



Pathways for Urban Mobility

Side-event at the UN-Habitat Governing Council

11. May 2017 13:00 - 13:45 pm

Conference room: 11

Background

The New Urban Agenda provides a great opportunity to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement and urban mobility can make a vital contribution to this.

The New Urban Agenda stressed the point that access for everyone to all urban basic services is an essential precondition to enable the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Delivering appropriate urban mobility services that provide access to jobs, social opportunities, health and education to everyone requires concerted action from the national, regional and local levels.

This is where international partnerships can make a contribution to the uptake of innovative and sustainable urban mobility solutions across the world by facilitating dialogue and exchange, promoting successful policy, providing guidance and tailored advice to city officials, and fostering future cooperation on research, development and innovation.

This event will showcase some of the activities of cities working together on sustainable mobility as part of the SOLUTIONS and UEMI networks and the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI).



The Objectives

The objective of this side event is to discuss the opportunities and barriers of sustainable transport measures and the contribution of city-to-city cooperation to boost take-up and transfer.

Jointly organized by the urban mobility SOLUTIONS network, the Urban Electric Mobility Initiative (UEMI) and the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI). The objectives of this side-event are:

- Explore the potential contribution of low-carbon mobility to sustainable urban development
- Identify the barriers and opportunities for the implementation of sustainable urban mobility measures



Framing questions

Technologies and policy mechanisms are readily available to improve make urban mobility more sustainable, but implementation is still lagging behind it's potential. To address this puzzle the discussion in this side-event will focus on questions such as:

- What factors influence the policy environment in which sustainable mobility policies can be successful over the long-term?
- What types of policy interventions are most effective at which levels of government?
- How can policies be designed to create a basis for broad political and societal coalitions?
- How can policy and institutional frameworks be improved to be more resilient to political change?

Opening

Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General for UN-HABITAT

Inputs on sustainable urban mobility in action

Franz Birger Marre, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Oliver Lah, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

Monica Giannini, International Road Transport Union

Closing remarks

Andre Dzikus, Coordinator, Urban Basic Services, UN-Habitat

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