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Country Report

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Country EST Report (covering from Lao EST Forum 2017 to Mongolia EST Forum 2018)

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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. In the Eight Regional EST Forum in Colombo, member countries adopted the “**Colombo Declaration**” for the promotion of next generation low-carbon transport solutions in Asia. Subsequently, EST Forum held in Vientiane, Lao PDR in 2017, the member countries adopted the “**Vientiane Declaration on Sustainable Rural Transport towards Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**”

Each member country of the Forum is kindly requested to prepare a consolidated country report (by 15 August 2018) reflecting how EST trends and developments have taken place in the country from Lao EST Forum 2017 to Mongolia EST Forum 2018 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

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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, the Colombo Declaration and the Vientiane Declaration. 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 August 2018.

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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 the Lao EST Forum 2017 to the Mongolia EST Forum 2018.	
I. Strategies to <u>Avoid</u> unnecessary travel and reduce trip distances			
“ A v o i d ” S t r a t e	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 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: Institutional Capacity Barrier: - There is a lack of capacity within the national government to address the issue of integrated transport and urban planning and as well as promote low-emissions technology for the country. - The Decentralization Act of the Maldives (7/2010) established the local governance structure, whereby, elected local government councils (city, atoll and island levels) are provided with mandates relating to administrative and development planning within each administrative jurisdiction but the local governments also does not have the institutional capacity and knowledge to enact sufficient policies.

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Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year			-	
What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?			-	
“ A v o i d ” S t r a t e g y	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	<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"> - Lack of a national development plan
			<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"> - Planning Regulation is under development and transport related considerations shall be integrated into the regulation - Greater Male' Connectivity Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Male'-Hulhule'-Hulhumale' Bridge is completed - Male'-Villingili, Villingili-Gulhifalhu, Gulhifalhu-Thilafushi connection is planned - There are ongoing airport, harbour and road projects 	

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			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	
			<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>“ 3 A v o i d ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>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</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>- Lack of availability of funding</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>- “Yageen Taxi” –taxi booking application was launched but it was left unused because of lack of support from drivers</p> <p>- Public Transport software development was planned and requested for the external finance</p> <p>- Taxi Regulation already includes legal framework for the use of software and Information Technology</p>	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	

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			<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>
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II. Strategies to **Shift** towards more sustainable modes

“ Shift Strategy ”	4	<p>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</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"> - Lack of a national transport master plan and especially one for Greater Male' Region - Awareness and outreach barriers - Technical and technological barriers - Unplanned nature of most islands - Lack of locally based research
			<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"> - Planning Regulation is under development and transport related considerations shall be integrated into the regulation - The reclaimed island of Hulhumale' is being developed on a master plan which gives consideration to sustainable transport infrastructure and measures. 	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p>	

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<p>“ S h i f t ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>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</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"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing
			<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>- Male-Hulhumale' bridge project</p>	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p>	

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<p>“ S h i f t ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>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 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"> - Difficulty in proving public transport in small islands with narrow road as it limits the capacity of maintain a consistent and reliable service - Political will to endorse measures that can incite the displeasure of the community - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
			<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"> - Duty exemption for electric vehicle 0% tariff charges - 100 % to 200% duty levied on motorized vehicles. 	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	

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<p>“ S h i f t ” S t r a t e g y</p>	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 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"> - Geographic dispersion - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing
			<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>-</p>	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	
			<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country's on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>	

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III. Strategies to Improve transport practices and technologies				
“ I m p r o v e ” S t r a t e g y	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 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: - Political resistance - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited financial and technical capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
			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 -	
			What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement? -	

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<p>“ I m p r o v e ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>9</p>	<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 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"> - Lack of political priority - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
			<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"> - Existing vehicle emission standards will be undergoing revision. The project will also identify an appropriate mechanism to enforce vehicle emission standards and weed out smoky vehicles. - Duty exemption for electric vehicle 0% tariff charges 	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop marine vessel engine emission standards - Develop fuel quality standards 	
			<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>	

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<p>“ I m p r o v e ” S t r a t e g y</p>	10	<p>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</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"> - Geographic dispersion - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Political will to endorse measures that can incite the displeasure of the community groups - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
			<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"> - Will undergo training govt. enforcing officers for the use and calibration of I/M equipment this year. 	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	
			<p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>	

