



What is the ASTF?

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Outline of remarks

- Brief history of this initiative
- Basic principles that have driven World Bank / SSATP and UN actions in this regard
- What kinds of things might the ASTF do?
- Some framing thoughts on “sustainable transport”
- Outline of the next 3 days

Brief history

- 2005 – Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum for Asia founded, with annual meetings
- 2009 – EST-LAC has first meeting
- 2011 – SSATP commissions approach paper to recommend actions to mainstream climate change into transport policy – among other things, recommends development of an EST for Africa
- 2012 – SSATP shares results during TRB transport meetings in Washington. Begins dialog with UNEP about potential collaboration.
- 2012 – at Rio +20, World Bank joins AfDB and other MDBs in voluntary commitment, pledging \$175 billion over 10 years for sustainable transport. Accelerates need for EST-Africa, to enable Africa to take advantage of MDB voluntary commitment.

Brief history (II)

- 2013 – SSATP and UNEP begin discussing the idea with African governments
- 2013 – Kenyan Government signals strong interest in championing the idea, and in hosting the first conference of the Forum
- 2014 – SSATP / World Bank agrees with UNEP collaborate through a jointly funded secretariat to support Kenyan hosts
- 2014 – UN-Habitat contributes some resources to secretariat
- October 2014 – 1st conference of ASTF

Basic principles – ASTF should:

- be an African initiative
- have an agenda, priorities, structure, working relationships set by member countries
- develop a vision of “sustainable transport” should reflect African realities, African aspirations, African development processes
- work to mainstream the concepts of sustainable transport and inclusive green growth into transport policies in Africa
- bring together high level decision makers who have a stake in sustainable transport, but do not ordinarily collaborate together at this level (e.g. Transport and Environment ministers)
- seek to positively influence the pipeline of transport infrastructure projects
- not replace existing initiatives, but rather, tie them together in a coherent way to better respond to country needs and aspirations

What might the ASTF do?

- Help influence policy and funding priorities in Africa toward sustainable transport
- Help identify a common African vision of sustainable transport for the African context
- Help member countries understand differentiated responsibilities that are required to advance sustainable transport
 - Roles of national and sub-national governments
 - Roles of environment, transport, works, urban development, trade, and finance in advancing sustainable transport
- Help prioritize partners' initiatives and programs and help ensure they cohere and converge toward vision of sustainable transport
- Harmonize & strengthen Africa's voice in international discussions of sustainability and transport

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- Understandable tendency to think of sustainable transport as specific *outcomes*
 - Good mass transport
 - Advanced clean vehicle technology
 - Livable, walkable neighborhoods
 - NMT
 - Intermodalism
- Sustainable transport – defined more by what goes into decisions on transport?

What are we trying to “sustain” with sustainable transport?

1. Accessibility (mobility)
 2. Human life and health
 3. Natural resources / national resources
 4. Affordability (for individuals and society as a whole)
 5. Economic value of past investments
 6. Social cohesion
 7. Capacity of society to make viable choices in the future
- Other values?

Structure of this conference

- Day 1: Stock taking of the challenges we are facing. Stock taking of the solutions that are already emerging.
- Day 2. Brainstorming on sustainable transport priorities for African countries. Brainstorming on institutional setup of ASTF. Global sustainable transport initiatives.
- Day 3. Report back to Ministers for decisions and implementation.
- Day 3, for those not participating in the Ministerial session: A series of dialogs on the transformative potential of sustainable transport, by theme.

Best wishes for your deliberations over the next 3 days.

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