



Towards Sustainable Transport under SSATP DP2: building support for an Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum in Africa

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Presentation outline

- SSATP work on sustainable transport
- What do we mean by sustainable transport?
- What is EST?
- EST in the African context
- What is SSATP's role?
- Progress so far
- What will be SSATP's role in EST-Africa after the forum is launched?

SSATP work on sustainable transport

- Work originated in cross-cutting theme on climate change
- CC still a main focus, but need for broader framing of environmental sustainability in transport
- In the long run, need to attract and scale-up investment in sustainable transport, in line with multi-lateral development bank joint commitment at Rio +20
- Approach paper identified 4 strategic priorities:
 - Strengthen regional cooperation
 - Raise awareness
 - Enhance knowledge base
 - Strengthen institutional capacity

Environmentally
Sustainable Transport
Forum for Africa (EST-
Africa)

What is Sustainable Transport?

- Renewed emphasis on human experience, not just efficiency and effectiveness of systems
- Acknowledges a changing climate, impacts on natural and social environment, deleterious effects on human health; seeks to mitigate and adapt to above
- Reflect realities of resource and energy constraints
- Recognizes importance of 4 dimensions: financial, social, environmental, resource
- Example: urban transport [GO](#)

What is EST?

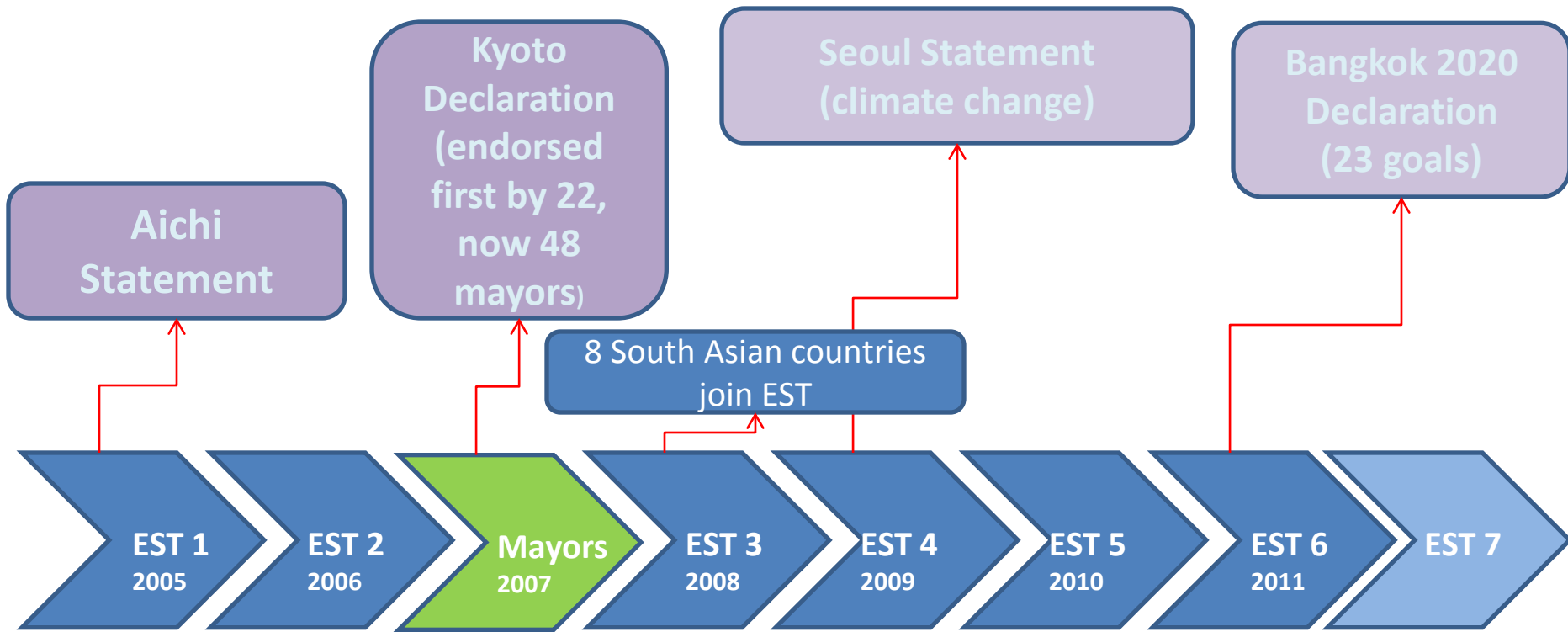
A regional forum that:

