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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)

<Sri Lanka>

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

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Ministry of Transport and Civil aviation</p> <p>c) List other Line Ministries/Agencies contributing to preparation of the Country Report: Ministry of Transport and Civil aviation
Ministry of Western region and Megapolis Development</p> <p>d) Reporting period: 2015-2017</p> |
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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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I. Strategies to <u>Avoid</u> unnecessary travel and reduce trip distances				
“Avoid” Strategy	1	Formally integrate land-use and transport planning 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 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"> • Delay in land acquisition • Legislative issues • Insufficient funds
	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"> • Sri Lanka: Megapolis Development Plan – 2016 2035 www.megapolis.gov.lk • Sri Lanka: Urban Transport Master Plan – 2012 – 2014 www.transport.gov.lk 	
	Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transport improvement projects • Road infrastructure development project 	

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“Avoid” Strategy	2 Achieve mixed-use development 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 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"> • Limitation of Funds • Less capacity of fund raising through private sector participation • Technical Assistance
		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. Sri Lanka : Western region Megapolis transport plan. Housing development plans of National Housing Development Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 LRT corridors were identified • Multi modal transport hubs locations has been identified 	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of feasibility studies for the above projects 	

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"Avoid" Strategy	3	Institute policies, programmes, and projects supporting Information and Communications Technologies (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 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"> • Capacity development of the personnel • Infrastructure development
			Please add few specific examples of initiatives, pilot projects, major policies or programs developed or under development (or) any major investment decisions. Please attach reports or include websites where relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangement for online application for obtaining driving licenses. • Information delivery through the websites of the institutions under purview 	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of prepaid card system for fare collection of the Public Transport services 	

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II. Strategies to <u>Shift</u> towards more sustainable modes				
“Shift” Strategy	4	Require Non-Motorized Transport (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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input 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:
			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. Following projects have been identified by the Transport Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the facilities for the pedestrians • Provide separate lanes for the cyclists 	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility studies for identified projects 	

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"Shift" Strategy	5	Improve public transport 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	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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:
			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. Planned projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of bus routes in Colombo metropolitan area • Introduction of shuttle feeder bus routes • Redesign the public transport system on expressways • Colombo suburban railway project is ongoing 	

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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"> • Completion of Feasibility studies for railway electrification project • Improvement of urban railway line <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>	
"Shift" Strategy	<p>6 Reduce the urban transport mode share of private motorized vehicles through Transportation Demand Management (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 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>
		<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> <p>Initiatives taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking management through metering • Introduction of carbon tax is being considered. 	

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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"> • Implementation of Bus priority lane as a pilot basis 	
		<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>	
"Shift" Strategy	7	<p>Achieve significant shifts to more sustainable modes of inter-city passenger and goods transport, 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</p>	<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 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"> • Financial resources
		<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> <p>Initiative taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway strategic plan was prepared for next 5 years from 2015, • Domestic air port development • Freight transportation between the ports and major cities by railways 	

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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"> • Introduction of inland water transportation • Introduction of IT based bus management system • Procurement of new passenger coaches for intercity railway operation • Procurement of DMUs with AC compartments for passenger railways • Procurement of 500 rails for improving railway tracks. 	
		<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>	
III. Strategies to <u>Improve</u> transport practices and technologies			
"Improve" Strategy	8	Diversify towards more sustainable transport fuels and technologies , including greater market penetration of options such as vehicles operating on electricity generated from renewable sources, hybrid	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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"> • Financial resources

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	technology, and natural gas	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"> • Railway Electrification and modernization • Preparation of Clean Air Action Plan in line with INDC • Transport policies were formulated through SCP • Tax reduction of electrified cars 		
		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?		
"Improve" Strategy	9	Set progressive, appropriate, and affordable standards for fuel quality, fuel efficiency, and tailpipe emissions for all vehicle types, including new and in-use vehicles	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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"> • Technical Assistance • High technology

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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"> • Vehicle emission testing program is ongoing • Limitation of importation of used vehicles in overseas countries • INDCs in the Transport Sector were prepared were prepared.
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workout on detailed plan preparation • Introduction of 95 octane petrol • Reduction of unproductive vehicle by 25% by 2025.
		<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>

