Press Statement: Launch 80 Days Campaign on Climate Action in Transport

2015 is a key year in developing a global agreement on climate change. Ambitious action on transport is essential to successfully implement the agreement to be reached on climate change in Paris, France in December 2015.

“The Netherlands has established successful business cases for a more sustainable transport sector. We want to share these with the transport community. I want to raise the ambitions of the parties involved and accelerate the search for real-world solutions for cutting carbon emissions in transport” said Wilma Mansveld, Minister of Environment of the Netherlands, at the launch of the ‘80 Days Campaign on Climate Action in the Transport Sector’ on Saturday 26th September in New York at a side event to the UN Summit on Sustainable Development Goals.

The ‘80 Days Campaign on Climate Action in the Transport Sector’ is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT).

The 80 Days Campaign is a component of the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate (PPMC), a multi-stakeholder initiative working in support of a global agreement on climate change that empowers the transport sector to take ambitious action. The campaign supports the Transport Action Area under the Lima Paris Action Agenda (LPAA), which was established in December 2014 at COP20 in Lima, Peru to maintain and expand the momentum of action on climate change established through Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon’s Climate Summit in September 2014.

“Inspiring examples of practical, on the ground action on climate action in transport can help raise awareness amongst individuals, organizations and the business sector on the potential to undertake action on transport and climate change” says Cornie Huizenga, Secretary General of the SLoCaT Partnership.
Under the 80 Days Campaign, in the lead up to COP21, real world solutions on transport and climate change will be presented on a daily basis on the website of the PPMC. The best practices collected under the 80 Days Campaign will also be put in context and analysed to develop recommendations on policy, technology and innovation, finance and the use of multi-stakeholder partnerships, with the aim to present these at the Climate Summit in Paris, in December 2015.

The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) is a multi-stakeholder initiative with over 90 members representing UN organizations, multilateral and bilateral development organizations, transport sector associations, business sector, civil society and academe (www.slocat.net)

The Paris Process on Mobility and Climate (PPMC) is an open and inclusive platform established by the SLoCaT Partnership and Michelin Challenge Bibendum to help realize a global agreement in COP21 that will empower the transport sector to take ambitious action in the transport sector (www.ppmc-cop21.org)

The 80 Days Campaign on Climate Action in Transport can be viewed at www.ppmc-cop21.org

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