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**Intergovernmental Tenth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia**

**2030 Road Map for Sustainable Transport ~Aligning with Sustainable Transport Development Goals (SDGs)~**

## **Country Report**

**(Draft)**

**Bhutan**

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## Country EST Report (covering from Nepal EST Forum 2015 to Lao EST Forum 2017)

- a) Name of the Country: BHUTAN
- b) Name, Designation and Line Ministry/Agency Respondent: MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS
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- d) Reporting period: 2015-2017

With the objective of demonstrating the renewed interest and commitment of Asian countries towards realizing a promising decade (2010-2020) of sustainable actions and measures for achieving safe, secure, affordable, efficient, and people and environment-friendly transport in rapidly urbanizing Asia, the participating countries of the Fifth Regional EST Forum in Asia discussed and agreed on a goodwill and voluntary declaration - “**Bangkok Declaration for 2020 – Sustainable Transport Goals for 2010-2020.**” At the Seventh Regional EST Forum held in Bali in 2013, the participating countries adopted the “**Bali Declaration on Vision Three Zeros- Zero Congestion, Zero Pollution and Zero Accidents towards Next Generation Transport Systems in Asia**” reinforcing the implementation of Bangkok 2020 Declaration (2010-2020) with emphasis to zero tolerance towards congestion, pollution and road accidents in the transport policy, planning and development. Bali Vision Three Zeros calls for a paradigm shift in thinking on the role of motorization and mobility in realizing sustainable development in Asia. Subsequently, EST member countries adopted the “**Colombo Declaration**” for the promotion of next generation low-carbon transport solutions in Asia.

*Each member country of the Forum is kindly requested to prepare a consolidated country report (by **15 January 2017**) reflecting how EST trends and developments have taken place in the country from Nepal EST Forum 2015 to Lao PDR EST Forum 2017 around the Goals of the Bangkok 2020 Declaration as an interim assessment following the below format. You are most welcome to add extra pages or sections to share any major on-going initiatives or future plans, including mega transport projects, transport master plans, special transport corridor development, expansion of railways and rail route developments, etc.*

The objective of the Country Reporting is to share among international community the voluntary progress/achievements/initiatives include various challenges faced by countries in implementing each of the underlined goals of the Bangkok 2020 Declaration to realize the Bali Vision Three Zeros

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- Zero Congestion, Zero Pollution, and Zero Accidents towards Next Generation Transport Systems in Asia. This would help development agencies, donors, development banks in assessing the sustainable transport needs and challenges to better devise their existing as well as future capacity building programs and operations in sustainable transport areas.

Timeline for submission by **15 January 2017.**

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<b>I. Strategies to <u>Avoid</u> unnecessary travel and reduce trip distances</b>				
“Avoid” Strategy	1	Formally integrate <b>land-use and transport planning</b> processes and related institutional arrangements at the local, regional, and national levels	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Inability to comply with the Structure Plans and Local Area Plans owing to funding constraints.</i></li> </ul>
			Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <i>Thimphu Structural Plan has identified transport corridors and bus Terminals compatible to the land-use.</i> <i>Similarly, the Local Area Plans have provisions for transport infrastructure such as bus terminals, footpaths, taxi parking and truck parking facilities.</i>	

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		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)		
		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?		
"Avoid" Strategy	2	Achieve <b>mixed-use development</b> and medium-to-high densities along key corridors within cities through appropriate land - use policies and provide people - oriented local access, and actively promote transit-oriented development (TOD) when introducing new public transport infrastructure	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
			Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. • <b><i>Based on the Thimphu Structural Plan 2002-2027, the land use along Express Way have mixed-use type development.</i></b>	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	

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"Avoid" Strategy	3 Institute policies, programmes, and projects supporting <b>Information and Communications Technologies</b> (ICT), such as internet access, teleconferencing, and telecommuting, as a means to reduce unneeded travel	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Low ICT usage due to high cost of Internet connectivity and high cost of establishing teleconferencing facility.</i></li> </ul>

