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Transportation affects all aspects of our lives. Mobility is a fundamental human need, and technological innovation in the transportation sector in the last century has brought the world closer and enabled an unprecedented form of human connectivity. Yet, with rapid urbanization and increasing gap of inequality, a significant proportion of the world population does not enjoy the full benefit of the transportation system and services. Transportation is an engine for economic growth and defines contemporary life styles, directly employing millions of people and accounting for a substantial percentage of the gross domestic product in many parts of the world. Our global economic system and trade mechanisms rely on robust transportation ecosystem.

The essential role of transport in driving economic growth is, however, undermined by the sector's negative footprint on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues throughout the global supply chain. In particular, poorly-maintained and outdated transport equipment result in pollution and poses a danger to human health. Inadequate transport planning, enforcement and supportive policy actions create a void in which the safety of operators, passengers and users of transport and pedestrians and members of local communities is compromised through exposure to accidents and other hazardous conditions. Finally, actions are needed to ensure cooperation at all levels – local, national, regional and global to ensure sound governance structures that promote compliance, efficiency and that ultimately increase the competitiveness of the transport sector in order to better serve larger societal goals of facilitating movement, transit and access to goods and opportunities.

For sustainable development to deliver its aspiration, ESG issues must therefore be integrated into all aspects of the transportation debates.

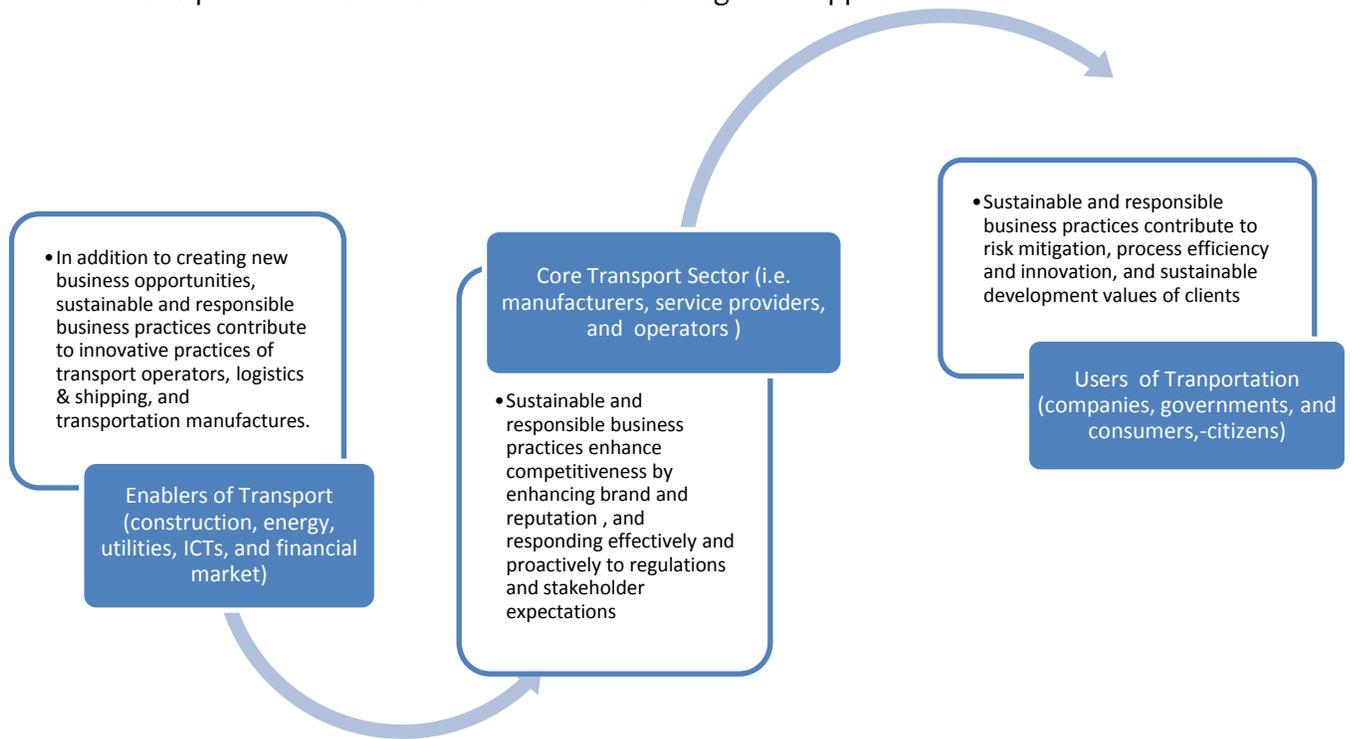
As a business and industry-led initiative, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport (GPST) focuses on a range of key material topics in the transportation sector with a view to enhancing the industry's positive footprint on ESG priorities. By bringing companies and industry associations from all modes of transportation together with other stakeholders, the GPST fosters collective action and sustainability collaboration in support of the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the recommendations of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Development. In addition to supporting existing transportation sector partnerships, the initiative mobilizes business and industry associations to advocate the effective integration of ESG issues into macro topics such as trade facilitation and transit corridor development.

## The GPST – an innovative partnership

<p><b>GPST aspires to be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Multi-Modal</b></li><li>✓ <b>Business &amp; Industry-Led</b></li><li>✓ <b>Global</b></li><li>✓ <b>Platform for dialogue and action</b></li><li>✓ <b>Complementary to existing efforts and partnerships</b></li><li>✓ <b>Solution-oriented</b></li></ul>	<p><b>GPST focus areas:</b></p> <p><b>Industry and Corporate Practice for Sustainable Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Promoting responsible and sustainable business practices, including the 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact, throughout the entire transport sector</li><li>✓ ESG integration in sustainable transport planning at the national, regional and global levels</li></ul> <p><b>Policy Dialogue, Advocacy &amp; Collective Action for Enabling Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ ESG integration in the development and planning of multi-modal transit corridors</li><li>✓ Facilitate dialogue and action among multi-modal actors to reduce the costs of transport and transit with minimum environmental impact</li><li>✓ Ensure human mobility via effective rural, urban and regional connectivity and access</li><li>✓ Mobilize businesses to formulate innovative solutions and pursue public-private partnerships to address gaps in financing, infrastructure planning and development and technological advancements to promote sustainable transport</li></ul> <p><b>Sustainability Collaboration &amp; Partnerships:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Supporting and collaborating with existing initiatives and partnerships on all aspects of sustainable transport</li><li>✓ Contribute to the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Development</li></ul>
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## Who should be engaged with the GPST

- ✓ Companies interested in advancing the sustainable transport agenda together with other companies and industry associations in the transportation sector (representing all modes of transportation) through core business, sustainability collaboration, and policy dialogue. Specifically, companies in the core transport sector and infrastructure are encouraged to support our efforts.



- ✓ *Transport related Industry Associations and Sector Initiatives* interested in promoting the sustainable transport agenda to their members and key constituents.
- ✓ *Other stakeholders* interested in supporting business and industry efforts in relation to sustainable transport such as international organizations, civil society groups, and experts.

### What is the envisaged outcome of GPST efforts?

- ✓ The GPST seeks to fill an existing gap in the sustainable transport landscape by creating a business-led platform to formulate actionable solutions to transport problems and challenges that impact operators, users and communities.

GPST was introduced in 2014 during the UN Conference on Landlocked and Least Developing Countries. This was referenced in the General Assembly Resolution A/69/468. If you would like to learn more about, please e-mail Igor Runov at [igor.runov@iru.org](mailto:igor.runov@iru.org).

**We look forward to joining forces with you in support of sustainable transportation and multi-modal collaboration!**