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# **Programme for the World Forum's Round Table on Climate Change and Transport**

#### Note by the Secretariat <sup>1 2</sup>

The text reproduced below was prepared by the secretariat and reflects the programme for the World Forum's Round Table on Climate Change and Transport, scheduled to be held in Geneva on 24 June 2010. It is mainly based on Informal document No. WP.29-150-03 adopted after a final review by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1083, para. 74).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (nelly.enonler@unece.org) or by fax (+ 41 22 9170039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 71112). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website (http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006–2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

## **Programme for the WP.29 Round Table on Climate Change and Transport**

1. During its November 2009 session, the World Forum WP.29 held a brainstorming session regarding the organization of a Round Table on Climate Change and Transport. On the basis of Informal document No. WP.29-149-02, the World Forum agreed in principle with the proposed programme (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1079, paras. 78-80). From the Round Table, the World Forum expects to identify potential scenarios from which WP.29 could develop its future work programme on climate change mitigation and adaptation. It was agreed that the expected scenarios would subsequently be adopted by WP.29 at its November 2010 session.

At its March 2010 session, the World Forum welcomed the documentation provided 2. by the secretariat regarding a literature review (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/85) and "who the field inland does what" in of transport and climate change (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/86) as well as detailed information on UNECE activities on the reduction of emissions of gaseous pollutants and greenhouse gases in the transport sector (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/84).3

3. The World Forum considered WP.29-150-03 and adopted the preliminary programme of the Round Table with the eventual inclusion of an additional speaker representing the environmental community.

4. The Round Table, scheduled to take place in Geneva on 24 June 2010 (starting at 2.30 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m.), was recommended to consist of three sessions:

- (a) Introductory session: opening of the Round Table, underlining the link between economic growth and transport – the need for an integrated approach – providing an overview of the relevant work of the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies, in particular the World Forum;
- (b) Main session: consideration of the potential of measures for climate change mitigation and adaptation in transport in relation with requirements of the energy sector, as well as the implications for paradigm changes in environment, land-use, housing policies and innovative vehicle technologies;
- (c) Conclusion session: summary of the debate identifying potential scenarios and recommendations for effective measures, linked not only to vehicle technologies, but to broader transport policy considerations as well as recommendations for the follow-up of the Round Table.

5. The programme for the Round Table, including speakers, is presented in the table below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Documents are available at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/gen2010.html or at: http://www.unece.org/trans/events/ClimateChange\_Transport.html

	WP.29 Round Table on "Climate Change and Transport" (Palais des Nations in Geneva, 24 June 2010) (Chairman: B. Gauvin)	
Time schedule <sup>4</sup>		Speaker
<b>Opening session</b> (2.30 p.m.)	Official welcome	Ján Kubiš (UNECE)
Main session Part I: (2.40 p.m.)	Climate change and the environmental impact through transport	
	<ul> <li>Achieving a low carbon energy future: the role of transport</li> <li>Scenarios for future CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the transport sector and their link to energy policies: The car in the broader context</li> <li>Challenges and opportunities in transport for GHG emission savings?</li> <li>How to finance climate change mitigation and adaptation?</li> </ul>	Peter Taylor (IEA) Lee Schipper (Stanford University) Robert Thaler (Austria) Andreas Kopp (WB)
(3.20 p.m.) (3.50 p.m.)	Discussion Coffee break	
<b>Part II:</b> (4.20 p.m.)	Road vehicles and climate change mitigation	
	<ul> <li>Our global road transport priority: reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through an integrated approach</li> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the officiency of furiely road transport</li> </ul>	Dave McCurdy (OICA)
	<ul> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the efficiency of freight road transport</li> <li>What are the current and future constraints for the development of environmentally friendly vehicles?</li> </ul>	Ivan Hodac (OICA/ACEA) Lars Holmqvist (CLEPA)
	<ul> <li>What are the vehicle users' perspectives?</li> <li>The role of vehicle technology in achieving transport's climate objectives</li> </ul>	Susan Prikallidas (FIA) Jos Dings (T&E)
	<ul> <li>What is the status of the sustainability criteria for biofuels and what is their potential of CO<sub>2</sub> savings?</li> </ul>	Barbara Bramble (RSB)
	- What are the current and future activities of WP.29 to reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions by road vehicles?	Dirk Inger (Germany)
(5.20 p.m.)	Discussion	
Conclusion (5.50 p.m.)	<ul> <li>What are the possible scenarios and the most effective measures to reduce transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?</li> <li>What are the recommendations and follow-up actions of the Round Table?</li> </ul>	Eva Molnar (UNECE)

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<sup>4</sup> Time schedule as an indication only.