



Side Event at UNCSD-18

Globalisation and Sustainable Transport

Monday, 10 May 2010 - 13:15-14:45

**Conference Room 6
North Lawn Building
United Nations, New York**

The increased flow of knowledge, resources, goods and services among nations that has occurred as a result of globalisation has led to a major increase over the years in transport activity. This has had an impact on the environment in a number of ways: through increased economic activity in general; through shifts in the location of production activities; and through developments in the volume and type of transportation required to meet demands of global trade.

Globalisation has also confronted governments with significant policy challenges, both at the national, regional and international levels. Ensuring that transport policies and systems support sustainable development requires that governments focus on an integrated approach to policy making. This will make it possible to reap the full benefits from providing a safe, affordable and efficient transport system that improves energy efficiency, reduces pollution and adverse health effects, reduces congestion, and limits urban sprawl. Appropriate use of market measures is a key component of the policy tool box that governments can bring to bear on the issue, particularly in the context of Green Growth strategies.

This session will address several recent developments in policies for sustainable transport. It will give participants recent information on the impact globalisation has had on transport, the consequences for the environment, and some of the policy instruments that can be used to limit any negative impacts for the environment. A panel, comprised of experts noted below, will provide presentations. The session will also include time for discussion with the side event attendees.

Chair:

- Anthony Cox, Head of Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

Panel:

- Nils Axel Braathen, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, OECD, ***Globalisation, Transport and the Environment: A Review of Recent Findings***
- Evan Lloyd, Executive Director, Commission on Environmental Cooperation Secretariat, ***Sustainable Freight Transport for North America***
- César Rafael Chávez, Director General for Environmental, Urban and Tourism Promotion, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico, ***Urban Transport Policy – Mexican Experience***