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Date: 12th February, 2009

Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Director
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**RE: ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS FOR EAST AFRICA –NAIROBI, KENYA
COMPONENT.**

The City of Nairobi is experiencing tremendous population growth at annual growth of 4%. This population growth rate is higher than the national population growth rate of 3.4% per annum. Increased population in the city inserts more pressure on transportation services and infrastructure. For instance, it is currently estimated that the average commuter distance which was 0.8km in the 1970s increased to 25km in 1998. The 2008 average commuter distance was placed at over 30-40km. The phenomenon of urban sprawl in the city continues to manifest itself in terms of rapid expansion of satellite towns. This has had diverse ramifications on public transportation system contributing to its deterioration.

The Nairobi's CBD attracts a lot of pressure on the transportation system thereby overstressing the services beyond their design carrying capacities. In addition, the annual increase in vehicular traffic has not been accompanied by commensurate increase in the capacity of city transportation network. The need to increase and the transport supply in the city is obviously not a debatable issue. Inadequacy in the road capacity, road structure and traffic management has lead to heavy congestion and traffic accidents.

Accordingly, in order to improve the situation, there have been efforts to improve the missing links and improvement of road structures/facilities and traffic management capacity is absolutely necessary. Sound investment in addressing the above challenges

has to be informed by studies and research in some of the critical components of the city transportation system. This is a course that the City Council is committed to and supports. In particular, there is especially a need for further research and investment in public transport infrastructure so as to guide ongoing efforts in this area among others and the City of Nairobi is fully committed to seeing this investment happen.

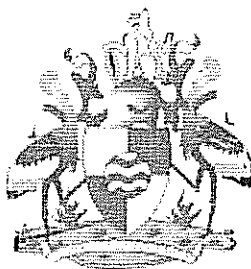
We therefore strongly support the program of work for BRT in Nairobi and fully support funding from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for the above-referenced program.



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Dear Mr. Deleuze

**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT LETTER OF GEF FOCAL POINT FOR
UNEP/HABITAT PDFA ENTITLED "SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT ACTION
NETWORK FOR AFRICA (SUSTRAN): PROMOTING BUS RAPID TRANSIT
(BRT)AND NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT (NMT) IN KENYA**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Kenya, I hereby endorse the above mentioned proposal to access GEF pdfa funding, targeting development of an MSP proposal under GEF 4. As development of sustainable transport systems in Kenya is a very high priority at this time, I will give high priority to this MSP within the allocation that Kenya is expected to receive under GEF 4.

Yours faithfully


P.M. KARANJA
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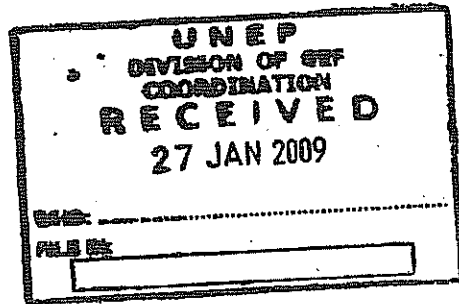
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THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Subject:- "Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa Project - Ethiopia component"

Dear Madam,

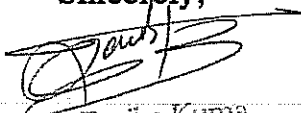
On behalf of the Ministry of Transport and Communication (MOTAC) of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, I would like to extend my greetings. MOTAC is the responsible federal body for the expansion and provision of transport and communications infrastructure and services at equitable, reliable and in an environmentally sustainable manner in urban and rural Ethiopia.

