Second Global Sustainable Transport Conference

<u>Questions & Answers</u>

1. What is the second Global Sustainable Transport Conference?

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?or t e latest information on 5uarantine re5uirements in)   ina for international tra#elers, please c ec! t e " ebsite or contact t e)   inese Bmbassy or t e) onsulate General in your   ome country* According to t e current policy, all international tra#elers to)   ina are sub/ect to up to 21 days of mandatory 5uarantine upon arri#al* All registered participants s ould comply " it t e   ost go#ernment›s   eat   measures and tra#el restrictions and are responsible for t eir o" n tra#el arrangements* (e 2nited 3ations is not in a position to facilitate or assist " it international or domestic tra#el for any registered participants*

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Detailed information for bot   in'person and #irtual participants regarding guidance to inscription to t e spea! ers› list " ill be included in an information note, "   ic " ill be s ared " it t e &ermanent =issions and posted on t e " ebsite s ortly* =ember States " ill be oCered t e opportunity to inscribe to deli#er t eir statements in one of t e t ree plenary sessions* (o deli#er t eir statements, =ember States can c oose bet" een   a#ing t em deli#ered in'person by a representati#e in . ei/ing0 or by ma! ing a li#e #irtual statement t roug t e 8oom platform0 or by submitting a pre'recorded statement to t e Secretariat in ad#ance*

1. *s there substanti+e bac/(round infor$ ation for the Conference?

(e) onference " ill be informed by an inter'agency report, prepared by 23DBSA, in close collaboration " it ot er 23 agencies, including I) A- , IE- , I=- , 23) (AD, 23D&, 23B) B, 23B&, 23BS) A&, 23BS) 9A, 23'Fabitat, 23ID- , 23'- F@EES, 239(- , 9F- and t e 9orld . an!* All t ree ?orums and t e si7 t ematic sessions " ill also be informed by concept notes* (e full programme, concept notes and ot er bac! ground documentation are a#ailable on t e) onference " ebsite; ttps://" " " *un*org/en/conferences/transport2021* (e inter'agency report is being Gnali4ed and " ill be made a#ailable s ortly*

2. What does the Conference hope to achie+e?

Apart from oCering mutual learning and ! no" ledge e7c ange, t e) onference " ill pro#ide a platform for identifying sustainable solutions and forging partners ips and launc ing initiati#es to ad#ance sustainable transport ob/ecti#es* (e Secretary' General " ould li! e to encourage =ember States, 23 system entities, ci#il society and t e pri#ate sector to launc   #oluntary commitments, partners ips and initiati#es t at see! to raise ambition on sustainable transport and to s are related information, including by registering t em t roug t e dedicated online platform on t e   ) onference   " ebsite; ttps://" " " *un*org/en/conferences/transport2021/commitments*   @egistered

3. What will be the outco$es of the Conference?

(e outcomes of t e) onference " ill be a summary report of t e) onference itself, a list of #oluntary commitments made, as " ell as a concise, for" ard'loo! ing, #isionary statement calling for global action to furt er ad#ance sustainable transport " orld" ide*

(e draft of t e non'negotiated for" ard loo! ing statement is under preparation by t e Secretariat, and " ill be s ared " it all) onference participants in due course* In t e meantime, interested =ember States and ot er sta! e olders are " elcome to bring to our attention any rele#ant reports/studies/statements/initiati#es/commitments t at t ey may deem appropriate, including ! ey elements of t eir fort coming statements/contributions for t e) onference, so t at t ese could be ta! en into account, as appropriate, as " ell as posted on t e) onference " ebsite*

