



Agenda Connective Cities Dialogue Event

Sustainable urban mobility: strategies and pathways towards more efficient, inclusive and environmentally sustainable cities

19 – 21 June 2017 in Bremen, Germany

Background

Major cities around the world are affected by the impact of motorised traffic, both in terms of space requirements (traffic jams, parking) and impacts such as traffic safety problems, unequal access to mobility opportunities, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The consequences will be felt most strongly in urban areas affected by rapid urbanisation and urban growth, as can be found in many Asian, African and Latin American countries.

A coordinated and planned, yet flexible approach to the management of urban mobility is required – one which:

- reflects the needs of citizens
- promotes the development of compact cities with a high quality of living for all residents
- curbs sprawl and creates compact, walkable neighbourhoods
- reduces private car kilometres travelled per capita.

Increasing accessibility and connectivity in cities brings enormous benefits to society and enables cities to function effectively. Sustainable mobility solutions require a comprehensive and holistic approach combining supply side and demand side measures.

The Connective Cities dialogue in Bremen will specifically focus on three urban mobility aspects – and how they interrelate to create efficient transport and a liveable place for citizens:

- Fostering walking and cycling in cities:
Livable streetscapes put walking and cycling at the forefront in contrast to car-oriented development. Creating such environments is key to motivating people to walk or cycle.
- Ensuring a safe, efficient and sustainable urban public transport network:
Connectivity is a key element for a livable city. Developing and maintaining a reliable, efficient, affordable and attractive public transport system and understanding the needs of its users and potential users is important; however, the financial sustainability and efficiency of such systems can be a challenge.
- Innovative urban mobility options:
Car-sharing, bike-sharing, electric mobility and autonomous vehicles are innovative approaches to mobility that allow us to solve transport problems in our cities. What works? What challenges and benefits do these new mobility business models pose for local governments?

Objectives

The aims of the exchange are:

- to look at planning and implementing of sustainable urban mobility projects in various local contexts;
- to assess the regional applicability of the solutions presented;
- to discuss the challenges in such planning and implementation processes.

The dialogue in Bremen will foster learning and exchange among participants by presenting good practices and project ideas that can be followed and further developed after the event.

Venues

Hotel: IBIS STYLES Bremen Altstadt, Faulenstraße 45, 28195 Bremen

Venue of the Dialogue Event: Hochschule Bremen, Neustadtwall 30, 28199 Bremen, Germany

Participating Institutions

City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil

City of Bremen, Germany

City of Chiang Mai, Thailand

City of Durban, South Africa

City of Leipzig, Germany

City of Skopje, Macedonia

City of Windhoek, Namibia

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Bangkok, Thailand

Regional association for the metropolitan area of Braunschweig, Germany

Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Bremen), Germany

German Cyclists' Association (ADFC)

GIZ Eschborn

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Day 1: Monday, 19 June 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents	
11:30-12:30	Registration of participants & welcome lunch		
12:30	Welcome & introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants and programme overview <i>Birgit Laue, Moderator</i> • Welcome addresses by the host organisations <i>Rebecca Karbaumer, City of Bremen</i> <i>Prof. Ulrike Mansfeld, Bremen University of Applied Sciences</i> • Presentation of Connective Cities <i>Alice Balbo & Alexander Wagner, Connective Cities</i> 	
13:15	Municipal input Municipal input Technical perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient and sustainable transport: a challenge for cities worldwide <i>Michael Glotz-Richter, City of Bremen</i> • Challenges and mobility opportunities in cities in the Global South: the example of Durban <i>Carlos Esteves, City of Durban</i> • Sustainable urban transformations: only in medium-sized cities? <i>Bonnie Fenton, German Cyclists' Association (ADFC)</i> 	
14:00	Gallery Walk and setting up of working groups		
14:30	Coffee break		
15:00	Practitioners' exchange in working groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. In-depth presentations of good practices according to main topics 3. Work in small groups with poster presentations 	
	Fostering walking and cycling in cities	Ensuring a safe, efficient and sustainable urban public transport network	Innovative urban mobility options
Working group	-City of Bremen, Germany -City of Skopje, Macedonia -BHTRANS Belo Horizonte, Brazil -GIZ Eschborn	-City of Durban, South Africa -City of Chiang Mai, Thailand -City of Leipzig, Germany -City of Windhoek, Namibia	-Bangkok, Thailand -Regional association Braunschweig, metropolitan area, Germany -OHM-PROJECTS/NGO Mobilitätsarena
17:15	Closing of the first day and mini-wrap-up		
18:00	Official reception at the City Hall of Bremen with Senator Dr. Joachim Lohse, Senator for Environment, Construction and Transportation of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen		
19:00	Dinner at the Bremen Ratskeller		

