Breakout Group on Climate Change

Report of discussion group debates and recommendations for SSATP

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Areas of Discussion

• Need for adaptation of transportation to the impacts of climate change

• Opportunities for mitigating GHG emissions from the transportation sector through establishing sustainable low carbon transport (Avoid – Shift - Improve and co-benefits)

• Applicability of climate financing in the transport sector – current and future options

• Role of SSTAP and Goals within DP2 and beyond
Areas of Agreement

• GHG mitigation cannot be a justification for transportation projects but is a co-benefit from good efficient transportation interventions and policies.

• Adaptation to climate change impacts should be addressed by promoting good planning practices, risks assessment and cost-benefit analysis. Attention should be paid to good maintenance practices. Transportation should also be integrated with emergency response strategies and plans.

• There is a need to explore climate finance opportunities, look at the conditionalities of each fund and create platform to facilitate access to these funds.
Points of Contention

• Cross-cutting issue (Road safety, accessibility, climate change etc.): Suggestion to support “Share the road initiative” (10% of road funding should go to Non-motorised modes) – Should this be promoted by SSATP?
Recommendations (I)

- Need more information, knowledge and data to better assess vulnerability of needs and identification of adaptation measures (e.g. studies on rural roads, urban transport and railways)
- Guidance on adaptation how to integrate into maintenance, operations and design
- Capacity building on integration of adaptation into planning, project appraisals etc.
Recommendations (II)

- Identify opportunities for more efficient transport and sustainable transport system to address mitigation

  - Capacity building on low carbon transport system integrating into guidance and tools
  - Support awareness campaign (e.g. website, training, workshop)
  - Need more information, knowledge and data on how to identify opportunities for improvement of efficiency of transportation systems.
  - Attention also to freight issues – e.g. green corridors
Recommendations (III)

- Better access climate finance for adaptation and mitigation activities in transport
  - Need more information on climate finance and how to access it – guidance how to access international climate funding
  - Capacity building improve knowledge on funding and develop capability to access it
  - Opportunities for experience sharing would be helpful (e.g. platform, dialogue, workshops)