EST Plenary Session 5:

Towards Implementation of the new EST Declaration (2021-2030)

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Isolated ramp
Why?

- The **city’s public transport** does not support the wheelchairs.
- The **building’s elevator** does not support the wheelchairs.
The transport authority told us that
- since we are following the EU standard there is no gender issue.

But the reality seemed different.

- Women, especially those who were pregnant and those who were travelling with young children were having difficulties to ride on buses.
The professor explained to us

- The *elder* people are *invisible*. You cannot see them travelling in the public transport because the city is not designed that way. The elder people are there living in this city.

We, JICA will continue to fill this gap.

- The policy, regulation, and guidelines exists. The challenge to include the *vulnerable*, & how to achieve it *in the field* still remains.
In the transportation sector of JICA’s strategy paper “Global Agenda”, the improvement of public transport and promotion of its use is highlighted.

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