



**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM:
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT IN AFRICA**

**06.10.2014, 10.00 AM - 5.00 PM
FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG, CONFERENCE HALL 1
HIROSHIMASTRAÙE 17, 10785 BERLIN**



Program

With the fastest growing population and the highest urbanisation rate in the world, the African continent will increasingly experience negative impacts related to transport, unless sustainable transport systems are put in place. Often, integrated transport policy and planning are not on the top of the agenda in African countries. Typically, there is no institution pushing for an integrated approach to the challenges of urban transport, hence, there is a lack of co-ordination. Moreover, underfunding and the ability to recruit qualified staff are other key challenges. The planning process is often left in the hands of international donors, or local public transport operators' associations that lack the capacity to fulfill passenger needs and the strategic goals of transport planning. A paradigm shift towards more sustainable solutions is urgently needed in order to deal with African cities' growing mobility problems.

In most cities there is no provision of public transport but rather an unregulated system within the informal sector. In addition, existing regulations are not enforced. It is therefore necessary to develop clear guiding principles and effective co-ordination. On the other hand, the informal transport sector provides employment and income to millions of African people. Strategies to formalise the sector therefore must take into consideration how to provide decent job opportunities in the future. All in all, the focus shall be a holistic approach to the development of the sector by using a comprehensive transport strategy that both serves people's needs and fosters the economic potential.

This symposium jointly organised by EURIST and FES shall focus on the need for a paradigm shift in transport policy and planning in Africa towards more balanced and sustainable investments in transport infrastructure and services.



09:30 am Registration

10:00 am

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Jürgen Perschon, Executive Director, EURIST
Manfred Öhm, Head, Africa Department, FES

10:15 am

Keynote Speech:

Director and Professor Uwe Brendle, Head of Division IG I 5, Environment, Traffic and Transport, Electric Mobility, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

10:30 am

Input I: Changing the Transport Paradigm in Africa

Patrick Kayemba, Executive Director, First African Bicycle Information Organization (FABIO), Uganda

11:00 am

Panel Discussion I: Solutions Forum

Zoro Bi Nagoné, President, African Union of Public Transport (UATP), Côte d'Ivoire

Boumediene Larbi, Director, URBAN Transport Company of Algiers, Ministry of Transport, Algeria

Cosmas Takule, Chief Executive Director, Bus Rapid Transit Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Dr. Johannes Fiedler, Head of Research, Urban Solutions, Doppelmayr Ropeway Systems, Austria

12:30 am Lunch Break

01:30 pm

Comment: Securing Decent Transport Jobs in Africa

Alana Dave, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), United Kingdom

02:00 pm

Input II: Financing Transport in Africa

Gerald Kühnemund, Principal Project Manager, German Development Bank (KfW)

Heike Rüttgers, Head, ACP Policy and Portfolio Division, European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg

02:45 pm

Panel Discussion II: Way forward – Visions for Sustainable Transport in Africa

Oliver Lah, Project Co-ordinator Research Group Energy, Transport and Climate Policy, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

Carly Koinange, Africa Sustainable Transport Forum (ASTF) Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Kenya

Patrick Kayemba, FABIO

Dr. Axel Friedrich, Former Head of Environment and Transport Department at Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Germany

04:00 pm End of Conference/Reception

Moderation: Julia Hahn, Deutsche Welle TV News Anchor Journal

The conference language will be English; there will be simultaneous translation into French.