



09:00 – 10:30	“Improving Quality of Life in Cities through Sustainable and EV ready Transport Investments” 6 November 2024 Voices from Cities Room B	
09:00 - 09:08	Welcome and introduction	Mr Tali Trigg , Principal E-mobility Specialist, EBRD
09:08 – 10:10	Panel Discussion	Moderated by Mr Tali Trigg , Principal E-mobility Specialist, EBRD Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Ketevan Makharashvili, Specialist/Project Manager, Tbilisi Transport and Urban Development Agency ▪ Mr Sanjay Seth, Senior Director, TERI ▪ Ms. Judith Owigar, Smart and Electric Mobility expert, Urban Mobility ▪ Ms. Yasmine Sabek, Project Officer, Transport for Cairo
10:10 – 10:25	Q&A Session	Interaction with audience on EV ready cities
10:25 – 10:30	Closing Remarks	Mr Tali Trigg , Principal E-mobility Specialist, EBRD



Concept Note:

The world is urbanizing at a rapid pace. With the emergence of new opportunities, technologies, and services, cities are acting as a growth magnet nudging rural-to-urban migration. As of 2021, 56% of the world's population is living in urban areas and it is expected to reach 68% by 2050 (UN Habitat, 2022).

There is a need to ensure that cities take a sustainable and resilient approach towards the development of their infrastructure - one that aims for positive social, economic, gender and environmental impacts. Investing in sustainable transport infrastructure is a winning solution for cities looking to harness the economic potential of its inhabitants.

While countries are marching towards Electric Vehicle transport systems to curtail tail-pipe emissions, developing suitable policies and infrastructure is crucial to facilitate an efficient EV ecosystem to ensure a seamless transition. City government plays a vital role in enabling the envisaged EV transition. Many factors, including technology, infrastructure, and finance play crucial roles in accelerating EV adoption. City governments will increasingly take a leading role in facilitating prerequisite EV infrastructure such as charging stations and dedicated parking through policy and regulatory push. This will support access to finance, availability of technology and infrastructure and support social and economic acceptance, thereby accelerating the wide-scale adoption of EVs.

In addition, the skilling of primary stakeholders will also be required to facilitate a smooth transition to EVs. Many countries, logistics players, and OEMs have set electrification targets; however, developing city-specific targets backed with implementation plans will ensure just transition to EVs.

This multidisciplinary panel will explore the interconnections between transport, land use, gender and inclusion, finance, and climate change, offering insights into holistic approaches for sustainable urban development, by using successful case studies and indicators

Objectives:

- To raise awareness of the importance of better connecting transport and land-use investments from a financing point-of-view
- To showcase how electric mobility can act as a bridge to bring siloes together to make investments more attractive and inclusive, especially relating to gender mainstreaming
- To discuss the current status of EV adoption and key challenges in emerging economies
- To assess the need for policy and infrastructure support from city governments, assessing infrastructure readiness.

