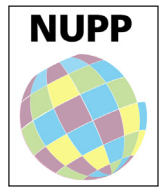


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## THEMATIC SESSION: “HOW CAN NUPS FOSTER INNOVATIONS IN URBAN MOBILITY”

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## CONTEXT

Access to affordable, safe and environmentally friendly means of transport is a prerequisite for the wellbeing of urban dwellers and the balanced functioning and prosperity of cities. However, with two-thirds of the global population expected to live in cities in 2050, demand for urban transport is greater than ever, with affordable access to places, activities and services becoming increasingly difficult. This gap has not only created unequal access to urban mobility and public transport but has also been a key contributor to spatial inequality. Climate change is also posing strong pressure for urban transport to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Technological innovation offers an unprecedented opportunity to address these challenges in urban mobility – from automatic and driverless vehicles to MaaS (Mobility-as-a-Service). Capitalising on the rapidly evolving technological innovation will require cities to adopt effective institutional, regulatory, financing and governance frameworks. In many cases, national, regional and local institutions have inadequate or overlapping responsibilities that hinder effective approaches to improve urban mobility while keeping public transport affordable and accessible to all.

Within this context, this thematic session will share best practices on innovations in national urban transport policies that promote integrated planning to help cities develop sustainable mobility systems. It will also explore how such NUPs must be anchored in strong institutional and governance structures that can oversee their successful implementation.

### Key questions that will be addressed during the roundtable include:

- How can urban transport and mobility be integrated into NUPs?
- Which existing technological innovations (e.g. cleaner fuels) and policy responses (e.g., vehicle occupancy strategies for freight and passengers) can increase efficiency in urban mobility systems while reducing greenhouse gas emissions?
- What are leading examples of funding mechanisms that can support environmentally sustainable urban mobility systems?
- What is the role of national governments in supporting sustainable urban transport?

## SESSION 1, NUPS IN ARAB STATES

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**Speaker: Elleni Ashebir**, Program Manager, World Resources Institute, Ethiopia

**Speaker: Dr. Aref Alshamandy**, AFM Consultants Group Egypt

