

# Decarbonising Pathways for Freight Transport in the Philippines

**DISSEMINATION MISSION AGENDA**  
Final stakeholder meeting and results presentation

25 April 2023

Diamond Hotel Philippines, Manila, the Philippines



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## BACKGROUND

The International Transport Forum (ITF) at the OECD is an intergovernmental organisation with 64 member countries. It acts as a think tank for transport policy that covers all modes of transport. The ITF's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the role of transport in economic growth, environmental sustainability and social inclusion and to raise the public profile of transport policy. The ITF acts as a platform for discussion of transport policy issues. It analyses trends, shares knowledge and promotes exchange among transport decision-makers and civil society.

The ITF is leading the transport-related work of the “Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia” (SIPA), a four-year programme (2021-25) led by the OECD to encourage the transition towards cleaner energy, transport and industrial systems in Central Asia and Southeast Asia. The SIPA programme aims to better align the region's infrastructure investment during the economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

The ITF contribution to SIPA focuses on sustainable transport infrastructure development in Central and Southeast Asia, with studies covering regional and national levels.

- On the **regional level**, the ITF will assess the capacity of large-scale transport infrastructure programmes in both regions to improve connectivity and reduce environmental costs. The project will take stock of current and planned transport infrastructure projects in the region and assess their impacts through scenario analysis. It will also suggest strategies to finance investments to close any identified infrastructure gaps. Finally, the regional studies will benchmark national freight transport policies against OECD best practices, focusing on opportunities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the construction and use of infrastructure (life-cycle assessment).
- On the **national level**, the ITF will develop sustainable transport roadmaps tailored to the participating countries' needs. The focus of the roadmap will be developed in consultation with national stakeholders to identify relevant transport sub-sectors, transport modes, geographic scope, and suitable technologies and policies for implementation.

## NATIONAL ROADMAP STUDY

The national roadmap study for the Philippines focuses on developing decarbonising pathways for freight transport in the Philippines. The activity of this study is composed of three Parts:

- **Understanding the freight transport context in the Philippines.** The aim of Part 1 is to understand the current situation of the freight transport systems in the Philippines, including policy priorities and ongoing initiatives. Part 1 also contains an element of comprehensive data collection and information gathering.
- **Quantitative assessment of decarbonising pathways for the Philippines.** Part 2 of the project aims to find effective pathways for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the freight transport sector using the ITF's existing modelling framework. The work will build on the ITF's Global Freight Model to construct a tailored freight transport scenario-building tool for the Philippines, allowing the assessment of the impact of various policies and measures on transport demand, mode shares and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- **Dissemination of best practices about low-carbon freight transport systems.** The main work under Part 3 is disseminating the scenario-building tool developed in Part 2, the policy findings, and the best practices identified during the work, particularly among other interested key stakeholders in the Philippines or the Southeast Asia region. To this end, one joint workshop will be organised by the ITF and the Department of Transportation in Manila, inviting a wide range of participants.

# DISSEMINATION MISSION

The ITF's SIPA Philippines project team will organise a **dissemination mission** in Manila, The Philippines, on 24 and 25 April 2023 to conclude the project "Decarbonising Pathways for freight transport in the Philippines". ITF Secretary-General Dr Young Tae Kim will lead this mission.

The **dissemination event** will be held on **25 April**. High-level keynote speakers, including the Secretary of the DOTr of the Philippines and the ITF Secretary-General, will kick off the dissemination event. Representatives from the DOTr, local government, public agencies and international organisations will exchange on various topics related to the current state and future development of freight transport in the Philippines. The main findings of the ITF project will set the scene and guide political and technical dialogues. In addition, several panel discussions and informal breaks are added to the agenda to promote diverse interaction between the project partners and local stakeholders. Mr Kim will also have several **bilateral meetings with key stakeholders** throughout the dissemination event.

