



## **EST Inception Meeting**

6-7 September 2004  
Vientiane, Lao PDR



### **1. Background**

While transportation is essential to Asia's socio-economic needs, balancing these needs with the need to protect the environment should be at the heart of the concept of environmentally sustainable transport (EST). Generally, EST is considered as transport that meets the needs of the present without preventing future generations from meeting their needs. Although there is no single, commonly held definition of EST, the concept of EST is centered on the transportation system and transportation activity that meets social, economic and environmental objectives.

The Manila Policy Dialogue on Environment and Transport in the Asian Region, held from 16-17 January 2004 in Manila, Philippines, helped translate recommendations made in relation to the transport and environment sector in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Nagoya EST Conference into actions at local, national, and regional level, by (i) looking into transport and environment related issues, with a priority focus to issues relating to monitoring of air quality, reduction of emissions from in-use vehicles, fuel quality, and environmentally friendly public transport planning; and (ii) making recommendations towards the promotion of EST in Asia, through the adoption of the Manila Statement.

In the Manila Statement, UNCRD was requested by participating Asian countries to assist them in (a) the formulation of National EST Strategies-cum-Action-Plans, and (b) the establishment of a Regional EST Forum and subsidiary expert groups. As a follow-up to the Manila Conference, UNCRD has initiated contact with relevant partners and stakeholders to formulate national strategies-cum-action plans for Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Laos, as the first phase countries. Preparations are also being made for the first Regional Forum meeting in August 2005.

### **2. Objectives**

The EST Inception Meeting will be the first country level stakeholders meeting, in which the formulation process for the National EST Strategy-cum-Action-Plan will officially commence.

The objectives of the EST Inception Meeting are to discuss and finalize:

- (a) the detailed work programme/activities/timeframe for the preparation of the National EST Strategy-cum-Action-Plan;
- (b) institutions to be involved in the process;
- (c) identification & role of Collaborating Centre
- (d) MoU/Agreement, including funding arrangements and generic guidelines towards formulation of the National EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan.

### **3. Date & Venue**

6-7 Sep 2004, Vientiane  
(Monday & Tuesday)

### **4. Organizers**

Science Technology & Environment Agency (STEA)  
Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post & Construction (MCTPC)  
United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

### **5. Participants**

1st Day: STEA, MCTPC, the Collaborating Centre, and UNCRD.

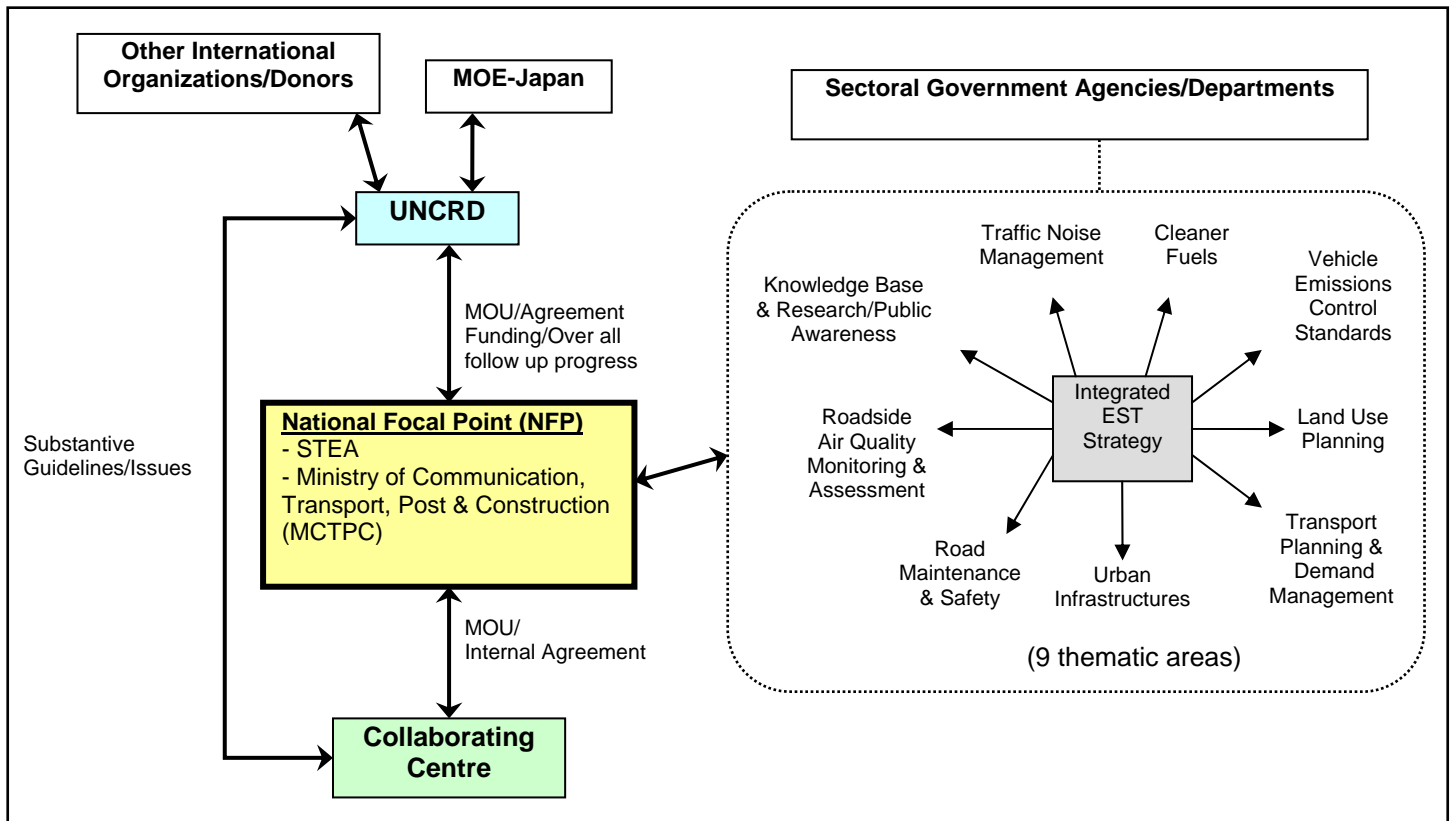
2nd Day: Above participants + representative from other Departments/Ministries (please see below\*)

