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## Invitation

### **Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Urban Transportation: Policy Options for Modernizing and Greening Taxi Fleets in Latin American Cities**

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National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES)

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Enhancing economic, social and environmental sustainability of urban transport poses many challenges, in particular in developing countries. Taxis play an important role in urban transport systems, providing point-to-point mobility services 24 hours per day. The taxi industry has been constantly growing over the past two decades, in particular in cities with rapid growth of population and economic activity. Commercial taxis are driven practically all the time. In many cities taxis drive on average 50,000 – 80,000 kilometers per year. Inefficient use of fuel in taxis can have significant negative impact on the urban environment and local living conditions. Safety, reduction and affordability are also important issues, along with achieving coordination between public and private urban transport options.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Transport Engineering Programme of the Instituto Alberto Luiz Coimbra de Pós-Graduação e Pesquisa de Engenharia of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (COPPE/UFRJ) are co-organizing an Expert Group Meeting on the above mentioned subject. The meeting seeks to provide a platform for wider information and experience sharing. With support provided by the Korea Energy Management Corporation (KEMCO) and the Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI), the meeting will bring together government officials and experts on transport, the environment and related subjects, as well as representatives of international organizations, financial institutions, industry academia and other stakeholders.

The technical presentations discussed at the Meeting will provide background information for the debate on transport for sustainable development at the United Nations, including the High-Level United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2012.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro.

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