

## Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum for Africa

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## Urban transport in Africa in the last few decades

- Premise in the past: roads and highways define development
- Investments focused on building and expansion of roads and highways, increasing speed for cars
- PT, parking & land-use left to the whim of the market
- Incoherent national government policies toward urban transport
  - Wrong-direction subsidies (Motor fuel, Urban road projects, etc.)
  - Sporadic interventions in transport for the poor that create more problems than they solve (electioneering)

#### **Dakar Bus Renewal Scheme**





#### Lagos Bus Rapid Transit





#### Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit in Johannesburg





#### South Africa's National Land Transport Act of 2009

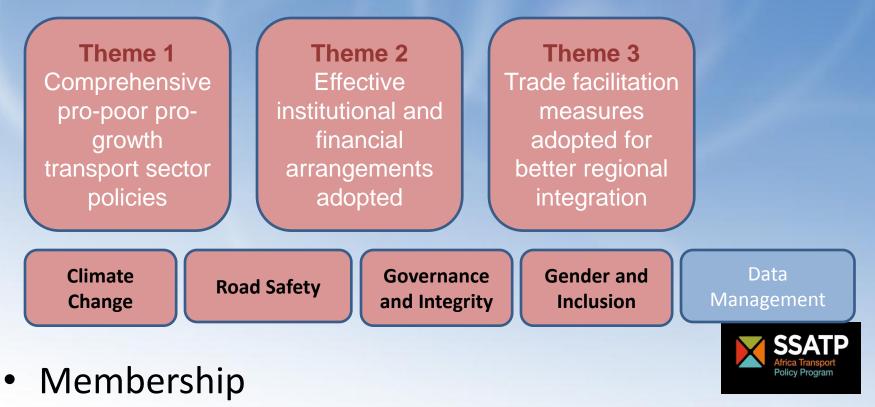
- Creates a framework for action at the national level
- Clarifies and focuses urban transport roles to metro-muni level
  - Planning
  - Regulation / PSCs
- Facilitates user charges at metromuni level
- Assigns clear roles for national, provincial and municipal governments
- Requires Transport Plans as key part of required Integrated Development Plans





## Sub-Saharan Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP)

• Mission: Facilitate Policy Development and Capacity Building in the transport sector in Africa



#### **Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forums**

- Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) – Est. 2002 Amsterdam Declaration (2009)
- EST Forum for Asia Est. 2004 (Asian Development Bank) Bangkok Declaration (2011)
- EST Forum for Latin America Est. 2011 (Inter-American Development Bank) Bogota Declaration (2011)





# Africa CANNOT afford to stay out of these processes

Steps:

- Improve data collection mechanisms
- Access multilateral and bilateral funding
- Build up on successful examples within Africa and elsewhere
- Develop best practice models adapted to African reality



## **Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum for Africa**

- Establish an institutional platform to address transport, climate change, health and the natural and built environments
- Build a support system for regional cooperation
- Stimulate policy dialogue in a systematic way
- Benchmark progress in a regionally relevant way
- Send a unified message abroad of the need for appropriate support
- Enable local, national and regional stakeholders to improve knowledge and access to support for best practices
- Promote mechanisms for systemizing planning and implementation
- Support from regional perspective emerging international sustainable transport architecture

#### Next steps to create EST-Africa

- Consultation Process 6 months obtain input from stakeholders and participants, especially those living and working in Africa
- Design of EST Africa 6 months design and logistical preparations
- Launch event early 2014
- Please, contact SSATP or TRL Transportation Research Laboratory if want to get involved



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