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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)

<Azerbaijan>

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

- a) Name of the Country: Azerbaijan

- b) Name, Designation and Line Ministry/Agency Respondent: Ministry of Transport

- c) List other Line Ministries/Agencies contributing to preparation of the Country Report: Ministry of Transport

- 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 - Zero Congestion, Zero Pollution, and Zero Accidents towards Next Generation Transport Systems in Asia. This would help development agencies,

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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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Goal No.	Goal Description	Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Major Initiatives, including any transport master plans, development of special transport corridors, in Implementing the Bangkok 2020 Declaration from Nepal EST Forum 2015 to Lao EST Forum 2017.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: Coordination between institution. In general in all level
	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"> • State Programs on Socio-Economic Development of Regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2004-2008, 2009-2013, 2014-2018 	
	Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Programs on Socio-Economic Development of Regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2014-2018 	

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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> <p style="text-align: center;">The EST Goal is very important in Azerbaijan as guidance in EST planning to achieve SDG up to 2030 by improving road conditions for international, regional and local transportation.</p>	
"Avoid" Strategy	<p>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,</p> <p>and actively promote transit-oriented development (TOD) when introducing new public transport infrastructure</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 checked="" 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>State Program on Socio-Economic Development of Baku city and its settlements in 2011-2013 and 2014-2016 years</p>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p>	

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: Capacity development of the personnel
			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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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? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" 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: Traditional custom behavior Needs much more social 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. Launched the provision of the NMT facilities in major cities.		

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		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <hr/> <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> <p>It is going to be prioritized soon.</p>	
"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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: Being always crowded. Week public transportation system in the regions For most bus services you pay cash as you get off. However, the sleek new buses only accept prepaid journey cards.

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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"> • Since September 2015, new high quality buses of modern standards and environmentally friendly buses have been purchased and put under operation in Baku city, as well as the provision of the prepaid journey cards have been started. Related works are underway. • Program, aimed to replace the old taxis with new London Taxi TX4 cars to ensure passenger transportation in line with the highest standards. London Taxi TX4 equipped with modern technologies, which will simplify the taxi call system and include taxi calls via the Internet or via mobile applications as well as some new services.
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <p>State Programs on Socio-Economic Development of Regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2014-2018</p>
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“Shift” Strategy	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	Any action had been taken so far?	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" 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)	
		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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“Shift” Strategy	<p>7 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 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> <p>Financial resources for high speed rail</p> <p>Inappropriate transportation infrastructures for high speed rail</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>Current ongoing works on reconstruction of the Baku – Georgian border railway line.</p>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <p>Baku-Sumgayit direct rail connection</p> <p>Baku-Ganja high-speed rail</p>	

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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 technology, and natural gas	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" 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: Lack of social 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. Azerbaijan started the implementation of installing numerous Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Baku and all over the rest of the country.		

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		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <p>Azerbaijan is seriously considering the possibility of using electric cars in the country to their full potential in the near future.</p>	
		<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>	
“Improve” Strategy	9	<p>Set progressive, appropriate, and affordable standards for fuel quality, fuel efficiency, and tailpipe emissions for all vehicle types, including new and in-use vehicles</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 checked="" 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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		<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>Azerbaijani State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents jointly with the Institute of Petrochemical Processes developed environmental standards of Euro-5 and above</p>
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <p>Further application Euro-5 standard to vehicles and their spare parts in Azerbaijan, as well as to the fuel produced in the country.</p> <p>Cars imported to Azerbaijan will be checked for engines matching the Euro 5 standard. Only cars with engines matching this standard will be imported into the country</p>
		<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? <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: Periodic testing of motor vehicles carried out by relevant state body. But there are still many motor vehicles especially in rural place that doesn't meet the standards
		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. It was decided not to allow cars operate without inspection and maintenance logos	
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)	
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Largely in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Completed (Please Check the box)	Inappropriate transport facilities
			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. Center for Intelligent Transport Management system of Transport operations in Baku city has been established in 2011.	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018) Expansion within Absheron region and as the next stage to other regions of the country.	
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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?	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:
		<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)	
		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"> • Construction of relevant contemporary logistics center within the Baku International Sea Trade Port project. • Establishment logistics center on major border-cross points 	

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IV. <u>Cross-cutting</u> strategies			
“Cross-Cutting”	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	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: Lack of public awareness on the importance of road safety. Institutional and personnel capacity development

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“Cross-Cutting”	<p>requirements, and better post-accident care oriented to significant reductions in accidents and injuries</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>Dedicated trainings, workshops and seminars have been organized for the staff of the Ministry of Transport and other related government bodies.</p>	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p>	
		<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> <p>The EST Goal is important in Azerbaijan as guidance in EST planning to achieve SDG up to 2030 on significant reductions in accidents and injuries.</p>	
14	<p>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</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> <p>Creation of public awareness</p> <p>Lack of monitoring equipments particularly in remote areas</p>

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“Cross-Cutting”	impacts of air pollution and noise, and devise mitigation strategies, especially aiding sensitive populations near high traffic concentrations	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) Seeking the technical assistance	
		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?	
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	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:

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	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>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> <hr/> <p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)</p> <p>Seeking the technical assistance</p> <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>	
“Cross-Cutting”	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	<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> <p>Low awareness of people about global climate change and climate change scenario</p>

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	transport sector in the National Communication to the UNFCCC	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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"Cross-Cutting"	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	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" 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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	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	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.	
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"Cross-Cutting"	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	Any action had been taken so far? <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet <input checked="" 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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	partnerships such as land value capture, including consideration of carbon markets, wherever feasible	<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>On March 15, 2016 the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on "implementation of the investment projects related to the construction and infrastructure facilities on the basis of special financing" was adopted. The adoption of this Law will facilitate the implementation of the projects through the Public-Private Partnership model and will develop Public and Private cooperation.</p>
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year (2017~2018)
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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 checked="" 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: Low 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) Increasing public awareness regarding the meaning of sustainable transportation	
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“Cross-Cutting” Strategy	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 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:
		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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Major policy initiatives/projects/action plan to improve rural access:

“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?	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.	
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		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?	