

H.E the Minister of Transport and Logistics Services' speech in the Ministers' Forum, which will be held on October 15th at 15:00-16:30 Saudi time (20:00-21:30 Beijing time).

Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, I would like to thank the United Nations for organizing this event, and the People's Republic of China for hosting the Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference. Also, I would like to express my special thanks to H.E Li Xiaopeng, the Minister of Transport in the People's Republic of China, for his invitation to participate in the Ministers' Forum.

Therefore, I am honored and pleased to represent the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in such global interaction that aims to help us jointly achieve global sustainable transportation. And I believe that collaboration and benefiting from leading experience will be key to achieving this common objective.

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia has a serious commitment towards sustainability as a nation, as part of Saudi Vision 2030 objectives. And this commitment was directly cascaded to the transport and logistics sector through the National Transport and Logistics Strategy that was launched in July of this year, such as the Saudi Green Initiative that will work to reduce carbon emissions by more than 4% of global contributions, through an ambitious renewable energy program that will generate 50% of the Kingdom's energy from renewables by 2030, and several other projects in the fields of clean hydrocarbon technologies, estimated to eliminate more than 130 MT of carbon emissions.

We strongly believe that achieving sustainable transport systems will have a direct impact on improving the quality of life for current and future generations. And for that, we have set as an objective reducing the transport sector's footprint on the environment by reducing the sector CO2 emissions by 25% in 2030.

This can be only achieved by planning to increase the share of sustainable public transportation across all trips, supporting electrification for all modes of transportation and across the logistics value chains, and planning for the required infrastructure to accommodate future demand resulting from the shift to more sustainable transport systems.

For social aspect, One of NTLS key objectives is to reduce accidents fatality rate on roads by leveraging and capitalizing on the existing efforts in which fatalities drop from 28 in 2016 to 13.5 per 100,000 citizens in 2020 and targeting to reach below 8 by 2030 by implementing a national safety program that focuses on infrastructure interventions, enhancing the road safety awareness and optimizing the regulation and governance to enable such ambitious target.

For economical aspect, NTLS has captured the various national strategies that have come online with ambitious targets in light of Vision 2030. For this, the sector would significantly contribute to the Kingdom's local content drive to contribute to the national GDP by 10%.

Meanwhile, building sustainable global transport from our point of view must be based on the three pillars of sustainability (social, economic, and environmental). We have seen the enormous impact of the Corona pandemic, which led to the almost collapse of some transport

sectors, and it became clear that one of the most prominent lessons learned from the pandemic is the need to balance development among the three pillars of sustainability.

Therefore, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia believes that the role of governments is to encourage investment in research, development, and innovation, and to adopt the technical solutions available with neutral policies.

Thank you.