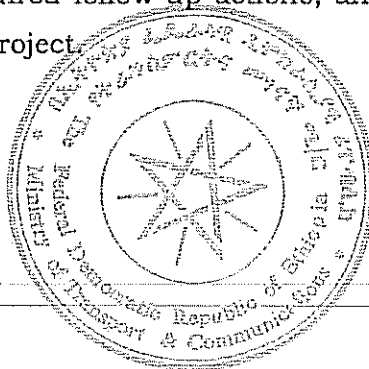
Presently, the urban transport in Addis Ababa is facing challenges of a fast rate of population and spatial growth, high rate of growth in vehicle ownership among a small but significant minority of residents, while the majority remains captive to a poor public transport. To this effect, the Ministry and the City Administration recognize the urgent need intended for an improved public transport system for the inhabitants of Addis Ababa in an environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economical viable

manner, and hence are committed to its effect. As an initiative, the government has pursued a mass transit strategy and currently is considering two set of actions divided into two components consulting with relevant stakeholders. The first component will be the UNEP-GEF project, which is inline with our strategy, i.e. "Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa Project -Ethiopia component", while the second component constitutes the design, construction and making operational an electric light rail system and/or electric based bus rapid system that will be served from the hydro grid in Addis Ababa. The two initiatives are, therefore, complementary. In addition to this the Government effort in introducing clean fuels for vehicles where ethanol-petrol blend (E5) being put in practice at the moment depicts attempts in promoting eco-mobility and improving air quality of the city. Therefore, when the components are completed it is expected that the carbon footprint of transport sector of the City will be significantly reduced and mobility greatly enhanced.

This is, therefore, to confirm that the Ministry of Transport and Communications and its partner the City Administration of the Addis Ababa is committed for the implementation of "Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa Project - Ethiopia component" and to its required follow-up actions, and I hereby confirm the endorsement of the above specified project.

Sincerely,


Deriba Kuma
Minister



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12th January 2009

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Attn: Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller

**REQUEST FOR UN GEF SUPPORT TO KAMPALA CITY COUNCIL'S
BRT/ NMT PROJECTS**

Kampala, the capital city of Uganda, is one of the fastest growing cities in Sub Saharan Africa. Currently the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA) has a population of about 2.6 million. This is equivalent to 9% of the national population and about 70% of the total urban population in Uganda. The dramatic increase in car ownership and fast urbanization coupled with a public transport service that is dominated with low capacity vehicles (paratransit), and lack of facilities for non motorised traffic have led to widespread congestion, increased road traffic accidents and environmental pollution. The Government of Uganda, and Kampala City Council (KCC) are committed to reversing this undesirable situation.

A transport strategy for Kampala has been prepared which emphasizes the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and facilities for Non Motorised Traffic (NMT). Efforts to implement these measures are already underway, particularly the solicitation of funds to ensure that these measures are implemented sooner rather than later. To this end a feasibility study for the BRT system will be carried out in the first half of this year.

We have learnt that our BRT/ NMT efforts can qualify for UN GEF funding. The purpose of this letter is to make a formal request for financial support from the UN GEF to Kampala City's BRT and NMT projects.

We look forward to your support in this effort, and to your advice on the next steps in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

Ruth Kijjambu (Mrs)
Ag. Town Clerk

cc: His Worship The Mayor
cc: Secretary For Works, Water and Roads



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Office of the Executive Director

5 October 2007

Dear Mr. Steiner:

Subject: Endorsement of Project Proposal on Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa

I am pleased to inform you that the governments of Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have recently shown extraordinary political and economic commitment by endorsing, in record time, a GEF full size project proposal under the Climate Change tranche entitled "Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa" (endorsement letters attached under separate cover).

This proposal calls for a promoting public transport as a means of meeting future transport demand and reducing dependence on the private automobile in the East African region. The immediate benefits include the reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions with both local and global environmental benefits.

Indeed traffic congestion and air pollution in the capital cities of Addis Ababa, Nairobi and Kampala are reaching crisis proportions which risk jeopardizing the strong economic gains recently experienced in the region. Citizens of these cities are clamoring for their respective local and national governments to do something about the situation. With GEF assistance it would be possible to begin responding to their demands.

This proposal, submitted by UNEP as implementing agency, consists of a programme of work to be executed by UN-Habitat in collaboration with other partners. It has already attracted strong attention from potential co-financiers.

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Mr. Achim Steiner
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Office of the Executive Director

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I personally place great importance on this program of work and as such, will be placing a substantial in-kind resources in its execution from our side. My hope is that it may be considered in time for this coming November council meeting in order to harness and maintain the momentum already in evidence at the country and city levels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Tibajuka".

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