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During the Regional Rio Preparatory Meeting, taking place in Geneva on 1 and 2 December, the International Union of Railways (UIC) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) are pleased to welcome you to the side event:

TRANSPORT IN A GREEN ECONOMY

Why Rio should tackle greening the transport sector

The environmental and social costs of transport in terms of air pollution, traffic accidents and congestion currently amount to around 10 per cent of a region or country's GDP.

At the side event, challenges and opportunities posed by the transportation sector will be discussed, highlighting transport in the emerging economies, and providing recommendations on how to develop sound and sustainable transport systems as a future objective.

Keynote speakers include:

-  **Eva Molnar, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Director of the Transport Division** : “Transport for sustainable development”
-  **Fulai Sheng, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Head, Research and Partnerships Unit**: “The role of transport in a green economy”
-  **Robert Thaler, Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water, Director**: “National Programme on Mobility Management klima:aktiv mobil - win-win for the environment, economy and green jobs”
-  **Caroline Beglinger, Association transports et environnement (ATE), Member of the Direction** and Member of the Board Transport and Environment, Brussels: “Transport issues for sustainable development: Swiss challenges”
-  **Alex Veitch, International Union of Railways (UIC), Head of Unit Sustainable Development** : “Rail in emerging economies”

A Fact Sheet on 'Transport, Health and Environment: Boosting quality of life for children and youth', jointly prepared by UNEP, UNECE, WHO, the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, and UITP will be launched at the event.

An interactive discussion will follow and participants will be invited to share experiences.

Geneva, Palais des Nations
Date: 2 December 2011
Time: 13:15-14 :45
Room XV

Light lunch will be served in the room.

