Building Capacity

Preparing Projects

Creating Networks

Learning – Enhance understanding about the complexities of urban transport problems and possible context-sensitive solutions using a “learning by doing” approach.

Better decision-making during project preparation and implementation thanks to the use of lessons learned from cities and case studies.

Networking – Establish a support network among the participants and the organizers so that best practices can be shared in the future.

Leadership – Boost leadership capabilities in urban mobility planning, implementation, management and operations.

Want to know about the upcoming LUTP sessions?
You can find information on the program and the upcoming sessions on the LUTP webpage:


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What is LUTP?

Transport infrastructure and services are a defining part of the urban environment. Making cities more inclusive, efficient, clean and safe depends strongly on how urban mobility interacts with all other dimensions of city development – from financing to urban planning.

Recognizing this, the Leaders in Urban Transport Planning program (LUTP) equips policymakers, city officials and specialists from the transport sector and beyond with knowledge of integrated strategic planning and management processes.

The program was launched by the World Bank in 2012 to create awareness of what integrated mobility planning involves, what its different components are and how it can be efficiently implemented. Its main objectives are to:

- Develop leadership capabilities in urban mobility planning;
- Support project preparation and implementation; and
- Create a network of participants and the organizers for cross support and sharing of best practices.

The focus is on building urban transport leadership that understands the complex urban transport problems and provides context-sensitive solutions.

The complexity of urban mobility

Planning urban transport systems requires consideration of land use, climate change, affordability, inclusiveness, disruptive technologies (to name a few). LUTP provides cutting-edge knowledge to help leaders and transport operators navigate the complex development challenges in urban mobility. Some of the topics discussed during the program are:

- Rapid urbanization and motorization
- Accessibility and affordability
- Climate change
- Governance
- Financing
- Inclusiveness
- E-mobility
- Road safety
- Digital transformation and disruptive technologies

Each offering of the LUTP is customized to fulfill the specific needs of the country and region where it is organized, as well as the urban transport knowledge needs of the participants. The customization includes the choice of case studies and presentations.

Program structure

LUTP is offered seven times a year on average, with sessions around the world in English, French and Spanish, and new offerings will be planned in Russian and Arabic. The program comprises two phases: a self-learning period and a workshop.

- **Self-learning phase (one month):** Participants study the background material developed by the World Bank and its partners. Topics range from land use and transport planning to environmental, climate, gender and social issues in urban transport planning. The self-study material is sent to participants a month prior the workshop.

- **On-site workshop (week-long):** The program uses lessons learned from cities and case studies to improve decision making. The workshops also include group exercises, site visits and presentations. It is conceived as a “learning by doing” approach and not as a typical class room-based program. Sessions typically consist of about 40 participants.

Sessions have been offered in Abidjan, Ahmedabad, Bogota, Delhi, Dubai, Johannesburg, Livingstone, Marseille, Medellin, Mexico City, Nairobi, Ouagadougou, Rabat, Seoul, Singapore, Tunis and elsewhere.

Target audience

LUTP is designed for policy officials, senior managers of urban transport agencies, and operators of the transport sector. The course is designed to be useful for both seasoned officials and decision makers with little to no background in urban transport.

Partners

LUTP is delivered in collaboration with partners such as:

- the Asian Development Bank (ADB);
- the African Development Bank (AfDB);
- the Agence Française de Développement (AFD);
- CEPT University of Ahmedabad, India (Formerly Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology);
- the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI);
- the Land Transport Academy of Singapore (LTA);
- the Sub-Saharan Africa Transport Policy Programme (SSATP);
- the International Association of Public Transport (UITP); and
- the World Resources Institute (WRI).

What alumni say about LUTP

As of January 2020, more than 2,200 people from 92 countries have attended a total of 64 LUTP sessions around the world. The sessions are evaluated by the participants to assess the impact of the program and to identify areas of improvement.

Some feedback from the participants

“LUTP provided me with a better understanding of the urban transport dynamics” [LUTP Marseille 2017]

“The site visits made me understand the importance of institutional coordination” [LUTP Singapore 2020]

“The interactive approach of the case studies focused on actively finding the most appropriate solutions” [LUTP Guadalajara 2019]