forum for transport policy; it is also referred to as the “Davos of Transport”. In 2013, 1,000 participants from 80 countries attended, including:

- transport ministers from 54 ITF member countries and more than 20 invited countries
- CEOs from transport and related sectors
- leaders of international organisations
- heads of global, regional and national business associations and advocacy groups
- top researchers and academics.

“Immense changes are taking place at local, regional and global level”, said Frédéric Cuvillier, French Minister for Transport, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries: “Transport can, and must, provide answers. To achieve this, we need to decipher the forces at work, adapt to them and, where possible, anticipate them.” France holds the 2014 presidency of the ITF. ITF Secretary-General José Viegas invited decision-makers from transport and related sectors to attend the 2014 Summit in Germany in May and contribute to the debate about transport’s role in a changing world:

“The Leipzig Summit will seek a better understanding on how megatrends will really impact transport, particularly new technologies, demographic change, different lifestyles, climate change and the shifting economic balance”, said Viegas. “With good policies in place that proactively respond to megatrends, transport itself can transform societies for the better by furthering social inclusion, economic growth and environmental sustainability.”

Summit programme and registration at www.internationaltransportforum.org/2014

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