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		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Teleconferencing facilities are established at a number of local government offices.</i></li> <li>• <i>Better access to cellular mobile phone and Internet (about 87% and 61% penetration rate respectively as of Dec 2015) have helped in reducing the need to travel.</i></li> <li>• <i>A number of G2C services have been launched for people at the grass-root level to available government services. The services are made available from the Community Centers established in each of the 201 out of 205 Administrative Blocks. Also available from the Community Centers are the off-line IT services such as photocopying, facsimile service, scanning of documents etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Launching of mobile apps have similarly helped in availing online services without visiting government offices.</i></li> <li>• <i>The list of G2C services currently available can be accessed at <a href="http://www.citizenservices.gov.bt">www.citizenservices.gov.bt</a>.</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The above initiatives will be further expanded further to include more services.</i></li> </ul>
		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Very high importance as it is also one of the key result areas in all government agencies.</i></li> <li>• <i>This initiative has also helped the rural population in connecting people within the country as well as outside.</i></li> </ul>

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<b>II. Strategies to <u>Shift</u> towards more sustainable modes</b>				
“Shift” Strategy	4	Require <b>Non-Motorized Transport</b> (NMT) components in transport master plans in all major cities and prioritize transport infrastructure investments to NMT, including wide-scale improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, development of facilities for intermodal connectivity, and adoption of complete street design standards, wherever feasible	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	<i>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Funding is a major constraint to develop these urban infrastructure. As a result, while some basic plans exists, the facilities are generally absent in most urban settlements.</i></li> <li><i>Difficult geographical terrain make the use of bicycles impractical and difficult.</i></li> </ul>
	Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>No such thing as the Transport Master Plans for Thimphu but some activities targeted at differently-abled people, infrastructures at parks, cycle tracks along few designated primary roads and mountain trails have been implemented</i></li> <li><i>More user-friendly pedestrian crossings have been placed with strict monitoring on the movement of pedestrians and motorists, resulting in reduced hit and run cases.</i></li> </ul>			
	Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Continue the above efforts</i></li> </ul>			

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		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To a significant extent. In support of this initiative, June 5 every year (coinciding with Environment Day) is declared as pedestrian day by restricting the movement of vehicles in core city centers.</i></li> </ul>	
"Shift" Strategy	5 Improve <b>public transport</b> services including high quality and affordable services on dedicated infrastructure along major arterial corridors in the city and connect with feeder services into residential communities	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p><i>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Lack of public awareness on the benefit of using public transport</i></li> <li><i>Inadequate number of buses and frequency of services especially during peak hours,</i></li> <li><i>Low capacity of manage the bus fleet</i></li> <li><i>Funding constraint</i></li> </ul>



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		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Identified sites for bus stops and inter-city bus terminals</i></li> <li>• <i>Comprehensive study undertaken to launch mass transit option with the study recommending BRT system and a proposal submitted for GCF assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Eighteen new buses have been procured through government funding to enhance urban transport in Thimphu in December 2016 and introduction of e-ticketing system</i></li> <li>• <i>Feasibility study for Intelligent Transport System have been undertaken in the capital city of Thimphu.</i></li> <li>• <i>Three private bus operators engaged in urban transport in Thimphu in addition to the State Owned Enterprise.</i></li> <li>• <i>Pre-feasibility study undertaken for Light Transit Option through assistance of UNDESA/UNCRD</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prepare a detailed project report for Light Rail Transit system for Thimphu and extending to serve the airport commuters in Paro subject to availability of fund</i></li> <li>• <i>Implement BRT system including ITS for Thimphu under GCF assistance subject to GCF approving the proposal</i></li> <li>• <i>Works towards improving efficiency of urban transport services through various softer intervention to achieve higher ridership.</i></li> </ul>

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		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extremely important to address environment issues and urban congestion in Thimphu.</li> </ul>	
"Shift" Strategy	<p>6 Reduce the urban transport mode share of private motorized vehicles through <b>Transportation Demand Management</b> (TDM) measures, including pricing measures that integrate congestion, safety, and pollution costs, aimed at gradually reducing price distortions that directly or indirectly encourage driving, motorization, and sprawl</p>	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High usage of personal vehicles due to inadequate and unreliable public transport.</li> <li>Congestion charges not yet implemented except parking fees in a few larger urban centers.</li> </ul>
		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feasibility to remove on-street parking from Central Business District area (Norzin Lam)</li> <li>Improve pedestrian accessibility in major streets</li> <li>Revision of tax on vehicle imports</li> <li>Enhancement of public transport, although still far from adequate</li> </ul>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study feasibility of introducing congestion charges in busier roads</li> <li>Review taxation on vehicle import</li> </ul>	

