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GIZ and Ricardo launch report on achieving ambitious transport sector climate plans in rapidly-motorising countries

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has published a report, delivered by Ricardo and GIZ, that provides policy makers and development practitioners key insight into the development and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the transport sector for post-2020 climate actions in rapidly-motorising countries

Published ahead of the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP23) in Bonn, Germany, the report summarises case study findings from rapidly-motorising countries, including Bangladesh, Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru and Viet Nam. It highlights the shared challenges they face in developing and delivering greenhouse gas mitigation actions within expanding transport sectors.

These include the impact that a lack of transport data is having on sectoral climate action and the need for increased buy-in from key transport stakeholders to achieve countries' climate change commitments. The report also highlights the need to build climate change expertise within transport authorities, and for greater alignment between NDCs and national transport sector strategies.

Ricardo and GIZ sustainable transport experts provide a series of recommendations in the report to help donors and policy makers overcome these and other issues as part of the on-going process of NDC development, defined by the 2015 Paris Agreement.



Sujith Kollamthodi, Director of Policy, Strategy and Economics at Ricardo commented: “The key challenges for the initial development of NDCs, prior to the ratification of the Paris Agreement, were the very tight timescales and the resource constraints. The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to increase the ambition of their NDCs with every revision cycle. Ultimately, global ambition must be high enough to keep global temperature change well below 2 degrees Celsius. For the successful decarbonisation of transport, an increase in ambition is essential, and strong action at the sector level is needed. Through our work with GIZ, we have identified key recommendations that policy makers and development practitioners in rapidly-motorising countries can use to further increase ambition in the transport sector and improve processes in all phases of the NDC cycle.”

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Ricardo is supporting countries to develop sectoral action plans to implement their NDCs and to strengthen their climate finance readiness to receive international funding. Ricardo’s international expertise is being used to deliver in-depth analysis on a national basis to assess the role of transport in NDC development, and to gauge whether transport actions will constitute an integral part of the NDC implementation process.

To download the report, visit https://www.changing-transport.org/wp-content/uploads/2017_Transport-in-NDCs.pdf.

The authors will also host a free webinar on the outcomes of the report on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM GMT. To register for “Transport in NDCs - Lessons learned and how to raise ambition” visit <https://tinyurl.com/TransportNDC>

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