Day 2: Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents
08:30	Meeting at the hotel and transfer to the workshop venue	
09:00	Introduction to the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing open questions
09:30	Presentation of the results of the working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative per working group reports back the key points presented to the plenary
10:00	Introduction to the peer-to-peer session and set up of the working groups	
10:15	Peer-to-peer session with practical example in plenary setting Practitioners identify individual issues from their practical work, e.g. challenges they are facing, projects they are planning, success factors or constraints. In a peer-to-peer advisory session in small focus groups, participants will give their feedback, ideas and remarks on the presented issues. In this part, participants receive inputs to their practical challenges, formulate recommendations for further action and thus achieve a direct benefit for their daily work.	
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Peer-to-peer session in working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and consultation in small groups: How to cope with individual challenges
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	“Electric Mobility at Its Best”: Field visit by tram to the Bremen Public Transport Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public transport operator in Bremen, the BSAG, will give a brief overview of its operations and will provide a guided tour of its tram depot, where the trams – fully operated by electricity – as well as three electric buses are maintained, stored and charged. The site also features a car-sharing station with electric vehicles.
15:30	Return to Meeting Venue	
15:45	Coffee break	
16:00	“Map of challenges”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical challenge introduced by participants • Exchange of proposed solutions • Formulate questions for further exchange: For which critical issues are we seeking a solution?
17:00	Identifying possible next steps and opportunities available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connective Cities: follow up activities and examples of joint projects <i>Alexander Wagner, Connective Cities</i> • Bilateral partnership projects: funding options for German municipalities <i>Brigitte Eiselt, Service Agency Communities in One World</i>
17:45	Wrap up	
18:30	Dinner at the restaurant Tendüre	

Day 3: Wednesday, 21 June 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents
08:30	Meeting at the hotel and transfer to the workshop venue	
09:00	Introduction to action planning session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of action planning tools (problem-tree analysis, stakeholders mapping and strategy planning) and how to apply them in the working group discussions <i>Alice Balbo, Connective Cities</i>
09:30	Action planning working groups	
Ca. 10:45	Flexible coffee break	
Ca. 11:15	Continuation of action planning working groups	
12:15	Report back to the plenary	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Feedback and evaluation of the workshop	
14:30-16:30	Site Visits	<p>Option 1: Tour by Bicycle to the Humboldt Street The Humboldtstraße is one of Bremen's first and most successful cycling streets – where cyclists have priority and motorised vehicles are guests. The street that was also redesigned to provide more space for pedestrians, includes barrier-free crossings and nearby car-sharing stations. <i>Participants in this excursion should be confident on a bicycle. Helmets will not be provided.</i></p> <p>Option 2: Walking Tour of the Munich Street The necessity to renew outdated and crumbling canals under the Münchener Straße provided the city with an opportunity to combine several sustainability measures in one major project: creating more space for pedestrians, a safer cycling environment, barrier-free intersections, car-sharing and climate adaptive street design. The goal is also to provide a revitalising impulse to a neglected neighbourhood street. <i>The journey to and from the street will be made by bus.</i></p>

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