

**WORKSHOP**  
**on**  
**Innovation in Accessible Transport For All**

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Some 10-12% of the world's population has some form of disability. Without mobility, for many of them, prospects for education, employment, health services, independent living or even survival are severely diminished. With the number of older people also rising rapidly in many countries, there are urgent economic and social challenges to be addressed.

This one day workshop sponsored jointly by the International Transport Forum and the World Bank will focus on the role of innovation in promoting effective solutions to meeting the mobility and transport needs of disabled and older people in both developed and less developed economies.

In this debate innovation is taken in the broadest sense of seeking fresh approaches to the way that we think and work at the international, national and local levels. Topics for discussion will include:

- **Policy & Governance:** How can we change structures and policies to deliver accessibility more effectively? Can we develop low-cost solutions appropriate to developing country needs?
- **Planning:** How can we shift the traditional approaches to transport, land use and urban planning to create communities and neighbourhoods that offer accessible and sustainable transport infrastructure and services in both developed and developing countries?
- **Design & Technology:** How can we ensure that accessibility is at the heart of new technology and that innovative approaches focus on access improvements adapted to local needs?

Discussion will also focus on practical routes to implementation of innovative approaches and how to tackle barriers to progress, whether political, fiscal or attitudinal. If you would like to contribute to this debate, come and join us on 14 January 2010. For more information and to reserve a place please contact *Mary Crass (details below)*.

Outcomes from this workshop will feed into the 2010 International Transport Forum on **Transport and Innovation**, to be held 26-28 May in Leipzig, Germany. They will also serve as input to the 12th Transed conference on **Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons**, to be held 2-4 June 2010 in Hong Kong.

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