\*The other participants for the 2nd Day meeting could include government agencies/institutions/NGOs/Research Institutions associated in the areas of: cleaner fuels, vehicle emission control, vehicle inspection & maintenance, land use planning in transport sector, transport demand management, road safety & maintenance, traffic noise management, road side air quality monitoring, urban/road infrastructure, and public health issues linked to transport/vehicular pollution.

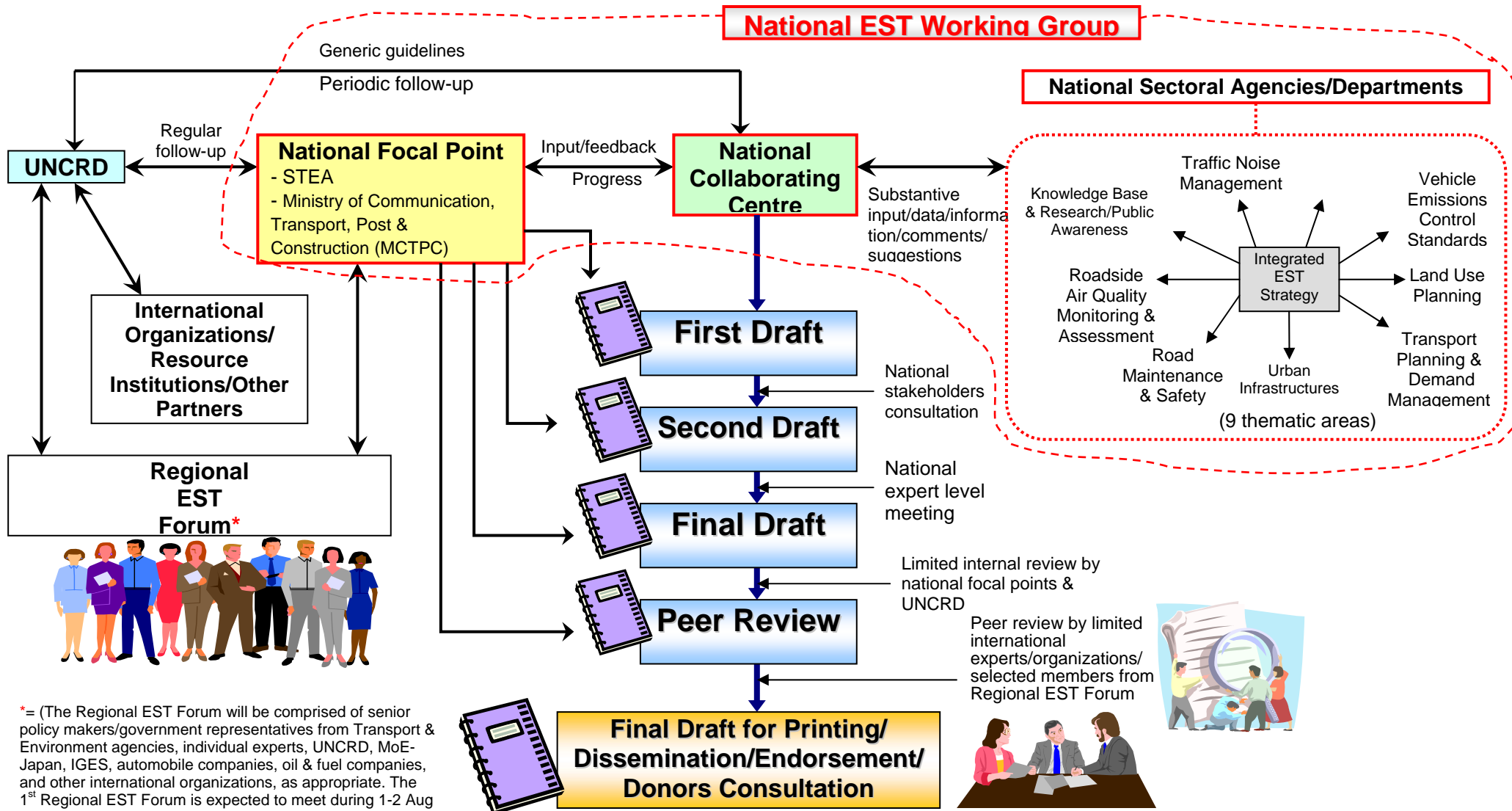
Total number of participants:

