

APPENDIX G: BANK DOCUMENTS AND TRANSPORT SECTOR BOARD ACTIVITIES

Distribution of Bank Transport Documents by Mode, Theme, and Region

By Transport Mode

Among the sample of Bank papers/reports, 26 percent address sector-wide issues in transport, and 24 percent focus exclusively on roads, 14 percent on urban transport, and 11 percent on transport infrastructure in general.

By Theme

Nearly 25 percent of the sample related to broad policy/strategy; followed by finance, 15 percent; private sector development/commercialization, 11 percent; poverty, 9 percent; regulation, 9 percent; institutional development, 6 percent; and economic impact, 6 percent.

By Region

Nearly 55 percent of the sample addresses issues common to all lending regions. Africa is addressed exclusively in 13 percent of the reports, followed by Europe and Central Asia in 10 percent, Latin America and the Caribbean in 9 percent, East Asia and Pacific in 8 percent, South Asia in 6 percent, Middle East and North Africa in 1 percent, and developed and other countries in 4 percent (table G.1). Of the approximately 60 reports that relate to specific countries, the highest numbers are for Brazil and India (six each), followed by China (four), Vietnam, Poland, and Argentina (three each), Mexico, Indonesia, and Ghana (two each), and one each for 20 other countries. Forty other reports address more than one country.

Table G.1: Distribution of Core Transport-Related Papers/Reports (Total~200)

Transport mode/emphasis	%	Theme	%	Region	%
Sector-wide	26	Policy/Strategy	25	AFR	13
Roads	24	Finance	15	EAP	8
Railways	6	PSD	11	ECA	10
Ports	5	Poverty	9	LAC	9
Rural transport	8	Regulation	9	MNA	1
Urban transport	14	Institutions	6	SAS	6
Trade and transport facilitation	½ – 3	Economic impacts	6	All regions	55
economywide issues, aviation,	each	Technical issues	5		
inland waterways		Regional issues, transport services,	< 3		
		environmental issues, others	each		

Source: World Bank data.

Note: AFR = Sub-Saharan Africa; EAP = East Asia and Pacific; ECA = Europe and Central Asia; LAC = Latin America and the Caribbean; MNA = Middle East and North Africa; SAS = South Asia.

Transport Sector Board Activities

Transport Sector Board

This Board has an overall responsibility for transport in Bank operations. Its core responsibilities include the development of sector strategy and related operational policies, including operational procedures and guidance to staff. It is also responsible for broad oversight of the quality of operational work, human resources, and partnerships, as well as learning and knowledge management. The Board sponsors or cosponsors various events for the purpose of learning, exchanging information, and supporting strategy formulation. Typical events include the following:

- *Transport Forum.* These Forums have been regular annual events in Washington, DC, bringing together staff from all Regions. Selected leading experts in the transport sector from outside the Bank participate, according to the chosen theme for the forum. Transport Forums have received high ratings from participants in terms of learning and professional development. Transport 2005 was held March 7–11, 2005, with the overall theme being “The Role of the Private and Public Sectors in the Supply of Transport Infrastructure and Services.”
- *Transport Learning Week.* This is held annually often following the annual Transport Forum and is an opportunity for staff in the transport network to acquire new learning or to refresh their skills and remain at the cutting edge of sector knowledge.
- *Annual “State of the Transport Sector” Meeting.* These meetings provide an opportunity to share information from the Regions, the anchor, and transport staff in other units on work plans at the beginning of the financial year. Staff have found them useful for communication across Regions.
- *Brown bag lunch series on transport sector issues.* These are informal meetings organized by staff members to exchange ideas and share learning on transport topics of interest. At least eight are held during the year; they are normally well attended by transport staff.
- *Courses and workshops.* A number of internal and external courses and workshops are held throughout the year, depending on identified needs and demand. Typical courses are on the use of economic evaluation models; poverty and transport; and project implementation, supervision, and monitoring.
- *Formal staff training.* Although formal training is customized to the needs and aspirations of individual staff members, some courses have been recommended as particularly useful learning opportunities, such as the Senior Road Executives Program at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. Funding is also set aside annually by the Board for such formal training, which typically comprises a contribution toward fees or travel but does not cover time costs.
- *Thematic groups work program.* Important recent outputs have been updates of the port reform toolkit, urban transport toolkit, and rail privatization database. There has also been work on poverty impact measurement and distributional issues of transport interventions. Also, some tasks in the social responsibility area have been completed; this area was constrained by a very small budget. Other outputs included inter alia a Technical Note on road asset management, a Transport Note on PPP in highway development, and work in the aviation (strategic partnership with ICAO) and road safety fields. In the latter case, the work has been partially funded through the Global Road Safety Facility.