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<p>“ I m p r o v e ”</p> <p>S t r a t e g y</p>	11	<p>Adopt Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), such as electronic fare and road user charging systems, transport control centres, and real-time user information, when applicable</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"> - Geographical challenges because vehicles use in disconnected islands with limited road facilities. - Lack of political interest/ambition. - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
			<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>-</p>	
			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p>	
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<p>“ I m p r o v e ”</p> <p>S t r a t e g y</p>	12	<p>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</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>-</p>
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			<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</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>-</p>	

IV. Cross-cutting strategies

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“ C r o s s - C u t t i n g ” S t r a t e g y S t r a t e g y	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? <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: - Geographic dispersion - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing
			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. - Speed breakers are used in roads - inter-atoll water navigation light systems repaired with latest technology	
			Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year -	
			What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement? -	

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<p>“ 14 C r o s s - C u t t i n g ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>14</p>	<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 impacts of air pollution and noise, and devise mitigation strategies, especially aiding sensitive populations near high traffic concentrations</p>	<p>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)</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>-</p> <p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p>-</p> <p>What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
<p>“ 15 C r o s s -</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles.

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C u t t i n g ”		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	(Please Check the box)	- Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
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. - Maldives is developing an inventory of air and climate pollutants using LEAP-IBC, and a national action plan on air pollutants.				
Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year - Preparation of a framework to develop guidelines for national ambient air quality				
What importance does this particular EST Goal attach in your country’s on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement? -				
“ C r o s s -	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	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	Barriers/Challenges faced in implementation: - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles.

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C u t t i n g ” S t r a t e g y		the National Communication to the UNFCCC	(Please Check the box)	- Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
		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. - Maldives INDCs main focus is on the energy sector, particularly on energy efficiency and electricity generation. The lack of focus on transport will make it difficult to achieving the goals set forth in the INDCs, especially since transport is the highest growing sector in the world. However, in the Maldives Climate Change Policy Framework (2014-2024), one of the thematic goals is to “strengthen a low emission development future and ensure energy security for the Maldives” and includes references to adopting environmentally friendly transport modes to bring about sustainable transport and the mobility system.		
		Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year -		
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<p>“ 17 C r o o s s - C u t t i n g ” S t r a t e g y</p>	17	<p>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</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"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Difficulty in proving public transport in small islands with narrow road as it limits the capacity of maintain a consistent and reliable service - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
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<p>“ 18</p> <p>C r o s s - C u t t i n g ”</p> <p>S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>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</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"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Lack of political prioritization in the field - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
		<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>-</p>	
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<p>“ 19 C r o s s - C u t t i n g ” S t r a t e g y</p>	<p>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</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"> - There is no effective system to monitor, gather, analyse and disseminate information on low emissions development. Consequently, lessons are often not well communicated and there is yet to emerge a consensus on best practices. There is low level of awareness among planners and decision makers on the linkages and potential common interventions to address climate change from the transport sector. Due to the highly dispersed nature of the islands, outreach can be a barrier especially at the local island community level. - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Limitations in research on local environment and limitations in providing better alternatives to motorized vehicles. - Limited capacity to undertake awareness campaigns
		<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"> - The Greater Male’ Region has joined the BreatheLife network this year, which is a Climate a Clean Air Coalition initiative led by the WHO and UN Environment to address air pollution. This network aims to raise awareness about the health and climate impacts of air pollution and to put the cities on the path to meeting the WHO Air Quality Guidelines by 2030. 	
		<p>Examples of important actions that you plan to carry out in next year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	

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<p>“ C r o s s - C u t t i n g ” S t</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>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</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"> - Low level of awareness among planners and decision makers on the linkages and potential common interventions from the transport sector to address climate change and human health
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Major policy initiatives/projects/action plan to improve rural access:

“ C r o s s - C u l t u r a l g r o u p s ”	<p>Take policy initiatives to improve rural access 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</p>	<p>List some of actions taken to improve rural access in your country so far?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link road projects undertaken in Addu and Laamu Atoll - Access projects undertaken in islands to facilitate inter-atoll and intra-atoll movements - Established ferry system to facilitate sea transport - Public bus services operated in Addu, Laamu and Greater Male' Region 	<p>Barriers/Challenges faced in improving rural connectivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographic dispersion and economies of scale - Limited capacity in terms of technology, technical and financing - Limitations in research on local environment, trends, needs and solutions
S t r a t e g y		<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	

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			<p>Importance of improving rural access in your country's on-going efforts in achieving (a) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (b) New Urban Agenda, and (c) Paris Climate Agreement?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>