

Morning session

- Used vehicles is a key issue
- Not only for health and climate but also for road safety
- Many countries are trying to address used vehicles – through regulation, financial incentives, awareness, bans, age restrictions, etc.
- Availability of quality fuels is important, where there are cleaner used vehicles can bring major emissions reductions
- Harmonized approach missing- many countries have different targets and policies
- The challenges are many for importers – inspection of vehicles before they are exported; restrictions at import in country; removal of filters from cars before export; awareness consumers, etc.
- Some countries are restricting exports
- The solution should combine import and export interventions

Afternoon

- UNECE have a number of agreements and rules on vehicles that also affect used vehicles
- UN Environment has a number of leading global public-private partnerships , that are now also starting to look at used vehicles issues
- Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles could be a venue to implement a global harmonized programme to support the introduction of cleaner used vehicles
- Sri Lanka gave the example how proactive policies can ensure relatively clean used cars and leapfrogging to clean technology

Recommendations

- Consumers and receiving countries need information about environment performance before they buy/register a used cars; exporting companies need to provide this
- Leap frogging to cleaner technology can be achieved through price (tax) diversification/ incentives
- Inspection – three possibilities; before export, at import and in-use. Inspection before export most important. Spot checks on import against cheating

- Sharing of the burden between low and high income countries; the shared responsibility, and between exporting and importing countries. Combining restrictions and incentivizing new technology worked well for Sri Lanka
- Disposing of old cars, end of life policies
- Need more basic research on used vehicles, flows etc.
- Need intervention as a package, combine different interventions like age and fiscal incentives and vehicle emissions standards

UNECE and UN Environment will take these recommendations to the different fora that are discussing cleaner vehicles and follow-up.