



Bridging the gap

Pathways for transport in the post 2012 process

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Dear Readers,

In a couple of days, the annual conference of the parties (COP) will open its doors in Copenhagen. GTZ, UITP, Veolia Transport and TRL's Initiative *Bridging the Gap: Pathways for Transport in a Post 2012 Process* will attend the meeting and raise awareness for transport in UNFCCC negotiations.

Please regularly check our new web page (www.transport2012.org) that will be launched on December 7, 2009 the first day of COP 15. The Bridging the Gap team is going to write a daily blog to keep you updated.

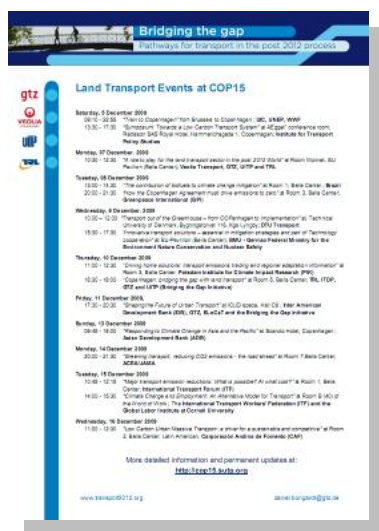
For those of you who intend to visit the climate talks from December 7-18, GTZ listed all land transport related events. The list is attached to this newsletter (and available at www.sutp.org/cop15). It will guide you through hundreds of side events, workshops and sessions.

As it is now likely that in Copenhagen no final agreement regarding post 2012 climate policy will be concluded, we will continue putting transport on the agenda during next year.

If you have not subscribed yet to this newsletter, please do so on our current website: <http://www.sutp.org/bridgingthegap>

Please do not hesitate to forward this newsletter to others that may be interested in transport and climate change.

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Land Transport Events at COP15

GTZ prepared a list of transport-related events at COP15 in Copenhagen. It's also attached to the Newsletter.

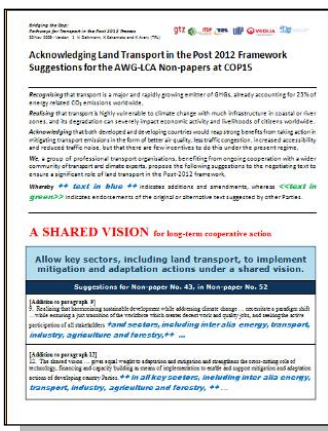
This list will be updated permanently. If your event or any other interesting transport event is missing, please feel free to send your information (date, title, venue, host and link) to Matthias Gauger (m.gauger@sutp.org).

A printable PDF and the up to date list can be found on <http://www.sutp.org/cop15>

A PDF is attached to this Newsletter!



NEW



NEW: Transport suggestions to COP15 Non-Papers

To ensure that the Agreement in Copenhagen fully enables mitigation and adaptation actions in transport, we have developed a set of concrete text suggestions to the most recent non-papers, which will form the basis for the negotiations at the COP15. Our key messages for the current text include:

- **A shared vision** – Recognise transport as crucial sector to implement the shared vision.
- **Adaptation** – Recognise transport as a highly vulnerable sector.
- **Mitigation** – Enable mitigation actions in transport in both developed and developing countries by supporting NAMAs and sectoral cooperative approaches.
- **Technology** – Support the development, transfer and application of transport technology, including those for public transport and non-motorised transport.
- **Financial Resources** – Provide adequate, predictable and accessible funding for low carbon sustainable transport

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Bridging the Gap - EVENTS

December 05, 2009

Brussels to Copenhagen

Train to Copenhagen

The board program of the “Climate Express” includes discussions and performances. UIC, WWF and UNEP encourage national delegation to get to COP15 in a climate friendly way. The Bridging the Gap Partners are traveling in the train and organize a session.

09:10 Departure Brussels
 12:09 Cologne Arrival
 16:34 Hamburg Arrival
 22:50 Copenhagen Arrival

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December 05, 2009
“AEGget” conference room, Radisson SAS Royal Hotel, Hammerichsgade 1, Copenhagen

Towards a Low Carbon Transport System

On 5 December, transport, energy and climate experts from Asia, Europe and the US will explore in Copenhagen, how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by the year 2050. The main focus of the discussions is the transport sector. Keynote speakers at the symposium include Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, (IPCC); Dr. Takamitsu Sawa, (Ritsumeikan University) and Dr. Lewis Fulton, (International Energy Agency) [Read more](#)

December 07, 2009, 10:30 - 12:30

Room Monnet at EU Pavilion- Bella Center, Copenhagen

A role to play for the land transport sector in the post 2012 world

Veolia Transport, GTZ, UITP and TRL will present under the initiative “Bridging the gap: pathways for transport in the post 2012 process” sustainable land transport policy scenarios, examples and suggestions for a low carbon road map for developed and developing countries and how they can be better facilitated through a climate agreement.

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**December 10, 2009,
16:30—18:00**

**Room 5, Bella Center,
Copenhagen**

The future for land transport

This official side event will present recent thinking from transport and climate change experts about how this can be done. It will consist of specific recommendations for how the transport sector could be better integrated into a climate agreement and will also look at the broader framework required to enable the transport sector to play an integral role in a low carbon future, both in developed and developing countries, post 2012.

