Policy, Data and Research: An International Collaboration Framework

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MISSION:

“To foster a deeper understanding of the role of transport as a key to economic growth and of its impact on the environmental and social dimensions of sustainability.”
- 54 member countries, of which 21 non-OECD

- Housed by OECD

- Council of Ministers of Transport; rotating Annual presidency

- Legal instruments: European Multilateral Quota System (Road Freight)
It All Starts With Good Data

▶ Glossary for transport Statistics
▶ Basis for international comparability
▶ Translated to 30 languages
▶ Joint work with Eurostat and UNECE
▶ Instrument to advance international statistics agenda
  • Harmonisation of methods and definitions
  • Development of new indicators and collections
Improving Global Data on Infrastructure

- Quality of transport infrastructure a key determinant of performance in the transport sector
- Analysis is only as good as data
- Recent report reviewed existing sources, definitions and coverage
- Identified critical data gaps
- Set priorities for future data collection
- Developed definitions and methods or measuring investment and capital stock
Data Collected at ITF

- **Annual Trends (freight & passenger)**
  - ton-km, pass-km, accidents (since 1970)

- **Quarterly Trends**
  - ton-km, pass-km, vkm, vehicles, fuel use, accidents

- **Global Trade and Transport**
  - monthly, origin-destination, freight tonnes and values

- **Investment in Infrastructure**
  - investment and maintenance, road, rail, ports, airports

- **CO2 Emissions**
  - global, key transport and greenhouse gas indicators by mode

- **IRTAD road safety database**
  - Accident and relevant exposure data (since 1970)
Collaborative Research

- Representatives of research institutes from ITF member countries select topics where international collaboration provides added value ("common value topics")

- Experts nominated by member countries form a Working Group with a two-year project cycle → Deliver a report with policy conclusions and recommendations

- Recent examples (soon to be published):
  - Cycling, Health and Safety
  - Motorcycling Safety
  - Infrastructure Adaptation to Climate Change and Severe Weather
ITF Roundtables

ITF Roundtables are landmarks in evidence-based Knowledge:

- 25 to 30 invited experts meet for in-depth discussion of a selected topic from the ITF Programme of Work → Policy conclusions
- Focus on divergence of views and implications for policy
- Over 150 Roundtables held to date, currently four every year
- Most recent topics:
  - Valuing Convenience in Public Transport
  - Expanding Airport Capacity under Constraints in Large Urban Areas
  - Long-run Trends in Car Use
  - Transformative Investments in Transport Infrastructure
Recent ITF Roundtable Reports

- Long Run Trends in Car Use
- Better Regulation of Public-Private Partnerships for Transport Infrastructure
- Improving the Practice of Transport Project Appraisal
ANNUAL SUMMIT

Ministerial Meeting and Declaration from Ministers

Ministers’ Roundtables

Panel Discussions with Ministers, Industry, Research, Civil Society

Bilaterals and Networking

Exhibition

1000 participants (2012)
SUMMIT THEMES

Transport and Energy 2008
Transport for a Global Economy 2009
Transport and Innovation 2010
Transport and Society 2011
Seamless Transport 2012
Funding Transport 2013 (video)

2014 annual summit Transport for a Changing World
Research at the Summit

- Summit expert sessions: deliver conclusions that feed policy debate
- Background reports: provide research evidence on Summit theme
- Selected Research Centre materials: Basis for the Summit debates

Examples from the 2013 “Summit on “Funding Transport” :

- Case Study Compendium “Funding Urban Public Transport”
- “Spending on Transport Infrastructure 1995-2011: Trends, Policies, Data”
- “Airports in the Aviation Value Chain: Financing, Returns, Risk and Investment”
- “The Potential of Private Institutional Investors for the Financing of Transport Infrastructure”
Adding the Corporate Perspective

A Corporate Partnership Board (CPB) has been added to the ITF structure:

- Companies from across the world, across all modes and from key contributing sectors (Energy, Finance, IT) are invited
- Expected to grow to some 50 member companies over three years. Kick-off meeting of CPB on 20 January 2014
- The CPB will add a corporate perspective to ITF transport policy analysis work, leading to better, more solid findings and advice
- Two major streams of work will be proposed:
  - Emerging Issues in Transport Policy
  - Technical innovation at the service of better transport policies
- Companies will also provide additional funding for ITF
Policy Review and Analysis by Direct Request from Ministers

In ITF’s quest to bring more value to member countries, direct policy review and analysis on some current issue of concern to Ministers has been proposed as a new line of action for the ITF

- Very positive reaction (i.e. requests) from several countries in the first few months
- ITF has the capacity to quickly organize this process in a variety of formats (round table, report, panel reviews, etc.) calling on in-house resources as well as on our world-wide network of experts
- Countries will pay this service at marginal costs
Expanding Membership

As its creation in 2006, ITF was given a mandate for gradually expanding membership towards a more balanced global representation.

- Priority for new members based on relevance for transport systems, based on international market dimension and relevance (capacity to innovate)
- Admissions suspended until a new funding framework is agreed
- Initial conversations already possible, as that agreement seems close
- Possibly 4 to 6 new members within the next 2 to 3 years
Thank you

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