

## Lunch Briefing Session

# The Role of Sustainable Mobility in Realizing a Green Economy

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This event will discuss the critical role of transport in advancing a green economy within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. What can the Rio+20 conference contribute to the realization of sustainable mobility especially in the developing world where most of the growth in motorization is currently taking place?

### Panelists:

- Cornie Huizenga, Joint-Convener, Partnership for Sustainable Low-Carbon Transport
- Henry de Cazotte, Special Advisor to Executive Coordinator (Brice Lalonde) of UNCSD 2012 RIO+20
- Nikhil Seth, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)(invited)
- Americo Beviglia Zampetti, Head of Section, Economic, Trade and Development, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations
- Representative Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations (invited)
- Michael Replogle, Global Policy Director and Founder, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy

### Contribution to UNCSD:

This event will help parties to the CSD consider why it is important to incorporate transport in the Rio+20 discussions and outcomes and how this can be best

accomplished. Transport is a key sector for sustainable development; improved access to markets, jobs, schools and health facilities are essential to make progress in realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Transport was recognized by the UN General Secretary in his January 25, 2012 Five-Year UN Action Agenda as one of five key building blocks for sustainable development. Transport was a key topic in the outcome documents of UNCED in 1992 and WSSSD in 2002, it was referenced in half of the country submissions to the Rio+20 Compilation document in late 2011, but gained relatively little attention in the initial draft of the Rio+20 outcome document.

### *About the Organizing Partners:*

The Ford Foundation supports visionary leaders and organizations on the frontlines of social change worldwide. The Ford Foundation's overarching interest in the Rio+20 Conference is to secure renewed and strengthened political commitment for sustainable development. In pursuing this objective, the Ford Foundation is supporting a wide range of civil society organizations (CSOs) that are promoting policy efforts and public leadership to advance several major agendas within the Rio+20 process, including Sustainable and Equitable Cities/Urbanization. ([www.fordfoundation.org](http://www.fordfoundation.org))

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) works with cities worldwide to bring about sustainable transport solutions that cut greenhouse gas emissions, reduce poverty, and improve the quality of urban life. In its activities on Rio+20 ITDP would like to see a transport-specific sustainable development goal (SDG), and commitments from multilateral development banks (MDBs), aid agencies, and national governments to significantly change investment flows and national level policies in favor of sustainable transport ([www.itdp.org](http://www.itdp.org))

The Partnership for Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) represents over 65 organizations (multilateral development banks, UN organizations, NGOs, research and business sector) working on sustainable, low carbon transport in developing and emerging economies. Members of the SLoCaT partnership annually fund over 100 transport projects in developing countries with a value of well over US \$ 10 billion. In addition, the bulk of all technical assistance and capacity building assistance on sustainable mobility delivered to developing and emerging economies is provided by members of the SLoCaT partnership. The SLoCaT Partnership believes that sustainable mobility is an integral part of the Green Economy ([www.slocat.net](http://www.slocat.net))