

Breakout Group on Climate Change

Report of discussion group debates and recommendations for SSATP

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Areas of Discussion

- Need for adaptation of transportation to the impacts of climate change
- Opportunities for mitigating GHG emissions from the transportation sector through establishing sustainable low carbon transport (Avoid – Shift - Improve and co-benefits)
- Applicability of climate financing in the transport sector – current and future options
- Role of SSTAP and Goals within DP2 and beyond

Areas of Agreement

- GHG mitigation cannot be a justification for transportation projects but is a co-benefit from good efficient transportation interventions and policies.
- Adaptation to climate change impacts should be addressed by promoting good planning practices, risks assessment and cost-benefit analysis. Attention should be paid to good maintenance practices. Transportation should also be integrated with emergency response strategies and plans.
- There is a need to explore climate finance opportunities, look at the conditionalities of each fund and create platform to facilitate access to these funds.

Points of Contention

- Cross-cutting issue (Road safety, accessibility, climate change etc.): Suggestion to support “Share the road initiative” (10% of road funding should go to Non-motorised modes) – Should this be promoted by SSATP?

Recommendations (I)

- **Need more knowledge, awareness raising and capacity building to address adaptation needs**
 - Need more information, knowledge and data to better assess vulnerability of needs and identification of adaptation measures (e.g. studies on rural roads, urban transport and railways)
 - Guidance on adaptation how to integrate into maintenance, operations and design
 - Capacity building on integration of adaptation into planning, project appraisals etc.

Recommendations (II)

- **Identify opportunities for more efficient transport and sustainable transport system to address mitigation**
 - Capacity building on low carbon transport system integrating into guidance and tools
 - Support awareness campaign (e.g. website, training, workshop)
 - Need more information, knowledge and data on how to identify opportunities for improvement of efficiency of transportation systems.
 - Attention also to freight issues – e.g. green corridors

Recommendations (III)

- **Better access climate finance for adaptation and mitigation activities in transport**
 - Need more information on climate finance and how to access it – guidance how to access international climate funding
 - Capacity building improve knowledge on funding and develop capability to access it
 - Opportunities for experience sharing would be helpful (e.g. platform, dialogue, workshops)