

Forum for Decarbonizing Transport

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In news-Recently, the NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute India(WRI) jointly launched 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India as part of the NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project.

About the Forum-

- It **aims at bringing down the peak level of GHG emissions (transport sector) in Asia** (in line with a well below 2-degree pathway), resulting in problems like congestion and air pollution.
- The NDC-TIA **India component focuses on developing a coherent strategy** of effective policies and the formation of a multi-stakeholder platform for decarbonizing transport in the country.
- Through this forum, **the WRI India team, along with NITI Aayog and other project partners, will work in close coordination with all these stakeholders** to formulate strategies and develop appropriate business models to accelerate electric mobility in India.
- The forum will also provide a **platform to initiate dialogues for the development of uniform policies** and help achieve specific results in reducing emissions from the transport sector.
- The forum is a **defining milestone for the electric mobility ecosystem in the country.**
- It will bring together CEOs, researchers, academics, multilateral agencies, financial institutions as well as the Central and state governments on a common platform.

NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA)-2020-2023

- It is a **joint programme of seven organisations**

that will engage China, India, and Vietnam in promoting a comprehensive approach to decarbonizing transport in their respective countries.

- The project is **part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI)**.
- The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) support the initiative on the basis of a decision adopted by the German Bundestag.
- **NITI Aayog is the implementing partner for the India component of the project.**
- **The NDC-TIA aims to promote** a coherent strategy of effective policies for decarbonising transport coordinated among various sector ministries, civil society, and the private sector.
- **The goal is to enable the countries' transport sectors to contribute to achieving their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** and increase ambition in transport sections of long-term strategies and 2025 NDCs.
- As a regional initiative, the project will disseminate knowledge in Asia and at the global level.
- It will disseminate and share experiences at international dialogue platforms such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process.

World Resources Institute, India (WRI)-

- WRI India, an independent charity legally registered as the India Resources Trust.
- It provides objective information and practical proposals to foster environmentally sound and socially equitable development.
- Its work focuses on building sustainable and liveable cities and working towards a low carbon economy.

- Through research, analysis, and recommendations, WRI India puts ideas into action to build transformative solutions to protect the earth, promote livelihoods, and enhance human well-being.
- **It is inspired by and associated with World Resources Institute (WRI), a global research organisation** with more than 400 experts and other staff around the world.
- World Resources Institute began in Washington, DC, in 1982 to provide cutting edge analysis to address global environment and development challenges.
- WRI is a **global nonprofit organization** that works with leaders in government, business and civil society to research, design, and carry out practical solutions that simultaneously improve people's lives and ensure nature can thrive
- **Mission of WRI global:** To move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations.

It focuses on 7 urgent challenges: Food, Forests, Water, Ocean, Cities, Energy and Climate.