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“Improve” Strategy	10 Establish effective vehicle testing and compliance regimes, including formal vehicle registration systems and appropriate periodic vehicle inspection and maintenance (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	Any action had been taken so far?	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
		<input 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)	
		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.	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle emission testing program is in operation. • Initiatives for the establishment of effective vehicle fleet. 	
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“Improve” Strategy	11	Adopt Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), such as electronic fare and road user charging systems, transport control centres, and real-time user information, when applicable	Any action had been taken so far?	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
			<input 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited financial resources.
			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.	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	
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“Improve” Strategy	12 Achieve improved freight transport 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"/> 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"> Limited financial resources for railway infrastructure development projects.
		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"> Feasibility study is ongoing for establishment of dry port Procurement process was started for purchasing container carriers Preliminary work started for constructing a new railway lines. 	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	
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IV. <u>Cross-cutting</u> strategies			

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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	13	Adopt a zero-fatality policy with respect to road, rail, and waterway safety 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?	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress (design – piloting) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Largely in Place</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional and personnel capacity development
			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"> • National council for Road safety is in operation. • Road safety action plan was updated to 2016 – 2020 • Speed control is in operation • Lane discipline in urban areas is in operation • Introduction of demerit system to discourage driver’s misbehaviors • Road safety awareness programs are being implemented in different level. 	
Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widen the NCRS activities by formation of National Road Safety Commission. 	
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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	14	Promote monitoring of the health 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 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"> • Lack of technical expertise • Funding sources • Creation of public awareness
			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.	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking the technical assistance 	
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“Cross-Cutting”	<p>15 Establish country-specific, progressive, health-based, cost-effective, and enforceable air quality and noise 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"/> 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>
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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	16	Implement sustainable low-carbon transport initiatives to mitigate the causes of global climate change and to fortify national energy security , and to report the inventory of all greenhouse gases emitted from the transport sector in the National Communication to the UNFCCC	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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"> • Funding sources • Capacity development
			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"> • National Action Plan for Harita (Green) Lanka Program • Colombo Low Carbon urban transport study was completed • INDC action plan was prepared with the coordination of Environment Ministry • National climate change policy was formulated. • Climate change secretariat was established under Ministry of environment. • SL Sustainable Energy Authority is functioning manly to promote the use of sustainable and renewable energy sources. • SL carbon Fund Ltd is in operation as a state-owned private company to facilitate clean development mechanism in Sri Lanka. • NAMA were prepared under the direction of UNFCC 	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the transport policy with more concerning of sustainable transport. 	

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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	17 Adopt social equity 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 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:
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		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction Park and ride system • Establishment of Multi Modal center in selected urban centers. • Rehabilitation of a urban railway line. 	

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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	18	Encourage innovative financing 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	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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"> Mobilization of private sector financing Capacity development.
			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"> Policy decision has been taken to encourage PPP projects in transport sector. 	
			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?	

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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	19 Encourage widespread distribution of information and awareness 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 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"> • Capacity development
		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"> • IT base information delivery mechanism has been initiated 	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of IT based information delivery 	
		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?	

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20	Develop dedicated and funded institutions that address sustainable transport-land use policies and implementation, including research and development on environmentally-sustainable transport, and promote good governance through implementation of environmental impact assessments for major transport projects	Any action had been taken so far? <input 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"> • Capacity development • Financial resources for R& D
		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"> • Steps taken for conducting EIA for projects where applicable 	
		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?	

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

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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	Take policy initiatives to improve rural access leading, leading to improved quality, safety and security for all and especially for women, disadvantaged groups persons with disabilities and elderly, low-income groups, access to farms, agriculture centers, education and health	List some of actions taken to improve rural access in your country so far? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural road development • Early morning and late night special bus service. 	Barriers/Challenges faced in improving rural connectivity:
		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"> • Special PT bus services named as “Gemiseriya” for rural areas are in operation • Special Bus service named as “ Sisuseriya” is in operation 	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	
		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?	