

EST Country Breakout Session

Group 2: Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, PR
China, Thailand

Country Breakout Group 2 Summary

- The countries represented in the session included Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan and Thailand.
- The countries presented several of their plans and strategies that covered land-use development strategies, city transport master plans and environmentally sustainable transport strategies
- Many countries are also working on looking at the impact of air pollution in cities
- The policies and measures these countries implemented can be categorized within the
 - Avoid,
 - Shift,
 - Improve

Avoid

- Most of the countries have mentioned the development of urban transport master plans for their cities
- Thailand highlighted their NMT master plan under their EST Strategy. The country has currently implemented 185km of bikelanes and a bicycle sharing scheme.
- Bangladesh mentioned their plans and activities for car free zones.

Shift

- Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, mentioned prioritizing the improvement of public transport and encouraging shift to Non-motorised modes of transport and BRT.

Improve

- Policies on cleaner fuels and vehicles are in place in most countries, but the implementation remains a challenge due to the current fuel subsidies in place, particularly in Malaysia.
- The use of alternative fuels like CNG was also highlighted in Pakistan.
- Nepal has adopted an eco-friendly vehicles and transport policy which aims to promote electrical or renewable energy based vehicles by 20% stock by 2020; and scrap vehicles more than 20 years old.

Challenges faced by the Governments

- Difficulty in implementing cleaner fuels and vehicle policies because of subsidies in fuel currently in place and getting political commitment
- Coordination, capacity building, land scarcity and acquisition
- Difficulty in achieving urban planning and compact city development
- Insufficient energy sources including CNG

Panel Expert's comments

- Issues on 2-3 wheelers and how these figures in the plans and projects of the countries
- Issue of formal and informal public transport was not looked at
- Looking at integration of rail, bus, and NMT facilities

Thank You!