- Establishes an institutional platform to address transport as it impacts (and is impacted by) climate change, health and the built and natural environments
- Builds a support system for regional cooperation
- Stimulates policy dialogue in a systematic way
- Sends a unified message abroad for the need of appropriate support
- Enables local, national and regional stakeholders to improve knowledge and access to support for best practices
- Promotes mechanisms for systemizing planning and implementation

Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forums in other regions

- Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) – Est. 2002
Amsterdam Declaration (2009)
- EST Forum for Asia – Est. 2004
(Asian Development Bank)
Bangkok Declaration (2011)
- EST Forum for Latin America – Est. 2011
(Inter-American Development Bank)
Bogota Declaration (2011)





Awareness Raising on Sustainability Transport in Asia

Development Avoid-Shift-Improve Approach: Pilot testing

Development Banks start shifting funding to Sustainable Transport.

Development of Sustainable Transport related assessment tools

SLoCaT pulls together transport community

EST Forum – Asia Timeline

Source: SLOCAT

EST in the African context

- Africa entering period of dynamic growth
- Substantial urbanization to occur over next 30 years
- Worldwide experience suggests urbanization is always accompanied by substantial motorization
- Potential strain on Africa's resources: is the continent ready?

EST in the African context (II)

- Tremendous dynamism in transport solutions around the continent: [examples](#)
- And yet, transport is missing from sustainability discussions, and (environmental) sustainability is missing from transport discussions – [examples](#)
- Need to link national and local transport policies and funding
- Across Africa, transport infrastructure being developed fast and there is need to ensure that a low carbon and climate friendly approach is more widely integrated

Why an EST for Africa?

- Inject the concept of sustainable transport into the agenda(s) of African policy leaders at national and continental scales.
- With other regional ESTs, help position transport on the sustainability agenda, and position sustainability on the transport agenda
- Position Africa in global sustainable transport discussions. [GO](#)

What is SSATP's role in the EST-Africa process?

- SSATP is the key driver
- Partnering with UN DESA and UNCRD in linking with existing international EST structure
- Outreach to related initiatives and potential partners (UATP, CODATU, Afri-Cities, UNEP, UNHABITAT, RECs, etc.)
- Developing concept and implementation plan (to be finalized early 2013)
- Will continue to push for launch in late 2013 or early 2014
- Coordination with UN SG high level panel on sustainable transport being led by UNDESA

Update on progress

- Contact list of key stakeholders developed
- Discussion draft of concept note to be issued this week to stakeholders as basis for consultation
- Interim workshop with UNHABITAT under discussion for April
- Work on preliminary implementation plan to begin in January
- Launch event TBD under implementation plan -- probably late 2013 / early 2014

Items under discussion

- Which model to follow – top-down (continent-wide led by national ministries) ; bottom-up (build regional understanding and competencies, to feed into Africa-wide forum at a later date); or a mix
- Funding / long-term sustainability
- Maximizing complementarity / avoiding duplication with existing initiatives / institutions currently active
- Identifying and prioritizing key themes for early focus – e.g. urban transport, freight transport, poverty alleviation & vulnerability reduction, etc.

Exploring future role for SSATP after EST launched

- SSATP feeds technical inputs to ongoing EST process...
 - Guidance notes
 - Best practice case studies
 - Training
- ...on topics relevant to work of EST
 - Harmonized policy objectives and indicators
 - Measurement, reporting, validation
 - Accessing finance (NAMAs, green fund, damage payments, etc.)