



# Fourth Regional EST Forum in Asia

Break-out Session 1: Thailand, Mongolia,  
Afghanistan, Lao PDR



## Thailand:

- PM is greatest concern (road side & ambient conc. > WHO)
- No improvement in traffic congestion
- Major focus on motorized & infrastructure oriented solutions for improvement in air quality & traffic congestion
- Improvement in mass transit system is under way (BTS, Subway, rail, etc.)
- CNG promotion as alternate fuel

## Expert Recommendations:

- NMT needs to be considered in planning & development
- infrastructure development is not the full solution for livable cities
- Cities need to have a clear vision in terms of quality of life
- Social indicators for evaluation of effectiveness of public transport system



## Mongolia:

- Lack of investment in transport sector
- Numerous institutional, policy and technical gaps
- Dust and smoke pollution from road traffic is increasing
- Many government strategies and plans → ambitious Eco-Transport Strategy, Transit Mongolia Program (2008-2015)

## Expert Recommendations:

- Eco-transport strategy is in line with EST & needs to be translated into actions
- Privatization could help increase efficiency of public transport system.
- Build capacity for improved air quality monitoring and data



## Afghanistan:

- Lack of pedestrian walkways & bad road conditions creating very dangerous situation in Kabul
- Large number of mini-buses or small vans contributing to air pollution, high % of taxis without any registration
- Numerous institutional, policy and technical gaps in dealing with traffic management issues
- Development of NMT and public transport system as short terms measures

## Expert Recommendations:

- Plan for centralized commercial districts as part of land use & transport planning during the on-going the reconstruction phase
- Priority be given for necessary institutional capacity building to deal with traffic safety issues and accidents



## Lao PDR:

- Good political will to promote EST
- National EST Strategy following integrated approach
- Sustainable Urban Transport Master Plan (Vientiane) integrates EST elements
- Ambitious transport plan including provisions for BRT and LRT that needs support from donor communities
- Good vision on integration of land use and transport planning with provisions for NMT and pedestrian facilities

## Expert Recommendations:

- Social aspects of transport needs to be addressed, including due consideration for mobility of transport sensitive groups.
- It is important to define first what type of cities that need to be built keeping in mind the quality of life.

