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UN Secretary-General appoints Head of ITF as Advisor on Sustainable Transport

ITF Secretary-General José Viegas has been appointed to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport.

The High-Level Advisory Group was established in 2014 to provide the UN Secretary-General with actionable policy recommendations on sustainable transport on national, local and sectoral levels, and to promote the integration of sustainable transport both in development strategies and climate action. The group has a three-year mandate. It will next convene during the COP21 climate change negotiations in Paris, France, in December of this year

Said José Viegas:

"This appointment is a reflection of the growing relevance of ITF's analyses for the global transport policy debate. Being represented in the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Group is cause for pride for ITF as much as a reason to reinforce our efforts."

"This is a pivotal year for integrating transport policy into the wider debate on the future of our planet. The UN Sustainable Development Summit in September and the COP21 climate change conference in Paris in December will lay the tracks for future policy direction. ITF will bring relevant, evidence-based insights to the table and support in every way it can Secretary-General Ban's holistic approach that includes the transport dimension in shaping responses to issues such as climate change and human development."

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Who we are

The International Transport Forum is an intergovernmental organisation with 57 member countries. It acts as think tank for transport policy and organises the Annual Summit of transport ministers. ITF is the only global body that covers all transport modes. It is administratively integrated into the OECD, but politically independent.

What we do

ITF works for transport policies that improve peoples' lives. Our mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the role of transport in economic growth, environmental sustainability and social inclusion and to raise the public profile of transport policy.

How we do it

ITF organises global dialogue for better transport. We act as a platform for discussion and pre-negotiation of policy issues across all transport modes. We analyse trends, share knowledge and promote exchange among transport decision-makers and civil society. ITF's Annual Summit is the world's largest gathering of transport ministers and the leading global platform for dialogue on transport policy.