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Dear colleagues,

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Thank you for participating in the first Vision and Global Tracking Framework Consortium meeting on January 11, 2017. This meeting brought together multilateral development banks (ADB, AFDB, CAF, IADB, ISDB, EIB, WB), UN agencies (UN-DESA, UNECE, UNEP, UNHABITAT, UN Climate Change Support Team, UNIDO, UN-OHRLLS, ICAO, WHO), bilaterals and governments (DFID, AFD, BMZ, European Commission, GIZ, KfW, Ministerie Infrastructuur en Milieu DG Milieu en Internationaal, ReCAP), and partnerships/associations/civil society (GPST, ITDP, ITF-OECD, SLOCAT, PPMC, WRI, FIA Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, iRAP, UITP).

This meeting set in motion an inclusive and voluntary process to develop a much-needed umbrella vision for the transport sector—around a few goals—a tracking framework, and a global program of actions. Its intent was also to build trust among participants and the broader international transport community to join forces and accelerate global action on sustainable mobility. Participants agreed on the importance of engaging soon with countries and the private sector on this effort. It was believed, though, that we would reach out to them with a stronger voice, if we act collectively.

Highlights of the discussion include:

- *Vision*. An agreement that we need a unifying vision for transport/mobility around a few clearly defined goals, as transport is not properly reflected in the SDGs. Several participants suggested to change "goal" into "objective" to avoid confusion with the sustainable development goals, and align with the Sustainable Energy for All model. We agreed that this vision should cover both people and goods.
- Overarching political goal. The overarching narrative should clarify whether it is about "equitable access (and to what?)", "sustainable mobility for all", or "sustainable transport for all".

Attributes (or goals/objectives). Participants reached consensus on three attributes—safety, green (and clean), and "for all"/equity—of the vision. There were a variety of views on "efficiency" with some making a strong case for keeping the fourth attribute ("efficiency") and others preferring to replace it with two other goals ("affordability and reliability"), and other suggesting to keep the number of attributes to three. Several participants highlighted the importance of staying simple in the formulation of this goal-centric vision. This was highlighted as a main achievement in Sustainable Energy for All, which only included three objectives (universal access, energy efficiency and renewable energy), and chose selectivity over comprehensiveness. One way to be both simple and comprehensive is to keep the overarching goal simple and be comprehensive in the attributes that sustainable mobility must possess.

- **Process**. It was agreed that a global governance model is important, because the sector is highly fragmented. Several participants highlighted the importance of building trust first, as there are too many candidates to be leaders. Although it was indicated up-front that the governance structure would not be the topic of this first Consortium Meeting, several called for a "light and practical" set-up to get the work done, while further thinking and engagement is being done with the UN on a more formal governance structure. As a result, it was agreed that:
 - Open-ended Working groups. Five working groups would be initially created—access for all (rural), access for all (urban), efficiency, safety, and green with the mandate to develop the narrative and scope of their respective goals "with an open mind", taking into account of other relevant attributes that had been brought into light in the discussion. These working groups had their first meeting (breakout session) during the January 11th workshop. During these breakout sessions, the working groups mapped out key stakeholders relevant for their goals, discussed a work plan and made some progress on refining the narrative and scope of each goal.
 - "Interim Steering Committee" would be set up to provide technical strategic guidance to the five working groups, and ensure that synergies among goals are leveraged, and duplication avoided. This interim Committee would include one representative of each working group, DFID (on behalf of bilaterals), World Bank, IDB (Chair of the MDB Working Group on Sustainable Transport), International Transport Forum, a UN representative and a private sector representative.
 - **Terms of Reference** for both the Working Groups and the Interim Steering Committee will be drafted and shared with the broader group.
 - **Broad group**. All participants will now be part of this newly created group that will continue to be used as a sounding board. They will be invited at the next Consortium meeting in May 2017.
- **2017 External Engagement.** It was agreed that the work (and the interim structure) would span over 2017, and that the Interim Steering Committee, with support from the five Working Groups, would use any opportunities offered by high-profile external

events to strategically engage/seek feedback and buy-in/develop more solid products. Important events highlighted in the meeting included the UNECE Inland Transportation Committee (February), UN Statistical Commission (March), ITF (May), High-Level Political Forum (July), UN GA (October), and COP23 (November). A full calendar of events will be developed and shared.

Next steps:

- WB with the Interim Steering Committee to draft Summary of Discussion and TORs (with calendar of external events).
- Interim Steering Committee to provide detailed guidance on timeline and outputs of the Working Groups early February.
- Conveners of Working Groups to schedule their group meetings early February and prepare first output.

Attachment:

- Terms of Reference Working Groups and Interim Steering Committee (with calendar of events)
- PPT presentations of the day, including output of the Working Groups.
- Link to website, with blog on "What can transport learn from the energy sector?"

Best,

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