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Concept Note Action Event: Transport

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MPGCA Transport: More Ambitious Climate Actions for Low Carbon, Resilient and Inclusive Transport

Description

This event will showcase the efforts made by various transport stakeholders to create the building blocks for a low carbon, sustainable pathway to 2050. It will demonstrate the immediate, bold and ambitious actions that are currently being implemented across the world and discuss the ways to maintain the momentum through 2020 and beyond. It will focus on both mitigation and adaptation measures, as well as cross-cutting issues such as gender and accessibility.

Background

With 23 percent of carbon emissions stemming from fuel combustion worldwide, transport is a vital part of the solution to solve the puzzle of a net-zero-emission economy. Transport carbon emissions are set to increase by 60 percent in 2050 from 2015 levels, while they should decrease by over two thirds in a below 2°C scenario. The goal is both visionary and challenging. However, there are many examples of immediate, bold and ambitious transport actions that are currently being implemented to align with the desired pathways for 2050 and limit the lock-in effects of a high-carbon business-as-usual (BAU) scenario.

These pre-2020 actions span across policy, regulatory and operational solutions for both passenger mobility and freight movement, thus providing a balanced toolbox to ramp up needed actions across transport themes and modes. Mitigation measures also need to be coupled with adequate adaptation measures especially for low-lying coastal zones and small island states.

In addition, an inclusive, accessible and gender-neutral transport system is critical to sustainable development and climate change mitigation efforts in both developing and developed countries. Transport is central to the empowering of daily living and livelihoods. It is the engine of the global economy and helps spur economic development and determine different levels of well-being. Access to goods, jobs, services and other opportunities is a fundamental condition for ensuring the well-being of citizens. An accessibility-based approach to transport decision making can thus benefit the society as a whole and create more equity in the society. As economies transition to low carbon transport infrastructure and services, countries must gain a better understanding of the factors that influence different individual travel behaviour and patterns, in order to improve mobility planning, provide infrastructure and services that are fit-for-purpose, and ultimately better design and implement low-carbon, resilient and inclusive transport policies that will meet emissions reductions goals.

This thematic event provides an opportunity to build upon existing initiatives and foster innovations by connecting multiple stakeholders from governments at all levels, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), non-government organisations (NGOs), multilateral development banks, the private sector and



academia. Participants will discuss how transport is a key building block for climate action both locally and globally.

Types of speakers

- National government representatives
- Local government representatives
- Non-state transport actors (especially the ones with targets for 2030 and/or 2050)
- Private sector companies with clear decarbonisation goals