



SLoCaT presentation on partnership goals, workplan, and outcomes

Transport of people, goods and services is critical to economic development and poverty alleviation. Yet, inadequate integrated transport planning can constrain economic growth, reduce social benefits, exacerbate congestion, and worsen pollution and health problems. With climate change high on the international agenda, there has been intensified interest in transport from the perspective of its rapidly rising carbon emissions and how best to reduce emissions from the sector while improving access, quality of service, and reducing local air pollution and congestion. The Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) Partnership works to devise innovative approaches to shift transport development around the world onto a low-carbon, sustainable path.

The SLoCaT Partnership, launched officially in Bangkok, Thailand, on 25 September 2009 and registered with the Commission on Sustainable Development, aims to contribute options and advice on the development of sustainable transport systems worldwide to inform national sustainable development strategies, transport infrastructure investment planning and the international climate change negotiations. The Partnership currently has over 50 members, including the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank among many other notable organizations.

The main objectives of SLoCaT are to:

- Optimize transport networks by planning for higher density, avoiding unnecessary travel and accessing locally;
- Shift growth to more efficient and less polluting modes including comfortable, reliable public rapid transit and safe, secure non-motorized transport; and
- Improve the efficiency and reduce the carbon intensity of motorized transport technologies.

Time and Venue:

5th May 2010

Conference Room 6

- 3:00 Jamie Leather (Partnership Council Chairperson) Introduction
- 3:05 Cornie Huizenga, Joint Convener SLoCaT Partnership - Partnership presentation
- 3:25 Overview of selected SLoCaT key activities:
 - Transport data: Tom Hamlin, UN-DESA
 - Post 2010 climate governance and climate instruments: Bridging the Gap representative
- 3:40 Overview of regional activities:
 - Asia: Choudhury Mohanty, UNCRD
 - Latin America: Sergio Sanchez, Clean Air Institute
- 4:20: Questions and Discussion
- 4:30 Close

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