

Side Event of the 79th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Accelerating the Decarbonization of Transport in Asia and the Pacific

Thursday, 18 May 2023

12:45 – 13:45 (GMT +7)

Meeting Room H (Level 1), United Nations Conference Centre
Bangkok, Thailand

Agenda

With transport being the fastest growing emitter in Asia, policies to reduce emissions from the sector need to be implemented urgently. Future NDCs need to enhance their transport actions, particular in the harder to abate subsectors such as freight and non-urban transport. The side event will allow countries to share their national transport decarbonization strategies and identify areas of interest for intensified regional collaboration. GIZ and ESCAP in partnership with the Ministry of Transport of Vietnam, invite representatives from countries in Asia and the Pacific to join the discussion.

The side event will be conducted in a hybrid format to enable a larger number of country representatives to join and provide inputs.

Meeting Registration

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkduuvpz8oGtbkIxBcEBNn65K1ijNO2qP>

Objectives

- Sharing country experiences for decarbonizing transport in Asia.
- Identifying fields of action on how to handle hard-to-abate subsectors such as freight and non-urban passenger transport.
- Identifying key steps for regional collaboration to accelerate the decarbonization of transport.

Moderator: Wei-Shiuen Ng, ESCAP

Time (BKK)	Agenda Item
12:35	<i>Drop-in 10 minutes before the meeting starts</i>
12:45-12:55	<p>Opening remarks Johannes Kerner, Economic and Commercial Counsellor, German Embassy in Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importance of international collaboration ▪ Mention Council for Decarbonising Transport in Asia / Path to Zero ▪ Link to global initiatives on decarbonizing transport / ZEV and their relevance / potential for Asia / need to address freight, shipping and aviation <p>Weimin Ren, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role of transport in reducing carbon emissions in the region ▪ Relevant initiatives led by ESCAP ▪ Strengthening regional collaboration moving forward
12:55-13:02	<p>Opening presentation: Decarbonising Transport Strategies in Vietnam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Targets in Vietnam (net zero and e-mobility) ▪ Where Vietnam stands: Current Action plan and what is coming next ▪ Highlight NDC Actions on hard-to-abate sectors (e.g. shift to rail and shipping) <p><i>Mr. To Nam Toan, Head, Division of Science, Technology, Environment and International Cooperation, Department for Roads, Ministry of Transport, Viet Nam</i></p>
13:02-13:25	<p>Panel Discussion “How to accelerate transport sector decarbonisation?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H. E. Ms. Min Meanvy, Secretary of State, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Cambodia ▪ Dr. Jiraroth Sukolrat, Director, Bureau of Regional Transport and Traffic System Promotion, Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Transport, Thailand ▪ Mr. Narayan Prasad Bhattarai, Director General, Department of Transport Management, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Nepal ▪ Mr. To Nam Toan, Head, Division of Science, Technology, Environment and International Cooperation, Department for Roads, Ministry of Transport, Viet Nam
13:25-13:40	<p>Fishbowl discussion <i>Allowing additional stakeholder interventions from the audience (2 minutes each)</i></p>
13:40-13:45	<p>Closing by Moderator (Wei-Shiuen Ng, ESCAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Link to COP28

Background NDC Transport Initiative for Asia

The NDC Transport Initiative for Asia supports China, India, Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines, as well as regional and global decarbonization strategies to increase ambition towards zero-carbon transport. The project is supported by Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI). IKI is working under the leadership of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, in close cooperation with its founder, the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Federal Foreign Office. The implementing organizations are Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), World Resources Institute (WRI), Agora Verkehrswende (AGORA), International Transport Forum (ITF), Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT), REN21 and International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT).

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ndctransportinitiativeforasia.org/>