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"Shift" Strategy	7 Achieve significant shifts to more sustainable modes of <b>inter-city passenger and goods transport</b> , including priority for high-quality long distance bus, inland water transport, high-speed rail over car and air passenger travel, and priority for train and barge freight over truck and air freight by building supporting infrastructure such as dry inland ports	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>High speed railway or train option is feasible but very expensive. Similarly, inland water transport is not generally seen as feasible due to rapidly flowing rivers.</i></li> <li><i>Small and fragmented trucking industry.</i></li> </ul>
		Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Long distance high quality buses operate between cities and the private sector is welcome to continue efforts at improving the services.</i></li> <li><i>Pre-feasibility study undertaken for Light Transit Option through assistance of UNDESA/UNCRD</i></li> <li><i>Design and tendering of Dry Port</i></li> </ul>	

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		<p><i>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement the construction of Dry Port at the largest bordering town of Phuntsholing</i></li> <li>• <i>Prepare a detailed project report for Light Rail Transit system for Thimphu and extending to serve the airport commuters in Paro subject to availability of fund.</i></li> </ul> <p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To some extent.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>III. Strategies to <u>Improve</u> transport practices and technologies</b>			
"Improve" Strategy	8 Diversify towards more sustainable <b>transport fuels and technologies</b> , including greater market penetration of options such as vehicles operating on electricity generated from renewable sources, hybrid technology, and natural gas	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Low uptake of electric vehicles due to high upfront cost and non-availability of charging stations.</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Exemption of tax on import of electric vehicles and other options are being explored.</i></li> </ul>	

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		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible piloting of electric buses</li> <li>• Possible replacement of government vehicles and taxis by electric vehicles in a phased manner, subject to funding availability.</li> <li>• Setting up fast charging stations in a phased manner, subject to fund availability.</li> </ul>		
		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To some extent since dependence or reducing fossil usage cannot be eliminated altogether. Natural is not a good possibility since it has to be sourced from other countries and that the cost of laying infrastructure would be huge.</li> </ul>		
"Improve" Strategy	9	Set progressive, appropriate, and affordable <b>standards</b> for fuel quality, fuel efficiency, and tailpipe emissions for all vehicle types, including new and in-use vehicles	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major challenge since the standards for fuel quality and efficiency are enforced regularly at the distribution outlets.</li> </ul>
			<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emission standards are reviewed and up-graded periodically, and enforced.</li> </ul>	

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		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Not much new intervention foreseen except for possible revision of emission standard.</i></li> </ul>		
		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Important from reducing environmental pollution from fuel usage.</i></li> </ul>		
"Improve" Strategy	10	<p>Establish effective vehicle testing and compliance regimes, including formal vehicle registration systems and appropriate periodic vehicle <b>inspection and maintenance</b> (I/M) requirements, with particular emphasis on commercial vehicles, to enforce progressive emission and safety standards, resulting in older polluting commercial vehicles being gradually phased-out from the vehicle fleet, as well as testing and compliance regimes for vessels</p>	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Absence of automated testing system is the biggest challenge as manual testing for roadworthiness is flawed with numerous shortcomings.</i></li> <li>• <i>Phasing out older vehicles is difficult</i></li> </ul>
			<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Commercial vehicles such as passenger buses, taxis and trucks must undergo roadworthiness test every six months while that of non-commercial once every year.</i></li> <li>• <i>The on-going Transport Policy is expected to address the issue of phasing out older vehicles, mainly commercial vehicles.</i></li> </ul>	

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		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Establishment of automated testing centers depending on fund availability.</i></li> </ul>	
		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Very important from environment as well as road safety point of view.</i></li> </ul>	
"Improve" Strategy	11 Adopt <b>Intelligent Transportation Systems</b> (ITS), such as electronic fare and road user charging systems, transport control centres, and real-time user information, when applicable	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lack of expertise and fund</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Feasibility study for Intelligent Transport System have been undertaken in the capital city of Thimphu.</i></li> </ul>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement ITS in Thimphu in a phased manner in the capital city, subject to fund availability.</i></li> </ul>	

