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Development**

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“Contribution of Rural Transport to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”



- Co-organized by the MPWT Lao PDR, ReCAP, UNCRD, UNESCAP, and facilitated by SLoCAT.
- 30+ countries represented with more than 100 participants from transport ministries, government authorities, UN organizations, development agencies, civil society, academia, and private sector.

Contribution of Rural Transport to the Sustainable Development Goals



Rural access and associated transport services are key to achieving 10 SDGs and four SDG targets

Workshop Methodology

- 3 substantive sessions on:
access and transport services;
adaptation to climate change;
and sustainability
- An interactive and inclusive process for participants to provide substantive inputs
- More than 60 ideas have been received categorized under 22 different topics on rural transport



Endorsement of 5 Key Messages on Rural Transport and SDGs



**Improved Rural Transport
Drives Sustainable
Rural Development
and National Growth**

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**Better Rural Transport
is Key for Food Security
and Zero Hunger**

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**Poor Rural Transport
Condemns the Poor to Stay
Disconnected and Poor**

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**Additional money AND
commitment is needed to
build and maintain
rural road networks and
develop sustainable rural
transport services**

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**Better Rural Transport
Calls for Local Solutions to
Local Problems**



Fit For Purpose

Rural transport must be Fit for Purpose in terms of appropriate all-season access for rural populations and be compatible with Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) aims.



Appropriate Design, Construction and Maintenance

Rural access must be designed, constructed and maintained within an enforceable good governance framework of locally based standards and specifications that take full account of the opinions of local communities.



Safe and Secure Transport

Rural transport services must be capable of moving peoples and freight in safe and secure manner, must be fully aware of the special needs of vulnerable groups, including women and children and must ultimately look to the private sector for long term sustainability.



Climate Resilience

Current and future climate impacts pose considerable threats to rural transport networks and the communities they serve - appropriately prioritised resilience options should be researched and implemented within socially acceptable adaptation and mitigation programmes.



Sustainable Mobility for All

Track progress on improving rural access as part of new global Sustainable Mobility for All Initiative (SuM4All) and use it to build coalition of support for enhanced action on Rural Transport

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Thank you for your attention!

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