Presentation to the UNECE Inland Transport Committee

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The International Transport Forum

• An **inter-governmental organisation** for transport
• An **annual summit** for the transport sector
• A transport policy **think tank** linked to the OECD
52 Member Countries
Transport Think Tank  (based on in-depth research activities)

• In the Framework of the Leipzig Summit:
  – Transport Outlook
  – Expert sessions
• Regular Research Events: Round Tables, Seminars
• International research cooperation: Working Groups
• Statistical material: Web & regular publications
• Specific networks: IRTAD (Road Safety), ITRD (Documentation)
In the Framework of the Leipzig Summit

Transport Outlook 2008
CO2 Emissions from Road Vehicles

Transport Outlook 2009
Globalisation, Crisis and Transport

Transport Outlook 2010
The Potential for Innovation

Transport Outlook 2011
Meeting the Aspirations of 9 Billion People
Regular Research Events

Examples of research reports recently published following expert Round Table meetings:

**Stimulating Low-Carbon Vehicle Technologies**
Round Table 148
Governments around the world are increasingly intervening in automobile markets to improve fuel economy and reduce emissions of CO2 from new vehicles. This report reviews the rationale for such intervention and examines measures for maximum effectiveness and minimum cost.

**Implementing Congestion Charges**
Round Table 147
Recent advances in the scientific understanding of urban traffic congestion have only strengthened the already solid case for congestion charges as an element of a successful urban transport policy. This report draws lessons from attempts to introduce congestion charges.
International Research Cooperation
Some examples of recent Working Groups

**Drugs and Driving: Detection and Deterrence**
Driving while impaired by drugs - whether licit or illicit - has emerged as an important road safety issue. This report provides a state-of-the-art review of the role and impact of drugs in road accident risk.

**Reducing Transport Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Trends and Data 2010**
This report provides a brief update of greenhouse gas emission trends from the transport sector and discusses the outcome of the United Nations Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change held in December 2009 in Copenhagen.
Improving Reliability on Surface Transport Networks

Passengers and freight shippers alike want reliable transport services. Surprisingly, little research has been undertaken in incorporating reliability into the assessment of transport projects despite the increasing importance of scheduling in economic activities.

Towards Zero: Ambitious Road Safety Targets and the Safe System Approach

The report *Towards Zero: Ambitious Road Safety Targets and the Safe System Approach* was released in October 2008. It is the result of a three-year co-operative effort by an international group of safety experts representing 22 countries, as well as the World Bank, the WHO and the FIA Foundation.
Forthcoming topics of research:

• Sustainable Road Finance
• PPPs – Risk and Optimism Bias
• Adaptation to climate Change

Forthcoming Publications:

• Better Regulation: The Role of the Regulator
Statistical Material

• **Key Transport Statistics**
  Published earlier than comparable studies, these statistics provide the most recent figures on selected transport variables in the Forum countries and they throw light on transport activities during the previous year.

• **Statistics Brief**
  Regular notes are published from data compiled by the International Transport Forum. Quarterly briefing.

• **Web based data**
  The web database will cover progressively all modes of transport for the 52 member countries.
Specific Networks of Specialists

The **IRTAD database** presents crash data and a range of road safety indicators for 29 countries. In depth collection of road accident data allow specific analyses.

The ITRD documentation database now forms with TRIS of TRB (Washington) the new **TRID database**. The new TRID database contains more than 900 000 references on transport and transport research.
The Annual Summit

• The International Transport Forum’s annual summit meets every May in Leipzig

• Ministers, as well as leaders of industry, civil society, international organisations and research

• Focus on a key theme

• Summit discussions advance and guide transport policy

• Over 800 participants

• Strong media presence
A Meeting Place for Transport
Ministerial Session
High Profile Keynote Speakers

Bertrand Piccard  
Aviator, Innovator

John Micklethwait  
Editor-in-Chief,  
The Economist

Angela Merkel  
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Dialogue between Ministers and Key Actors

Magnhild Meltveit Kleppa, Minister of Transport and Communications, Norway

Katsuaki Watanabe, Vice Chairman, Toyota

Enrique Díaz-Rato, CEO, Cintra
High-Level Experts Sessions

Christian Dumas
Airbus

Florence Diss
Google

Angela Gittens
Airports Council International

Carlo van de Weijer
TomTom
Exhibition and Technology Demonstration
Networking Opportunities
The International Transport Forum Awards
Summit Outputs

• Key Ministerial Messages
• In-depth analysis
• Summaries of high-level discussions
• Webcasts of sessions
Annual Summit 2011: *Transport for Society*

Focus on improving transport for individuals and communities

Key themes:
- Providing for sustainable mobility
- Improving urban travel
- Ensuring accessibility
- Protecting the environment and health
- Enhancing safety and security
- Reducing costs and improving pricing
- Refining transport governance
See you in Leipzig!
Thank you

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