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Summary: Open Webinar on Sustainable Transport Commitments

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Background

As part of the preparatory process for [the Second Global Sustainable Transport Conference](#), an open webinar was held to familiarize representatives from governments, UN entities and all other interested stakeholders with the [Sustainable Transport Commitments](#). The webinar provided guidance on how different constituencies can submit their Sustainable Transport Commitments, and explored opportunities to accelerate action and inspire commitments in relation to sustainable transport.

Opening remarks and introduction to Sustainable Transport Commitments

Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee (Chief, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch) and **Ms. Lotta Tahtinen** (Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch) from the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA, provided detailed information on the upcoming Conference, which will be convened in a hybrid format from 14-16 October 2021 in Beijing, China. Mr. Mukherjee emphasized the critical role of transport to achieve the SDGs, while ensuring that no one is left behind. The Conference will highlight the main objectives of sustainable transport: safety, universal access, efficiency, resilience and reducing impact on the environment. The official programme of the Conference can be found [online](#). Ms. Tahtinen introduced the newly created [Sustainable Transport Commitments platform](#). This platform is created to mobilize and share actions of key stakeholders committing to sustainable transport. The commitments must be ongoing or new initiatives, and follow certain criteria. More information can be found on [the website](#).

The webinar proceeded by sharing good practices and sustainable transport commitments and action by three different stakeholders. **Mr. Juan Esteban Martínez** (Sub-secretary of Mobility and Urban Transport, City of Bogotá) highlighted Bogotá's commitment to achieving sustainable transport. Mr. Juan Esteban Martínez emphasized Bogotá's achievements on sustainable transport, such as the Bicycle Public Policy, as well as the current challenges faced. Finally, he brought attention to the city's commitment to put the pedestrian at the heart of mobility, and avoid unnecessary long trips by promoting urbanization, cleaner technologies and urban logistics.

Ms. Emily Hosek (Director of Knowledge Analysis and Policy Advocacy, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport, SLOCAT), showcased the initiatives taken by [SLOCAT](#) to accelerate sustainable action, such as the Climate Friendly Transport Initiative and the Transport Decarbonization Alliance. This Alliance enables collaboration between governments and the private sector to strengthen sustainable transport. In addition, Ms. Hosek presented the NDC Transport Initiative for Asia, the Global Fuel Economy Initiative (which aims at improving vehicle fuel economy) and the Sustainable Freight Buyers Alliance (which aims to decarbonize freight transport). In addition, Ms. Hosek recognized the importance of commitments within the private sector to catalyze and accelerate measurable action.

Mr. Thomas Deloison (Director Mobility, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, WBCSD), noted the mission of the WBCSD to mobilize business for the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Mr. Deloison highlighted the [Vision 2050: Time To Transform](#) report, which maps how systems transform and lays out a new framework to guide sustainable business action in the decade ahead. Mr. Deloison emphasized the key role the business sector can play in accelerating sustainable development, such as by reducing emissions within the transport sector and enabling digitalization through improved mobility systems.

Closing Remarks

Ms. Lotta Tahtinen encouraged all participants to register their Sustainable Transport Commitments in the [online platform](#), ahead or during the conference. For more information on this webinar, please visit the [event page](#) or [Conference website](#).