Global Climate Action High Level Event

Summary Statement – Transport

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To all those who expected a COP of action, and an COP of substantiated hope, the transport sector is proud to report that it has delivered an Actionable Vision of Transport Transformation, including:

- a decarbonization pathway to a net-zero emission transport by 2060
- a set of 20 disruptive public policies, or Quick Wins, to pass without delay, and no later than 2020
- scaled up action by 15 existing initiatives under the Global Climate Action, as well as new ones, to sustain the above strategy
- a call to action for adaptation acceleration
- an agenda towards COP23

In Marrakech, over the last 2 weeks, we have held meetings to discuss the way forward for this critical sector in terms of mitigation AND adaptation with Transport CEO´s, Transport Ministers, we have had dedicated sessions on transport adaptation, women and Africa.

Transport systems are vulnerable to a changing climate – and require significant effort to ensure their resilience e.g. protecting roads from extreme rainfall events or ports from rising sea levels. Here in Marrakech – we have launched a COP22 Declaration on Accelerated Action on Transport Adaptation, which we will be formally handing over today to the High Level Champions and the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC. We committed ourselves to follow up on the Declaration through a coordinated program of work to be presented in Bonn in May of next year and through regular periodic reporting.
Most importantly, to keep on track for net-zero emission transport by 2060 emissions from transport need to peak soon after 2030. This is a significant challenge – against a backdrop of fast growing demand for passenger and freight transport – both in cities and rural areas. It is the linkage between action on sustainable development and climate change that will be key in realizing disruptive change in transport and to transform the sector. This is doable, as exemplified by the Global Macro-roadmap we drafted, which should lead us from 7.7 Gt today to less than 3 Gt in 2050, with a milestone at around 5 Gt in 2040!

To deliver on this reduction pathway towards a net zero emission transport sector we initiated work on the implementation of 20 pre 2020 “Quick Wins on Transport, Climate Change and Sustainable Development”. We have strengthened a common resolve, both within the transport sector, as well with other sectors such as energy, health and cities to advance initial work on a phased, synergistic global macro-roadmap that takes into account different circumstances in different parts of the world. This will require action on all fronts: technology, behaviour, business models and planning – but will also have significant sustainable development co-benefits, particularly in urban areas.

A process is also underway to frame an umbrella coordination mechanism that aligns the transport sector as a whole and ensures that these decarbonization and adaptation interventions are aligned with the particular development needs of particular countries and local stakeholders (cities).

We discussed arrangements how to accelerate and scale up work of the GCA Transport team with activities being planned throughout 2017. We are committed to active outreach to the developing world and building alliances with public and private sector stakeholders in transport and other key sectors. By COP23 we will have expanded the number of Global Climate Action initiatives and scaled up their delivery. A broadly accepted, regionally appropriate roadmap to guide the transformation of the sector will be in place. By COP 26 in 2020 the GCA transport initiatives will be supporting effective policies and measures on transport mitigation and adaptation in 100% of second generation NDC’s and initial implementation of the Global Macro-Roadmap will be in place.