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"Improve" Strategy	12 Achieve improved <b>freight transport</b> efficiency, including road, rail, air, and water, through policies, programmes, and projects that modernize the freight vehicle technology, implement fleet control and management systems, and support better logistics and supply chain management	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not yet</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: • <i>Small, fragmented and disorganized freight transport</i>
		Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. • <i>Not much intervention to modernize freight transport</i>	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) • <i>No plans as of now</i>	
		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? • <i>No sure</i>	
<b>IV. <u>Cross-cutting</u> strategies</b>			



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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	13 Adopt a zero-fatality policy with respect to road, rail, and waterway <b>safety</b> and implement appropriate speed control, traffic calming strategies, strict driver licensing, motor vehicle registration, insurance requirements, and better post-accident care oriented to significant reductions in accidents and injuries	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Inadequate enforcement equipment for road safety such as speed guns, breathalysers, mobility etc. often hinder enforcement.</i></li> <li>• <i>Manual driving testing system often leads to arbitrary decisions</i></li> <li>• <i>Road safety is a multi-agency effort and lack of coordination hinders the success to some extent.</i></li> </ul>
		<i>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Maximum speed limit prescribed in the law</i></li> <li>• <i>Minimum of third party insurance is mandatory for non-commercial vehicles and comprehensive insurance for passenger buses and taxis</i></li> <li>• <i>Enforcement of zero tolerance for traffic violation ever Friday throughout the country</i></li> </ul>	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Continue the above initiatives including providing appropriate equipment to the enforcement agency</i></li> <li>• <i>Automate driving licensing and testing depending on fund availability</i></li> <li>• <i>Road safety auditing part of all new road construction at the design stage.</i></li> </ul>	

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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing road safety is a high priority.</li> </ul>	
"Cross-Cutting" Strategy	14 Promote monitoring of the <b>health</b> impacts from transport emissions and noise, especially with regard to incidences of asthma, other pulmonary diseases, and heart disease in major cities, assess the economic impacts of air pollution and noise, and devise mitigation strategies, especially aiding sensitive populations near high traffic concentrations	Any action had been taken so far? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absence of expertise.</li> </ul>
		Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very important but absence of empirical data has it difficult to recommend or implement specific measures.</li> </ul>	

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“Cross-Cutting”	15	<p>Establish country-specific, progressive, health-based, cost-effective, and enforceable <b>air quality and noise</b> standards, also taking into account the WHO guidelines, and mandate monitoring and reporting in order to reduce the occurrence of days in which pollutant levels of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, carbon monoxide, and ground-level ozone exceed the national standards or zones where noise levels exceed the national standards, especially with regard to environments near high traffic concentrations</p>	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>High investment cost required to establish automated air quality monitoring station that has capability to monitor all the pollutants</i></li> <li>• <i>Limited technical experts to repair AQM equipment.</i></li> </ul>
			<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ambient air quality and noise standard established in 2010 (<a href="http://www.nec.gov.bt/nec1/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Environmental-Standards-2010.pdf">http://www.nec.gov.bt/nec1/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Environmental-Standards-2010.pdf</a>). This standard will be reviewed by the end of 2018</i></li> <li>• <i>Vehicular emission standards in place. This standards will be reviewed by the end of 2018</i></li> <li>• <i>Ambient air quality monitoring station established in strategic location in the country (Pasakha, Thimphu, Bajo, Kanglung). Additional air quality monitoring stations are currently being established in Gedu, Dewathang and Chelela.</i></li> </ul>	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prepare a road map for reducing vehicle emission in the country</i></li> <li>• <i>Review and revised the existing vehicle emission standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Improve vehicle emission testing system</i></li> <li>• <i>Strengthen capacity of the responsible agencies to enhance enforcement of vehicle emission standards</i></li> </ul>	

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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?	
“Cross-Cutting”	16 Implement sustainable low-carbon transport initiatives to mitigate the causes of <b>global climate change</b> and to fortify national <b>energy security</b> , and to report the inventory of all greenhouse gases emitted from the	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lack of coordination among relevant agencies</i></li> <li>• <i>Lack of funding support for implementing priority initiatives</i></li> </ul>

