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# **Summary Break-out session 4**

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## 4 questions

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- Institutional
- Policy
- Co-benefits
- Capacity

And a final call for action .....



## Institutional (1)

- China:
  - SEPA elevated to Ministerial level
  - Ministry of Construction (urban transport) and Ministry of Communication merged into new Ministry of Transport
  - Municipal comprehensive transport management agency (status?)
- Philippines:
  - Need for greater coordination among key agencies at national and local level
  - Coordinating Council on EST (proposed)



## Institutional (2)

- Pakistan:
  - Urban transport, dominated by private sector, governmental structures not yet in place to deal in a coordinated manner
- Maldives:
  - Transport is air, water and land. Fragmented institutional and legal structure

Institutional structures on (urban) transport are starting to move in Asia. No clear models of what works well and what not. EST Forum could take up the topic of effective institutional structures for EST in a future forum.



## Policy (1)

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- China:
  - “rapid development consumption is not adaptive to intensive sustainable development”
  - New policy structures are evolving
- Philippines:
  - Road transport sector logical framework with clear emphasis on public transport
  - Metro Manila EST Framework



## Policy (2)

- Pakistan:
  - Cars are the problem, solutions need to be integrated
- Maldives:
  - Context is unique, water transport more than 90% of mode share, no policy examples in Asia

Policies increasingly oriented towards public transport and less towards private cars. Challenge in all cases is the financing for construction AND operation of public transport. Affordability is/should be a key concept.



## Co-benefits

- China:
  - More AQ driven than climate
- Philippines:
  - AQ but also climate
- Pakistan:
  - AQ driven, climate to some extent
- Maldives:
  - Climate driven, no AQ

Climate change is emerging as a policy driver but not yet at par with air quality or congestion



## Capacity

EST is emerging as a paradigm shift in thinking and policies on urban transport in Asia. The implementation is hampered amongst others by lack in capacity at all levels and among all stakeholders.

EST forum to encourage countries to develop a comprehensive capacity development program in support of EST





Finally .....

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Walking is a basic human right !!!!!

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