Concept Note for “National strategies for enhancing climate ambition - systemic transformations and their enablers” Side event (online)

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Co-organized by: The SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), The NDC Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA)

Date & Time: 15 October, 14-15 PM Beijing time, 8-9 AM CEST.

Registration Link:  https://forms.gle/4BUHVzGgYw1K7oEZ7

The transport sector must approach absolute zero emissions by 2050 in order to aid the Paris Agreement goal of limiting planetary heating to 1.5°C.

At the same time, the transport decarbonisation could only be sustainable if the transition is compatible with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement, making significant impacts within SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that aligning economies on a 1.5°C pathway will require deep and rapid emissions reductions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings) and industrial systems. These structural and systemic transformations can be effectively galvanised through national strategies.

These strategies are set in countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and reveal current levels of ambition, however, they do not paint a complete picture of the global trends and developments which are both leading to and helping mitigate the transport sector’s impact on the climate.

This event will address a nuanced and complementary perspective on climate ambition, based around systemic transformations and their enablers, taking stock of progress within countries and sectors since the Paris agreement.

See more information here:
Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction (5 mins): “Beyond emission numbers: how to look at climate ambition?” Framing presentation: Yann Briand, (IDDRI)

2. Presentations (10 mins): On the way to a zero-emission future, what are the challenges and enabling conditions?
   
   - Presentation of country-specific insights on transport: (TBC)
   - Presentation of sectoral insights: Alice Yiu, Policy Analysis and Strategic Communications (The SLOCAT Partnership)

3. Panel with key international experts (40 mins) Session Moderator: TBC

   - Teng Fei, Deputy Director of Energy Environment Economy Institute, Tsinghua University
   - Mary Crass, International Transport Forum/OECD (TBC)
   - Speaker from Ministry of Transport Vietnam (TBC)
   - Speaker from NDC-TIA (TBC)

4. Interactive Q/A session with the room (5 mins)