

Declaration of Intent

by

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

to join

Action towards Climate friendly Transport – ACT

On

the Decarbonisation of Transport and Strengthening of Sustainable Mobility

1. UN-Habitat draws attention to:
 - the importance of transforming urban mobility towards sustainability as an essential condition to combating climate change, to sustainable urban development, to reducing poverty and;
 - the existing commitments and contributions of all partners in particular to the Paris Agreement for Climate Change, the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda, and;
 - the current and future dynamics in international development co-operation in the field of mobility, both in terms of policy and implementation, and to the usefulness of setting up a structured political co-operation on mobility and decarbonisation in development cooperation;
2. UN-Habitat expresses its consent that the intended cooperation will aim at increasing access to decarbonised, affordable, safe, clean and reliable urban mobility.
3. As a key contribution to the UNSG Climate Action Summit, the new Action towards Climate friendly Transport Initiative will put special attention to addressing multiple development challenges:
 - I. Improving the access of people and goods around the world to affordable, clean, safe and reliable mobility in order to improve individual development opportunities,
 - II. Advancing the mass roll-out of zero emission vehicles to aid decarbonisation of the transport sector, improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions of urban transport systems,
 - III. Aiming towards the integration of a wide field of actors including national and subnational governments and their networks, financiers and international development cooperation actors as well as the private sector and civil society to work with unified forces to address sustainable urban mobility challenges.
 - IV. Strengthening the political, legal and institutional frameworks,
 - V. Reducing the adverse health and poverty-driving impacts of air pollution due to urban transport and road accidents.

4. During the implementation of Action towards Climate friendly Transport, the actors joining the call will consult with each other, and where possible closely cooperate, in the field of transport decarbonisation and sustainable mobility.
5. Acknowledging that these common efforts will contribute on local and global levels to sustainable urban development, improved social and environmental performance and improving the resilience against crisis and natural disasters.
6. This declaration does not create any rights or obligations under international law.
7. The undersigned have signed the declaration in two originals in the English language.

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