



# The African Sustainable Transport Forum

*UN Environment Programme/  
ASTF Secretariat*

*Briefing to African Diplomatic Corps  
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## About the ASTF...

- High-level platform for policy dialogue
- Guided by African countries
- **1<sup>st</sup> year: Ministerial and Policy Conference on Sustainable Transport**
- *Action Plan for Sustainable Transport*
- UNEP/World Bank/UN-Habitat Secretariat
- Strategic partners: African Union, AfDB





## **ASTF Responds to:**

- Rio + 20 commitment of \$175 billion from MDBs for sustainable transport
- UN Secretary General's new Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport
- Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs

# ASTF: Looking forward...



- Multi-year program
- Concrete Action Plan
- Ministerial: every 2 years
- Rotating chairs
- On-the-ground activities
  - Knowledge-sharing
  - Best practices
  - Tools and pilots
- Outcomes:
  - Accessible transport
  - Safer roads
  - Improved air quality
  - Improved health
  - Reduced energy consumption



# Africa Sustainable Transport Forum (ASTF) 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial and Policy Conference

28-30 October, 2014

UN offices

Nairobi, Kenya

## Conference Goals

- Shape the Initiative
- Share best practices
- Develop Action Plan
- Plan follow-on activities and commitments
- Develop partnerships



## Participants

### Policy Session:

- Senior policy staff from environment and transport ministries
- Local government staff
- NGOs and private sector

### Ministerial Session

- Ministers from Environment and Transport

## ***Draft ASTF Conference Programme***

<b>Day 1: Policy Session</b>	<b>Day 2: Policy Session</b>	<b>Day 3: Ministerial Session</b>
Opening Speeches: Government of Kenya, World Bank, WHO	Opening Speech: Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat	Opening Speech: Executive Director: Achim Stiener, UNEP
Overview of Sustainable Transport Issues in Africa	Breakout sessions to discuss Draft Framework for Action	Sustainable Transport Issues in Africa: Expert Panel
EST Programs in Other Regions: Asia and Latin America		Presentation of Chair's Summary of Draft Framework for Action: Panel of Experts
Sustainable Transport in Africa: Best Practices		
Lunch Side event on Corporate Engagement in Sustainable Transport	Lunch Marketplace and Networking	Lunch Marketplace and networking
Sustainable Transport in Africa: Best Practices in	Report out and Discussion: Chair's Summary to Present to Ministers	Plenary Discussion and Q & A on Draft Framework for Action and Commitments, Next ASTF Conference and Sub-Regional Meetings
Introduction of Draft ASTF Framework for Action	Follow-up and Implementation of ASTF	Adoption of Framework for Action and Next Steps
5:00 to 6:30 Marketplace and Networking	5:00 to 6:30 Marketplace and Networking	5:00 to 7:00 Ministerial Reception

## Role of African Diplomatic Corps in ASTF

- Share information about ASTF with transport and environment ministers
- Follow-up on ***Save the Date*** announcement and formal invitations
- Suggestions for participants
- Provide feedback on programme
- Assist with logistics (transport, security, visas, etc), as needed