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	transport sector in the National Communication to the UNFCCC	<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The second national communication to the UNFCCC has highlighted transport sector emission accounts for 45% of the energy related emission</i></li> <li>• <i>As per Bhutan’s Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the UNFCCC, emission from energy sector has increased by 191.6% from 2000-2013</i></li> <li>• <i>Under the electric vehicle initiative, Royal Government of Bhutan has provided fiscal incentives until December XXXX and free charging stations to promote uptake of EV in the country</i></li> <li>• <i>Developed a Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) proposal for enhancing urban transport system in Bhutan. The NAMA focuses on promoting clean urban transport system by enhancing city bus services in Thimphu and piloting electric buses. One activity is to pilot electric shuttle buses between Paro international airport and Thimphu city</i></li> <li>• <i>Introduction of intelligent transport system measures in the city bus services</i></li> <li>• <i>Low emission strategy for transport sector has been developed</i></li> <li>• <i>National Transport Policy is being revised to incorporate climate change and sustainability issues</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement some of the important and urgent recommendations made in the revised Transport Policy.</i></li> </ul>

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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?	
"Cross-Cutting" Strategy	17 Adopt <b>social equity</b> as a planning and design criteria in the development and implementation of transport initiatives, leading to improved quality, safety and security for all and especially for women, universal accessibility of streets and public transport systems for persons with disabilities and elderly, affordability of transport systems for low-income groups, and up-gradation, modernization and integration of intermediate public transport	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Some progress (design – piloting)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In most cases, people in low-income groups and those living in remote areas pay higher fare for low quality passenger service..</i></li> </ul>
		Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Bus operators are granted interest subsidy on loan for procurement of buses. The passenger transport operators are also exempt from payment of import duties.</i></li> <li><i>A limited number of seats are reserved in public transport buses operating in urban areas for people with special needs</i></li> <li><i>Similarly, students are allowed discount for using transport services. However, not many seem to avail this facility.</i></li> </ul>	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	

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		<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Extremely important but difficult for implement despite some support from the government as explained above.</i></li> </ul>	
“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	<p>18 Encourage innovative <b>financing</b> mechanisms for sustainable transport infrastructure and operations through measures, such as parking levies, fuel pricing, time-of-day automated road user charging, and public-private partnerships such as land value capture, including consideration of carbon markets, wherever feasible</p>	<p>Any action had been taken so far?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not yet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed</p> <p>(Please Check the box)</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>It is generally the traditional budget-based government and donor financing</i></li> <li><i>PPP model appears not feasible for investment in infrastructure and toll system due to economy of scale and low return on private investment.</i></li> </ul>
		<p>Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Inter-District passenger transport services are fully privatized</i></li> <li><i>Few larger towns have introduced parking fees system</i></li> <li><i>Tax is levied on fuel sale.</i></li> </ul>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	

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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to reduce dependency on development partners.</li> </ul>		
“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	19	Encourage widespread distribution of <b>information and awareness</b> on sustainable transport to all levels of government and to the public through outreach, promotional campaigns, timely reporting of monitored indicators, and participatory processes	Any action had been taken so far? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Transport responsibility is spread over many agencies in the government and coordination is a challenge.</i></li> </ul>
			Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The on-going National Transport Policy is an effort to integrate and address all transportation sub-sector by making it inclusive and sustainable.</i></li> </ul>	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement some of the relevant recommendations of the National Transport Policy.</i></li> </ul>	



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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Important to some extent to avoid duplication of work and build better synergy in planning, execution and enforcement.</i></li> </ul>	
"Cross-Cutting" Strategy	20 Develop dedicated and funded <b>institutions</b> that address sustainable transport-land use policies and implementation, including research and development on environmentally-sustainable transport, and promote good <b>governance</b> through implementation of environmental impact assessments for major transport projects	Any action had been taken so far? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Transport responsibilities spread over many agencies in the government</i></li> </ul>
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		What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Not sure</i></li> </ul>	

Major policy initiatives/projects/action plan to improve rural access:

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		Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programmes developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions to improve rural access. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>As a policy, efforts are being made to connect all major settlements by road network.</i></li> <li>• <i>All motorable road with minimum safety standards are provided public transport services, with private sector intervention.</i></li> </ul>	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The construction of a number of access roads are on-going and the same will continue until all the major rural settlements are connected by roads.</i></li> </ul>	
		Importance of improving rural access in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Extremely important</i> due to it linkage with number of SDGs.</li> </ul>	