

**Eminent Speaker
Profiles**



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Forum 4 – Urban Transport, Developing Countries and the Role of the Global Transport Knowledge Partnership (gTKP)

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Introduction

- Strategies for emerging cities
- Member – International Advisory Panel
- Chairman – gTKP
- Transport
- Role of gTKP – developing countries

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Urban Transport

- Transport sector
- Backbone for economic and social development
- Roads, ports, airports
- Large increases in freight and passenger movements
- Increases in wealth and living standards

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Urban Transport

- Strong demand for external assistance
- Asian Development Bank
- World Bank
- High investments BUT more required

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Urban Transport

- Globalisation of the production of goods and services
- Adequate infrastructure
- Transport corridors
- Handling and logistics
- Mobility of labour, goods and services
- Reduced time and costs

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Urban Transport

- Rapid urbanization
- 2020 – four billion people
- 2500 cities, population exceed 100,000
- Economic growth
- Location and nature of demand for infrastructure and transport services
- Congestion
- Public transport, shorter trip lengths

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Urban transport

- Pedestrians
- Rising energy prices
- New technologies
- Smaller cars
- Motorcycles
- Bio-fuels
- Climate change
- New policies, strong institutions

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gTKP

- Sponsored by UK DfID
- Innovative
- Increase capacity of less developed countries
- Practitioners and decision-makers
- Website
- Practical application of good practice
- Global BUT
- Initial focus on Asia and sub-Saharan Africa

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gTKP themes

- Environment and climate change
- Finance and economics
- Governance
- Road safety
- Rural transport
- Social development
- Urban transport

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gTKP delivery

- Website and help-desk
- Registration
- Theme Champions
- E-newsletter
- Workshops and conferences
- ADB transport forum
- www.gtkp.com
- Both good and poor practices; case studies

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