



Flash report

Name: Policy dialogue on “Green Mobility for Clean Air” at World Environment Day 2019 Thailand

Date: Press conference- 30 May 2019

Policy dialogue on ‘Green mobility for clean air’- 5 June 2019

WED official celebration – 5 June 2019

Venue of press conference:

Meeting room 301, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Building,

Venue of policy dialogue and WED official celebration:

Grand Diamond Room, Impact Forum building, Impact Muangthong Thani Convention Center,
Nonthaburi province

Objectives

Press conference:

- Announce the policy dialogue on “Green Mobility for Clean Air” to be held during the 2019 World Environment Day event, hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand in collaboration with the SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component funded by the EU and managed by UN Environment, Asia Pacific Office.
- Disseminate the importance of using sustainable means of transport to beat air pollution while promoting sustainable consumption and production.

Policy dialogue on ‘Green mobility for clean air’:

- Raise awareness among key players in the transport sector of the importance of promoting sustainable means of transport to beat air pollution and improve human health. These key players include technology producers, legislators as well as users.
- Raise awareness of the importance of promoting green mobility to meet Thailand’s road map on sustainable consumption and production.
- Showcase best practices on green mobility currently being implemented in Thailand.

The WED official celebration:

- Showcase best practices on green mobility currently being supported by the Thai government, the EU and UN Environment.

Highlights

- PM.2.5 and PM 10 levels in Thailand are still too high and fail to meet WHO guidelines.
- The highest episode of PM in Bangkok during 2018 was mostly caused by emissions from cars and open burnings.
- Some of the key actions to undertake to beat air pollution are related to the transport sector. Examples of these actions include: i) strengthen emission standards for road vehicles; ii) regularly maintain and inspect vehicles; iii) mainstream electric vehicles; iv) provide better mobility options; v) control dust from construction and roads; vi) reduce emissions from international shipping.
- Thailand is making rapid progress in supporting green mobility in the country, but there is still much to be done.
- The implementation of Thailand Sustainable Consumption and Production Roadmap 2017-2036 will help the country to reduce air pollution.
- Green technology, innovation and access to green finance are key aspects to support green mobility in Thailand from the producer side.
- From the “consumer” side, better transport infrastructure and a continuous awareness program will be needed to promote sustainable lifestyles.
- The awareness raising campaign developed in the Lampang province to stop forest burning practices could serve as example to develop a campaign to promote green mobility.

- 'Europe on the Move' is a wide-ranging set of initiatives that could be showcased in Thailand to make traffic safer; encourage smart road charging; reduce CO₂ emissions, air pollution and congestion; cut red-tape for businesses; fight illicit employment and ensure proper conditions and rest times for workers. The long-term benefits of these measures will extend far beyond the transport sector by promoting growth and job creation, strengthening social fairness, and widening consumers' choices.
- We all have a role to play to beat air pollution and the choices with the mode of transport we use are very powerful.

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Press conference



From left to right: Welcome and Opening Remarks by:

- **Mr. Ratchada Suriyakul Na Ayudhaya**, Director General, Department of Environment Quality Promotion (DEQP)
- **Mr. Wijarn Simachaya**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- **H.E. Mr Pirkka Tapiola**, Ambassador of the European Union to Thailand
- **Ms. Isabelle Louis**, Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific Office, United Nations Environment Programme



Policy dialogue on 'Green mobility for clean air'



The WED official celebration



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More than 800 participants from governments, inter-governmental organizations, private sectors, civil society organizations and academia attended in the WED official celebration.