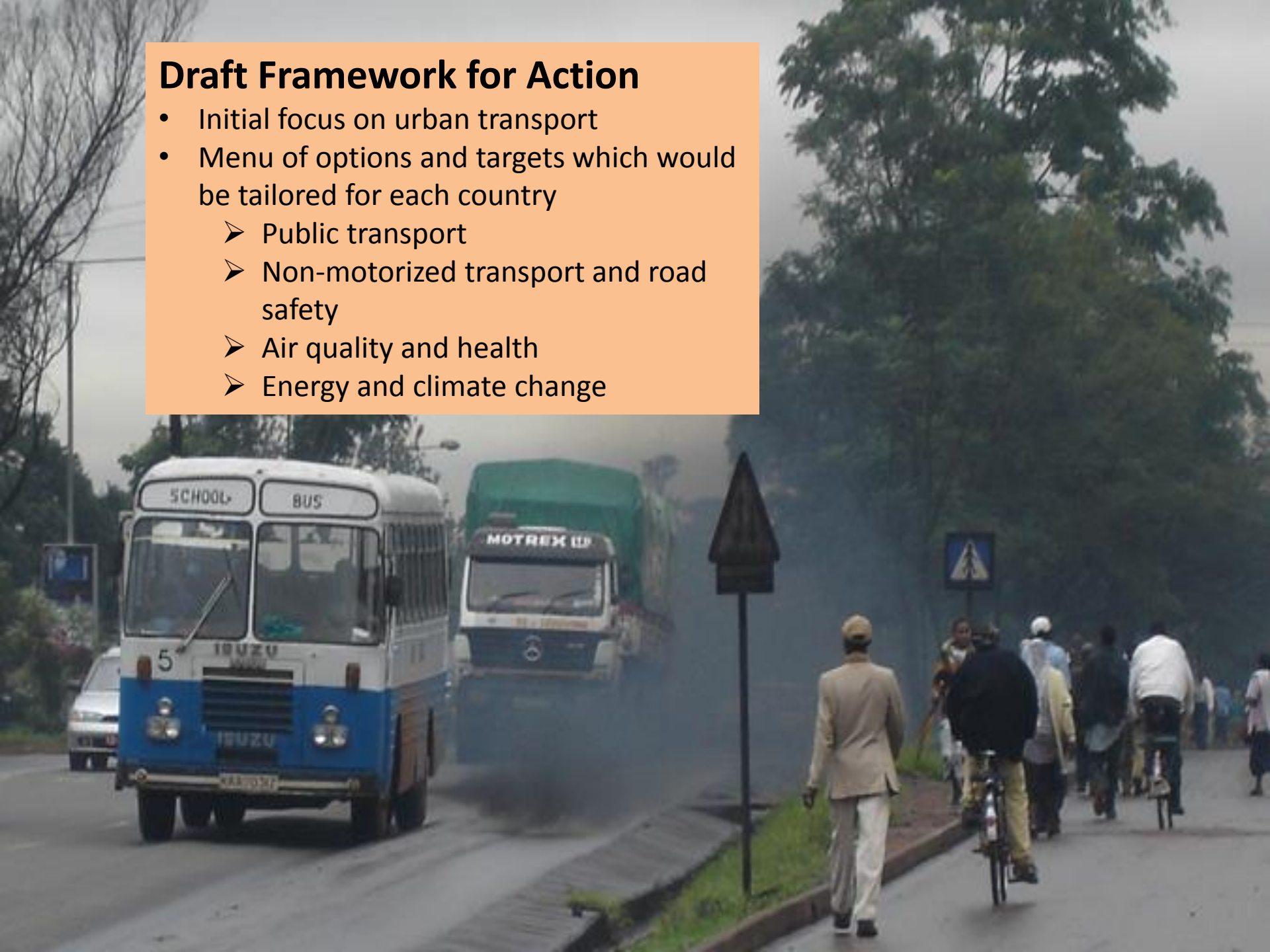


Picture: light rail system in Tunis



## Draft Framework for Action

- Initial focus on urban transport
- Menu of options and targets which would be tailored for each country
  - Public transport
  - Non-motorized transport and road safety
  - Air quality and health
  - Energy and climate change



## Expected Outcomes from ASTF Conference

- Formal launch of *Africa Sustainable Transport Forum*
- Endorsement of Framework for Action
- Next steps on sustainable transport in Africa
- Commitments from all sectors



## Next Steps

- Formal Invitations delivered
- Logistics finalized
- Agenda and speakers confirmed
- Draft Framework for Action completed



## Take Away Messages...

- Accessible and sustainable transport is vital to economic growth
- The opportunity to move to sustainable transport is now
- The ***Africa Sustainable Transport Forum*** is a platform for integrating sustainable transport into Africa's policies and implementing on-the-ground programs
- The result will be cleaner air, better accessibility, safer roads, and improved health
- The **Conference** will launch the initiative, agree on a Framework for Action, and bring together key partners

# Get Involved...

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