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Views of Turkey on Enhancing Access to Sustainable Urban and  
Rural Transport

High Level Segment: Round Table 2

Thank you Mr. Chair

Distinguished Delegates,

Transport has a positive effect on social and economic life of human through increasing the accessibility to jobs and markets, all services particularly the education and health care.

To increase the mobility in an affordable, economically viable, healthy, accessible, socially acceptable and environmentally sound manner; public and private investments for transport infrastructure and integrated public transport systems are needed in developing countries. Therefore, financial and technical assistance, knowledge and technology transfer and capacity-building to improve transport infrastructure in developing countries are utmost importance.

Distinguished Delegates,

Turkey supports the improvement of public transport infrastructure and services such as bus rapid transit, metro and light-rail systems. In this respect, best practices and environmentally sound and affordable technologies are main concerns of nations for implementation.

In order to reduce the congestion in city centers as well as providing better accessibility for all citizens to main destinations, integrated planning approach for all modes of transport including motorized and non-motorized modes is a starting point for all planning activities. Non-motorized modes, namely bicycle and pedestrian flow has to be emphasized by all nations so as to contribute more energy efficient society.

Not only the flow of people, but also flow of goods and services has to be planned in a manner that contributes the sustainable development. In this scope, the gains of information technology should be incorporated in the system.

In this context, CSD- 19 will contribute by highlighting transport theme as a priority area of concern for sustainable development, poverty eradication and achieving the other MDGs.

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