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DATE: Monday 21st February 2011
TIME: 14.00 – 15.00
VENUE: Conference Room 12

SIDE EVENT:

Transport, Infrastructure and Green Economy *Organised by the DTIE Transport Unit and Green Economy Team*

Transport is central to social and economic activity, yet current patterns of transport activity are unsustainable. The acute social, environmental and economic costs and externalities can add up to 10% of a country's GDP. In particular, road transport accounts for 17% of global energy-related CO₂ emissions and up to 90% of urban air pollution.

This event highlights the importance of investment in green transport and infrastructure for moving towards a green and low-carbon economy. A fundamental change in investment patterns is needed, based on the principles of avoiding or reducing trips through integration of land use and transportation planning; shifting to more environmentally friendly modes, such as public transport and non-motorised transport; and promoting cleaner and more efficient vehicles.

Join us for this special event where the Executive Directors of UNEP and UN-Habitat will engage with a high-level group of panellists and the audience in a discussion on two of the key sectors analysed in the landmark Green Economy Report – transport and city development. Come hear about existing opportunities for green transport and infrastructure and the work and programs that UNEP is already undertaking with many member countries across the world.



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PROGRAMME

14.00 Introduction

Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

14.10 Panel Discussion

Moderator: *Mr. Joan Clos*, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Panelists:

Ms. Lisa Jackson,

- Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Ms. Izabella Teixeira

- Minister of Environment, Brazil

Mr Denis Kellman

- Minister of Environment, Water Resources & Drainage, Barbados

Mr. Achim Steiner

- Executive Director, UNEP

14.35 Q&A between floor and panel

14.55 Wrap-up

Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

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