

Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2021**Agenda Item 3: Linking national, regional, and global dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development****Intervention from the International Transport Forum****25 March 2021**

Although there is not one specific SDG focused on transport, despite the importance of the transport sector as a contributor to and means of sustainable development, transport has broad linkages to other sectors and can be connected to more than half of the SDGs, including SDG 2 Zero Hunger; SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being; SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy; SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13 Climate Action, and SDG 14 Life Below Water through maritime transport. In addition, the transport sector will contribute to SDG 5 Gender Equality and SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities, through the improvement of transport accessibility and connectivity.

The transport sector is a contributor to global climate change, local air, water, noise and land pollution, yet at the same time it also has the potential to trigger transformative changes through its linkages with other sectors. The linkages between transport and the SDGs are numerous and by improving the sustainability and equitability of transport, changes in other sustainable development areas would therefor occur.

At the International Transport Forum, our work has been focused on five main priority areas, which are Accessibility, Connectivity, Decarbonisation, Digitalisation, and Safety and Security. We hope our work will continue to support the linkages among national, regional, and global dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and contribute to the efforts of ITF and ESCAP's Member Countries.