1st Day: 10~15 maximum (please see above)  
2nd Day: 25~30 maximum (please see above)

## 6. Over all Institutional Arrangements for formulation of EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan



## 7. Institutional Co-operation/Mechanism vis-à-vis National EST-Working Group for Formulation of EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan



\*= (The Regional EST Forum will be comprised of senior policy makers/government representatives from Transport & Environment agencies, individual experts, UNCRD, MoE-Japan, IGES, automobile companies, oil & fuel companies, and other international organizations, as appropriate. The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional EST Forum is expected to meet during 1-2 Aug 2005, in conjunction with EXPO 2005, to be held at Nagoya, Japan.)



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Organized by STEA/MCTPC/UNCRD

## Draft Agenda

**DAY 1: 6 SEP 04**  
(Monday)

**DISCUSSION AMONG STEA, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION, TRANSPORT, POST & CONSTRUCTION (MCTPC), THE COLLABORATING CENTRE, AND UNCRD**

**Day 1 Chair:**  
STEA or MCTPC

09.30 – 10.00 am

### **Introductory Session**

Participants will report on any new developments that have taken place, since the last informal discussion on the EST process.

- STEA
- MCTPC
- Collaborating Centre
- UNCRD

10:00-11:00 am

### **Objectives of the EST Inception Meeting**

UNCRD will explain (a) what the objectives of the meeting are, (b) issues to be discussed, and (c) what the expected outputs of the meeting are.

Presenter:

Chodhury Rudra  
Charan Mohanty,  
Environment  
Programme Co-ordinator, UNCRD

11:00am-12:30 pm

### **Discussion on the detailed work programme/activities/timeframe for the preparation of the National EST Strategy-cum-Action-Plan**

12:30-13:30 pm

Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00 pm

### **Discussion on the institutional arrangements for the preparation of the National EST Strategy-cum-Action-Plan**

Participants will discuss the institutions to be involved in the process and the identification & role of the Collaborating Centre

15.00 – 15.30 pm

Break

15.30 – 17.00 pm

### **Discussion on the draft MoU/Agreement, including funding arrangements and generic guidelines towards formulation of the National EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan**

17.00-17.30 pm

### **Wrap-Up & Conclusions for Day 1**

18:30 -20:30 pm

Dinner Reception

**Day 2: 7 Sep 04**  
(Tuesday)

**DISCUSSION AMONG VARIOUS  
STAKEHOLDERS ASSOCIATED WITH EST  
RELATED AREAS**

**Day 2 Chair:**  
**STE A or MCTPC**

In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Day participants, the other participants for the 2nd Day meeting could include government agencies/institutions/NGOs/Research Institutions working in EST associated areas.

09.00 – 09.30 am  
09.30 – 10.00 am

Registration  
Opening Remarks  
➤ STEA  
➤ MCTPC  
➤ UNCRD

Speakers:

10.00 – 11.00 am

**Presentation on the objectives of the  
EST inception meeting and summary of 1<sup>st</sup> day  
discussion**

Presenter:

STE A will brief the new participants about the objectives of the EST Inception Meeting and provide a summary of the discussions held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day.

11.00 am - 12.30  
pm

**Presentation on the proposed  
workplan/process for the National EST  
Strategy-Cum-Action-Plan**

Presenter:

UNCRD will present the objectives, outline, and proposed workplan/process for the National EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan

Chodhury Rudra  
Charan Mohanty,  
Environment  
Programme Co-  
ordinator, UNCRD

12:30-13:30 pm  
13:30-15:00 pm

Lunch Break  
**Feedback/Discussion on the proposed EST  
workplan/process by stakeholders involved**

Government agencies/institutions/NGOs/Research Institutions working in EST associated areas will be invited to provide comments/feedback on the proposed EST workplan/process.

15:00-15:30 pm  
15:30-16:30 pm

Break  
**Discussion on the establishment of the  
National Working Group on EST**  
Participants will discuss how the National Working Group on EST (comprised of STEA, MCTPC, the Collaborating Centre, and government agencies/institutions/NGOs/research institutions

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working in EST associated areas) will work together to obtain necessary inputs for the National EST Strategy-cum-Action Plan.

16.30 – 17.30 pm      Wrap-Up & Conclusions for Day 2: Adoption of the detailed work programme/activities/timeframe and follow-up actions/arrangements

17.30 – 18.00 pm      **Closing remarks**

- STEA
- MCTPC
- UNCRD