14. What will be discussed?

All modes of transportHroad, rail, a#iation and " aterborneH" ill be addressed, and recent scientiGc and tec nological ad#ances deliberated* Some of t e issues to be addressed at t e) onference include sustainable transport, po#erty eradication, li#eli oods and economic reco#eryD sustainable transport and regional de#elopmentD sustainable transport and connecti#ityD sustainable transport and green de#elopmentD policies for sustainable transportD t e role of science, tec nology, inno#ation and t e pri#ate sector for sustainable transportD and sustainable transport and sustainable cities* (e concerns of #ulnerable groups, suc as " omen, t e yout , t e elderly, persons " it disabilities, and t e poor, and of many de#eloping countries, including least de#eloped countries, landloc! ed de#eloping countries and small island de#eloping States, " ill recei#e particular focus* 6ey transport ob/ecti#es, suc as access for all " ile lea#ing no one be ind, green mobility, eAciency, safety and resilience " ill be discussed*

11. Will there be side e+ents?

Side e#ents sponsored by =ember States, 23 system entities and ot er eligible sta! e olders on t emes related to t e) onference " ill be organi4ed on t e margins of t e oAcial meetings of t e) onference* (e side e#ents " ill allo" additional informal space for s aring e7periences and pro#ide alternati#e opportunities for dialogue* (ey " ill be coordinated and managed by t e) onference Secretariat* Deadline for applications is 2+ September 2021 I apply ere; [ttps://" " " *un*org/en/conferences/transport2021/side](https://www.un.org/en/conferences/transport2021/side)* A full list of appro#ed side e#ents and t eir connection details " ill be made a#ailable on t e) onference " ebsite*

12. Wh" is an international Conference on sustainable transport necessar"?

&resently, truly sustainable transport is more aspiration t an reality and ade5uate sustainable transport systems are lac! ing in many parts of t e " orldD " ile t e economic, social, and en#ironmental beneGts can be large, many countries a#e yet

to transition to modes and tec nologies of transport " ic " ould ma! e systems truly sustainable* A lac! of transport options and mobility c allenges fre5uently contribute to persistent po#erty, ine5uality, and depri#ations across t e " orld increasing t e ris! of people being left be ind* In addition, megatrends, including population gro" t and demograp ic s ifts, epidemiological trends, globali4ation, urbani4ation, and digitali4ation, as " ell as related c anging consumption patterns and gro" ing trade policy uncertainty, pose many cross'cutting c allenges as " ell as opportunities for ac ie#ing sustainable transport and de#elopment* In order to meet t e increasing and c anging transport demands " ile preser#ing t e planet for current and future generations, " e " ill a#e to c ange t e " ay " e plan, de#elop and use transport modes and systems, as " ell as t e public space in " ic t ey operate, " ile ta! ing into account t e c allenges and needs of #ulnerable groups* – ur response to t e) – OID'11 pandemic can pro#ide #aluable lessons in t is regard* (e) onference oCers a uni5ue opportunity for diCerent sta! e olders to discuss t ese issues and come up " it inno#ati#e and #iable solutions*

13.   What is sustainable transport?

(ransport enables t e mobility of people and goods, en ancing economic gro" t and li#eli oods " ile impro#ing access to 5uality ser#ices, suc as ealt , education and Gnance* It strengt ens connecti#ity at all le#els, elping integrate economies, impro#ing social e5uity, en ancing rural'urban lin! ages and building resilience* At t e same time, t ere is also recognition of negati#e en#ironmental, social and ealt impacts*) lose to a 5uarter of global green ouse gas emissions come from transport and t ese emissions are pro/ected to gro" substantially in t e years to come, furt er e7acerbating climate c ange* – t er pollutants, most e#idently in many urban centres, directly impact ealt ꓅ casualties and deat s from accidents are also on t e rise* Increasing connecti#ity can be accompanied " it increasing illicit Jo" s of contraband* 9it out proacti#e measures, e7isting ine5ualities suc as t ose due to disabilities, gender or remoteness can become e#en more entrenc ed, According to t e report of t e former Secretary'General›s Fig 'le#el Ad#isory Group, sustainable transport see! s to alle#iate t ese negati#e impacts " ile "ad#ancing economic and social de#elopment to beneGt today›s and future generationsHin a manner t at is safe, aCordable, accessible, eAcient, and resilient$*) lic! ere for more information on sustainable transport*

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