

Decarbonising Pathways for Freight Transport in the Philippines

DISSEMINATION MISSION AGENDA
Final stakeholder meeting and results presentation

24-25 April 2023
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 CO₂ 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 CO₂ 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 CO₂ 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 South-East 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". This mission will be led by ITF Secretary-General, Dr Young Tae Kim.

On **24 April**, a high-level **bilateral meeting** between H.E. Mr Jaime Bautista, Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) of the Philippines and Dr Kim will take place at the DOTr. It will be followed by a **freight modelling training session**. This session will gather the SIPA team members and technical experts from the DOTr and other relevant key stakeholders for a detailed presentation of the freight transport modelling and scenario-building for the Philippines. The local experts will undergo technical training for their future needs. The first mission day will finish with an **official reception dinner** hosted by the DOTr.

The **main dissemination event** will be held on **25 April**. The dissemination event will be kicked off by high-level keynote speakers, including the Secretary of the DOTr of the Philippines and the ITF Secretary-General. Representatives from the DOTr, local government, public agencies and international organisations will come together to 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.

DAY 1 PROGRAMME

24 April 2023

13:00-14:30

High-Level Bilateral Meeting

H.E. Mr Jaime Bautista, Secretary of the DOTr of the Philippines and Dr Young Tae Kim, ITF Secretary-General

Location: Secretary's office, DOTr

15:00-17:00

Freight Modelling Training Session

Location: Multi-purpose Hall, Civil Aviation Training Center, Merville Access Road, South Super Hi-way, Pasay City

Introduction

- Dr Guineng Chen, Team Lead, ITF (5 minutes)

Framework and results of the ITF Philippines freight model

- Mr Till Bunsen, Policy Analyst, ITF (30 minutes)

Discussions

- All participants (10 minutes)
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Technical training on modelling and scenario-building

- Dr Guineng Chen, Team Lead, ITF (30 minutes)
- Mr Diego Botero, Data Officer, ITF (30 minutes)

Discussions

- All participants (25 minutes)

Wrap-up

- Dr Guineng Chen, Team Lead, ITF (5 minutes)
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18:30-21:00

Welcome Dinner

Reception dinner with the ITF delegation and the DOTr representatives (organised by the DOTr)

Location: TBC