# PROGRAMME

25 April 2023

8:30-16:30 Manila time (UTC+8)

Diamond Hotel Philippines, Roxas Boulevard, Corner Dr. J. Quintos Street, Manila, Metro Manila

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**8:30-09:30**      **Registration, coffee, networking**

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**09:30-10:00**      **Welcome and Introduction**

Moderator: Dr Guineng Chen, Team Lead, ITF

- **Mr Timothy John Batan**, Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development, Department of Transportation, The Philippines
  - **Dr Young Tae Kim**, Secretary-General, ITF
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**10:00-11:30**      **High-Level Opening Panel Session**

## **Is the Philippines ready to transition to a low-carbon freight transport future?**

*The Philippines has established an ambitious plan to transform its freight transport system in the next decade. The main focus is on promoting sustainable freight transport through regulation, multimodality, vehicle technology, digitalisation and innovation. This session aims to explore the following key questions: What is the vision of the Philippines' sustainable freight transport? What are the challenges and opportunities for the Philippines to transition to a low-carbon freight transport future? How can the planned actions be supported with effective governance and financing?*

Moderator: **Dr Guineng Chen**, Team Lead, ITF

- **Overview of SIPA Philippines Project Policy Recommendations**
    - **Dr Guineng Chen**, Team Lead, ITF (10 minutes)
  - **Panel discussion**
    - **Mr Leonel de Vélez**, Assistant Secretary, DoTr, The Philippines
    - **Dr Young Tae Kim**, Secretary-General, ITF
    - **Mr James Leather**, Chief of the Transport Sector Group, ADB
    - **Ms Teresita del Rosario**, Chief of Standards Developments, DTI
    - **Ms Elaine Borejon**, Senior Science Research Specialist, CCC
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**11:30-13:15**      **Lunch, coffee, networking**

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**13:15-14:15**      **In-focus Policy Dialogue – Part 1**

## **What are the strengths and missing elements of the Philippines' current decarbonising freight transport agenda?**

*Building on the outcomes from the opening panel session, this policy dialogue will further explore the existing ambitions and commitments for sustainable freight transport in the Philippines. Key discussion questions include: What are the primary policy directions and their expected socioeconomic and environmental impacts? Which planned measures can significantly contribute to the decarbonisation of freight transport? Are there any policy gaps highlighted by the ITF-SIPA study?*

Moderator: **Mr Till Bunsen**, Policy Analyst, ITF

- **Results of the ITF Current Policies Scenario for the Philippines**
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- **Mr Diego Botero**, Data Officer, ITF (15 minutes)
  - **Panel discussion**
    - **Ms Anne Patricia Mariano**, Chief Advisor and Project Manager of “Urban-Act”, GIZ
    - **Mr Edmund Trazo**, Global HSSE Director, ICTSI – International Container Terminal Services
    - **Ms Sofia Fulmaran**, Officer Strategic Planning Division, CAAP
    - **Mr Francis Ray Almora**, Regional Director, LTO
    - **Ms Joyce Rivera**, OIC Program Manager, DOTr
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**14:15-14:45**

### **Coffee break**

**14:45-16:15**

### **In-focus Policy Dialogue – Part 2**

#### **What is the successful pathway to reaching the climate goal for freight transport in the Philippines?**

*Achieving sustainable goals for freight transport is a great challenge. After exploring the existing agenda in the Philippines, this session discusses additional steps required to meet the climate target. Based on the insights of the ITF-SIPA project, this session will explore the following key questions: What are the most effective policy measures applicable to the local context? What needs to be done to ensure a high degree of feasibility during their implementation? What are the roles and responsibilities of public and private stakeholders?*

Moderator: **Dr Guineng Chen**, Team Lead, ITF

- **Results of the ITF Climate Ambition Scenarios for the Philippines**
  - Mr Till Bunsen, Policy Analyst, ITF (15 minutes)
- **Panel discussion**
  - **Mr Marion Alcanzare**, Transport Researcher, Clean Air Asia
  - **Mr Arnold Belver**, Development Manager Officer IV, CCC
  - **Ms Joyce Rivera**, OIC Program Manager, DOTr
  - **Mr Felicisimo Pangilinan**, Director of Planning Service, DOTr

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**16:15-16:30**

### **Wrapping up and Closing**

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#### **SIPA Philippines Wrap up**

- **Dr Guineng Chen**, Team Lead, ITF
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#### **Closing Remarks**

- **Mr Jaime Bautista**, Secretary, Department of Transportation, The Philippines
  - **Ms Anke Reiffenstuel**, Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in The Philippines
  - **Dr Young Tae Kim**, Secretary-General, ITF
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**16:30-18:30**

### **Cocktail reception and networking**

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