

Achieving Sustainable Urban Mobility: Decision-makers' Dialogue

Friday, 27 May 2011, 09.00-12.00, Hall 1

SESSION OUTLINE

We live in a time of unprecedented urbanisation – the proportion of the world's population living in cities has surpassed 50 per cent, and is well over 80 per cent in most International Transport Forum members. The quality and availability of transport systems are determining factors in the quality of life and sustainability of cities. Although cities differ in many ways, urban transport problems are largely shared by all, including managing growth and mitigating congestion, reducing environmental impacts, providing adequate access to all users, funding public transport, and facilitating different forms of transport, like cycling and walking, among others.

This session will bring together Ministers, Mayors and experts to discuss the transport challenges facing cities of different sizes. The session will focus on two primary themes:

- What are the priorities for providing sustainable urban transport in a rapidly urbanising world?
- How can different levels of government, along with private actors and civil society, work together to improve urban transport systems?

Moderator

- Nik Gowing, International Journalist

Welcome Remarks

- Jack Short, Secretary General, International Transport Forum
- Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig, Germany

Keynote

- Jaime Lerner, Architect and Urban Planner, Jaime Lerner Institute, Brazil

Panellists

- Peter Brown, Director and Founder, BetterHouston, USA
- Ulla Hamilton, Deputy Mayor, Transport, Stockholm, Sweden
- Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig, Germany
- Seishi Kohyama, Mayor of Kumamoto City, Japan
- Matthias Ruete, Director General, DG MOVE, European Commission
- Andreas Scheuer, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, Germany
- Arvinder Singh, Minister, Transport, Government of Delhi, India
- Maria Vassilakou, Deputy Mayor, Transport and Urban Development, Vienna, Austria
- Michèle Vullien, Mayor of Dardilly, Vice President, Urban Community, Lyon, France
- Neil Walker, Co-Manager, PrimoveCity, Bombardier Transportation

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