

# **Dialogue on Aviation Development with the UN Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport**

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# The UN-HLAG: Background

- ❑ Established in 2014 by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, with a sunset date of end-2016, with the aims of:
  - ***promoting sustainable transport*** that is in line with inclusive and equitable growth, social development, protection of the global environment and ecosystems, and addressing climate change
  - ***Help mobilize action and initiatives in support of sustainable transport*** among key actors, including Member States, development finance institutions, bilateral development partners, transport providers, urban authorities and land-use planners.
  - ***Seek to promote the integration of sustainable transport in relevant intergovernmental processes***, including making recommendations on the formulation and implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.



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# The UN-HLAG: Members and outcome

- 15 members including Nancy, Len and Tewolde on the panel and myself
  - Sherpas designated by each member to support development of the report
  - Co-chaired by Ms. Carolina Toha, Mayor of Santiago, and Mr. Martin Lundstedt, CEO of Volvo Group
  - Met 4 times live (plus intensive work by the Sherpas) to agree a conceptual framework for the report and review progress.
  
- The outcome of this effort is ***Mobilizing Sustainable Transport for Development***, the Global Sustainable Transport Outlook Report, addressing all modes of transport, in developing and developed countries.
  - Report to be presented to UN Secretary General Ban and launched in New York in October 2016 (date tbd)



## Building the Report: Guiding themes

- ❑ ***Sustainable transport drives sustainable development***, fundamental to meeting the needs of people in their personal and economic lives while respecting the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
  - Sustainable Transport is critical for achieving the SDGs
- ❑ Transport is not an end in itself but rather ***a means allowing people to access what they need***: jobs, markets, social interaction, education, and a full range of other services and amenities contributing to healthy and fulfilled lives.



## Building the Report: Guiding themes (2)

The report:

- ❑ moves away from a concept focused on providing mobility based on motorized transport and improving traffic speed, to the idea of ***access through transport, prioritizing people and their quality of life, with strong attention to safety and social equity***
- ❑ addresses ***global trends*** including urbanization, demographic shifts, and globalization, as well as ***technological progress*** in digital connectivity and propulsion solutions.



## Building the Report: Guiding themes (3)

The report:

- ❑ recognised the **"Avoid-Shift-Improve"** approach (tailored to specific situations) as a useful framework for assessing transport measures and for taking action in support of sustainable transport
  - and avoiding modal endorsements
- ❑ highlights the importance of taking an **integrated, holistic approach** to policy and investment decisions and the benefits of engaging with a **wide range of stakeholders and funding sources**
- ❑ recognises **technology advancing clean fuels and clean energy as a high priority**, and it gives the **needs, challenges and opportunities in developing countries particular weight**



# Conceptual Framework decided at HLAG Paris meeting Dec 2015

