

European Commission (EC) and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)

"Implementing Voluntary Commitments on Sustainable Transport"

EU pavilion on 17 June: 11.30 - 14.00

Rio+20 is a conference about implementation, and an important part of that is making and delivering commitments. All participants at Rio+20 are therefore encouraged to make voluntary commitments to deliver concrete results for sustainable development. These will be compiled into an online compendium of commitments on the Rio+20 website.

The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) is actively supporting the initiative by several of its members as well as other organizations to develop Voluntary Commitments related to Sustainable Transport. Such Voluntary Commitments support and give meaning to the campaign of SLoCaT to ensure that the Rio+20 conference will act as a catalyst for the scaling up and mainstreaming of sustainable transport in developing and emerging economies.

Following a short context setting introduction by the European Commission, organizations that are making a voluntary commitment on sustainable transport are invited to make a short presentation describing their voluntary commitment also on behalf of their partner organizations. Presentations are expected from: Asian Development Bank ; Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities; Dutch Cycling Embassy; EMBARQ/World Resource Institute; FIA Foundation, German International Cooperation, International Association of Public Transport; Institute for Transportation and Development Policy; United Nations Center for Regional Development; UN-HABITAT, and Velo Mondial.

Following the presentation of the voluntary commitments a number of key regional and global transport policy and institutional mechanisms will be presented with the aim to discuss their relevance for the implementation of the voluntary commitments on sustainable transport. These will include the : the UN Secretary General's Advisory Panel on Sustainable Transport; the SLoCaT partnership and the regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forums (*the latter will actually also be presented as a voluntary commitment.*

The last part of the session will be a discussion on the desirability and feasibility of coordinated monitoring and implementation of the Voluntary Commitments on Sustainable Transport.
