

Opportunities and challenges of applying NAMAs in the transport sector in Asia

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- Sustainable Development is facing several important transitions in the 21st Century
- •These topics are driving the debate in Rio+20 June 2012



21st Century Transitions

- Stabilization of global population at 9 Billion by 2075 (UN DESA population projection)
- Developing country population is mostly urban by 2030





Figure 6. Estimated world population: 1950-2000, and projections: 2000-2300



Urbanisation is continuing in developing countries

Population urbaine et rurale dans les régions les moins développées (en milliards d'habitants)



Asian urban population density presents best opportunities for mass transit & worst potential congestion problems



Transport-related energy consumption Gigajoules per capita per year





Note: Points represent cities in the SYSTRA data base, from around the world.

Source: UITP, 2006 (Courtesy of SYSTRA).

21st Century Transitions

 Convergence of social and economic levels – (UNCSD Millennium Development Goals)

 Access to Goods and services plays a critical role in poverty alleviation and economic development

Human Development Report UNDP and WB Human Development Indicators 2008

21st Century Transitions

- Transition to a constrained natural resource use and low carbon energy economy 50% by 2050 (IPCC)
- Low Carbon Transport is a critical component

Scale and Impact: We need a global 50% CO2 cut by 2050

"Given the role that transport plays in causing greenhouse gas emissions, any serious action on climate change will zoom in on the transport sector" Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary UNFCCC, January 2009

Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport

Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions as Catalysts for Sustainable Transport

Workshop held in Seoul April 12-13
2011

NAMA as Catalysts for Environmentally Sustainable Transport

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- Location: Intercontinental Seoul COEX in the Republic of Korea
- Date: 12-13 April, 2011

- * NAMA : Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions
- Voluntary emission reduction actions by developing countries
- NAMAs can be policies, programs, or projects.
 - Laws & Regulations
 - Technology standards
 - Financial instruments (taxes)
 - ➢ Cap and trade scheme
 - Energy efficiency measures
 - Research & Development
- A new concept which continues to evolve

Autonomous (Unilateral) NAMAs

- Actions taken voluntarily and unilaterally without external support
- DCs intend to reap co-benefits
 - GHGs mitigation
 - Health benefits
 - Sustainable development
 - Energy security
 - Energy efficiency
- Need to be recognized internationally

Supported NAMAs

• Conditioned on financial and technology support from developed countries

Credited NAMAs

- Generate credits to be sold on the global carbon market
- Sectoral crediting, cap & trade schemes are well-suited to credited NAMAs.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- To ensure the sustainability of transport "Avoid-Shift-Approach" Measures: co-benefit improvements in air quality energy security, and road safety.
- An integrated multi-sectoral approach to the planning and implementation of transport policies and programs; National, local, project/program
- Capacity building with allocated funds for sustainable transport
- Reliable and accurate transport measurement/evaluation models; development of guidelines for a Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) for developing countries.

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- Improvements in the availability and quality of transport data especially the numbers of vehicles and their activity patterns: Global Transport Intelligence initiative (overall framework for transport data collection)
- Transport NAMAs have the potential to catalyse climate change actions: More than CDM for the transport sector.
- The organization of side events at Climate and Transport meetings, the linkages between the technical discussions and the political discussions can be facilitated.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Importance of implementing pilot transport NAMAs for those countries submitted transport NAMA to UNFCCC
- The initial joint SLoCaT Bridging the Gap working group will (a) help clarify the application of the NAMA concept to the transport sector; (b) document on-going and new pilot transport NAMAs and (c) contribute towards the development of Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) procedures for NAMAs.

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National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)

The appetite for low carbon transport is there!

 Based on analysis of NAMA submissions to Copenhagen Accord by Sept 2010

28 out of 43 submissions mention transport

Example:

 Indonesia: "Shifting to low-emission modes of transport"

See: http://www.transport2012.org/bridging/ressources/files/1/828.NAMA_submissions_Summary_030810.pdf

Thank you

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