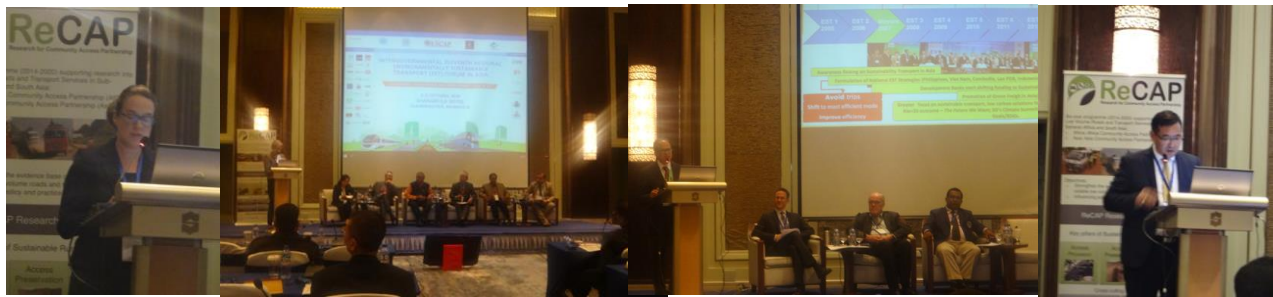


Report on UNCRD's Eleventh Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (11EST) Forum in Asia, 2 – 5th October 2018, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia

The 11EST was co-organized by the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, the Ministry of Road and Transport Development, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and Municipality of Ulaanbataar of the Government of Mongolia; Ministry of Environment of the Government of Japan (MOE-Japan); the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP); and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG/UN DESA).

The theme of the Forum was “Sustainable Urban Design and Development – Role of EST” with the aims to provide policy, technological and institutional insights into how Asian EST member countries can contribute in achieving the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development/SDGs by bringing transformational changes in both urban development and transport sector. The Forum was attended by 295 delegates representing 21 countries (comprising of Ministers and senior government officials of various ministries), 15 regional and local government bodies (including mayors and senior councilors), 12 UN/International organizations/Development Banks, 7 Scientific, research and academic bodies, 9 NGOs, associations (including ANGVA) and foundations, and representatives from private and business sectors and international resource persons and experts. ANGVA was represented by its Executive Director at this Forum.

The 4 days event comprised of three pre-events on 2nd October 2018, the main forum 3rd to 5th October 2018, and Asian Mayors Forum on EST on 5th October 2018. ANGVA participated in the half-day Pre-Event 1 (Rural-Urban Connectivity – Implications Towards Poverty Alleviation & SDGs) in the morning and half-day Pre-Event 2 (Workshop on Capacity Building Strategy for the Implementation of Low Carbon High Volume Transport in South Asia) in the afternoon. Pre-Event 3 was Training Course on EST in Sustainable Urban Design – Implications Towards SDG 11 (Full-Day programme).



Top: At Pre-Events 1 & 2

The main forum was held from 3rd to 5th October 2018. It was officially open by H.E. Enkhtuvshin Ulziisaikhan, the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia whom is also the Acting Minister of Road and Transport Development. Besides participating as delegate for the Forum, ANGVA was also a panelist in the EST Plenary Session 4 – Sustainable Urban Design Co-benefits-Role of EST in Air Pollution Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation on Day 1, 3rd October 2018. During the Plenary Session, ANGVA highlighted the important role that natural gas including biomethane / renewable natural gas can play in providing affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) for the transport sector as this sector moves towards electrification to achieve the goal of sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11).

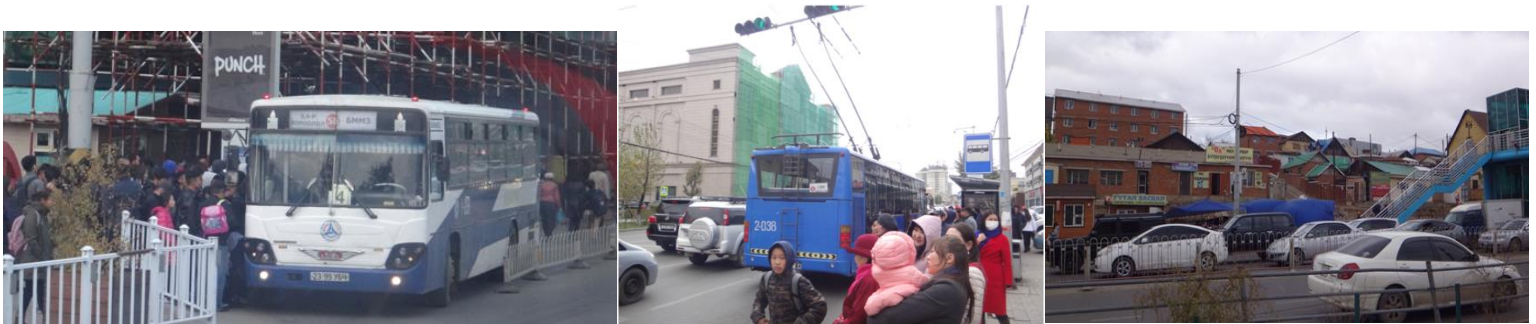
Copies of background papers, presentations, country reports, etc, distributed and presented at this Forum can be downloaded from www.uncrd.or.jp at the activities page under the Eleventh Intergovernmental Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia page.



Top: At the official opening of the 11 EST by Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia



Top: At the main EST forum



Top: Transportation in Ulaanbataar