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**December 11, 2009,
17:00-20:30**

**ICLEI space, Hall C6, Bella
Center,
Copenhagen**

Shaping the Future of Urban Transport

The combined event of the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) and the Bridging the Gap initiative, at the ICLEI climate lounge, will discuss the manner in which a new global climate agreement can assist the developing world in strengthening transport related adaptation and mitigation efforts in their cities. The event contributes to the Partnership of Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport, which was set up in Bangkok in September 2009.

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FOLLOW-UP



Side Event on the Future of Land Transport

On November 3, 2009, the Bridging the Gap initiative (GTZ, TRL, UITP and Veolia Transport) successfully hold a Side Event at the Barcelona Climate talks. The initiative presented the need to act in the transport sector and presented the latest suggestion for the negotiations within the AWG-LCA. Delegates from South Africa, Indonesia, France, Turkey, the European Commission and other parties attended the event and had lively discussion if there are still ways to make the climate agreement of Copenhagen trigger sustainable transport policies in developing countries.

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UNFCCC-Executive Secretary Yvo De Boer about Transport and Climate Change

On October 3, 2009, during the Bangkok Climate Change Talks, Yvo De Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, conducted a forum with the non-governmental organizations in order to maintain an open and informed dialogue with interest groups that are observers to the convention. During the conversation, Ramon Cruz, from the Institute of Transportation and Development Policy, asked a question on behalf of the members of the Bridging the Gap initiative.

See the question and the video of his answer here:

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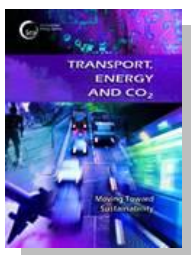
PUBLICATIONS



Achieving Sustainable Mobility in Developing Countries: Suggestions for a Post-2012 Agreement

Transport and climate policy experts from GTZ and Wuppertal Institute publish a new article on “Achieving Sustainable Mobility in Developing Countries: Suggestions for a Post-2012 Agreement”.

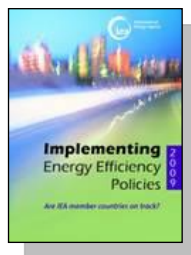
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IEA Releases Publication on Transport, Energy and Carbon

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released a publication entitled “Transport, Energy and CO2: Moving Toward Sustainability,” which builds a scenario to realize increases in global mobility while significantly lowering overall CO2 emissions by 2050.

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Implementing energy efficiency policies – are IEA member countries on track?

IEA released a book titled ‘Implementing energy efficiency policies – are IEA member countries on track?’ This book evaluates IEA member country efforts to implement energy efficiency policies. We conclude that IEA member countries are heading in the right direction, but even the best performing countries need to significantly increase energy efficiency policy effort – particularly in transport.

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BACKGROUND NEWS



Webpage of the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport launched

The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) — launched officially in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 September — aims to actively contribute ideas to the international climate change negotiations by promoting the development of sustainable transport systems worldwide. The partnership consists of more than 40 organizations. The Bridging the Gap initiative and its members are an active part of this partnership and will help coordinate the Working Group on Post 2012 Instruments.

See the new webpage here: <http://www.slocat.net>



Applicability of Post 2012 Climate Instruments to the Transport Sector (CITS) Project

Asian Development Bank (ADB), in cooperation with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) implemented the CITS project to do a first step to help to ensure that the transport sector can benefit from the new climate change mitigation instruments under a post-2012 Climate Change Agreement.

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Financing Sustainable Low-Carbon Transport: A dialogue by transport experts

On behalf of the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP), and in contribution to the activities of the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT), TRL has initiated a dialogue between transport /climate experts on the link between carbon financing and the transport sector.

The process aims to improve the understanding of key concepts and issues on carbon financing, and to allow for timely input into the design of a Post-2012 financing framework to support sustainable low-carbon transport. It catalyzes the opportunity provided at the COP15 to holistically evaluate the current financing framework for transport.

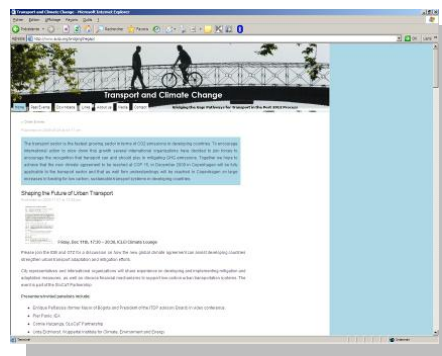
An online discussion group has been set up for this purpose: http://groups.google.co.uk/group/Financing_SLOCAT

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Since COP14 in Poznan, [GTZ](#), [UITP](#), [TRL](#) and [Veolia Transport](#) aim to 'bridge the gap' between the transport sector and the climate change negotiations process. The joint initiative is conducting a series of workshops and side events linked to the negotiation process in order to make the Copenhagen agreement work for the land transport sector and promote sustainable solutions for developing countries.

Our initiative's website www.sutp.org/bridgingthegap provides an overview of our activities, publications, past events and information on related upcoming events.

A flyer with information about our challenge, our initiatives, our partners and our events related to transport and climate change is available in English and Chinese language. It can be downloaded here: [in English \(pdf\)](#) / [in Chinese \(pdf\)](#)



Supporting Organizations

To encourage international action to slow down CO2 emissions from the transport sector, several international organizations have decided to join forces for the recognition that transport can and should play in mitigating GHG emissions. This includes [Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport](#) launched by the UNDESA, the Asian Development Bank and other international organizations.

Subscription: Please visit our webpage: www.sutp.org/bridgingthegap

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