GFEI action for more fuel efficient vehicles: COP23 Update

At COP21 in Paris, the Global Fuel Economy Initiative committed to extending practical support to 100 countries to implement policies to promote cleaner, more efficient vehicles. By COP23, thanks to new funding from the FIA Foundation, European Commission and Global Environment Facility, GFEI have increased in-country support to over 65 developing and emerging economies, and engage many more through the G20 (Transport Task Group) and OECD.

Unprecedented global action is needed across the transport sector to cut CO₂ emissions if we are to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting temperature rises to 1.5 degrees. GFEI is accelerating policy change, and expanding our focus to support efforts to improve the fuel consumption of Heavy Duty Vehicles (HDVs), and integrate Electric Vehicles (EVs) into vehicle fuel economy policy frameworks.

Fuel economy policies are a key transport commitment in the climate NDCs of many countries. GFEI’s provides capacity building support and guidance for governments which is tailored to the vehicle fleet and patterns of sales in their country, in the context of wider sustainable transport initiatives. This includes capacity building across many new countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia and expert input into formal policy consultations in countries such as China, the EU and Australia.

**CORE ACTIVITIES:**
- Catalysing global action
- Data and research
- Country capacity-building

**GFEI’S TARGETS:**
- **50by50**
  - Improve Light Duty Vehicle fuel economy by 50% by 2030 for new vehicles, and 2050 for all vehicles (2005 baseline)
- **35by35**
  - Improve Heavy Duty Vehicle fuel consumption by 35% by 2035 for new vehicles (2015 baseline)
The Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI) brings together the world’s leading organisations and experts on vehicle fuel economy and emissions policies. Fuel economy policies reduce harmful emissions and CO₂, saving money, and improving air quality.

**POLICY UPDATES**

**CHINA**
China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) have published their final rule on passenger car fuel economy standards, which includes a new mandate for ultra-low/zero emission Electric Vehicles (EVs). This is world’s first national level electric vehicle mandate, and will work alongside the country’s existing fuel economy targets.

**AUSTRALIA**
The Australian government has consulted on proposals for new fuel economy standards. GFEI, through ICCT, have provided expert input as part of this process.

**REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS**
GFEI has supported a series of regional training events, to exchange knowledge and learning between countries. This includes facilitating a dedicated day of the transport stream of the IEA E4 (Energy Efficiency in Emerging Economies) training meetings in Paris, Tbilisi, and Singapore.

In July 2017 Cote d’Ivoire hosted a fuel economy workshop in Abidjan to promote vehicle efficiency policy in the West African sub-region. Nine ECOWAS countries, the ECOWAS Commission and UN Environment participated in the workshop.

Mauritius hosted a similar regional event for Southern African policy makers in October 2017. Mauritius was one of the first countries to establish a ‘feebate’ scheme to incentivise more efficient vehicles. A continent-wide African training event is planned for March 2018.

GFEI LDV Fuel Economy Policy Summary

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- New GFEI country
- Policy proposals developed
- Policy implemented

**NEW COUNTRIES**

**Asia**
GFEI held a launch meeting in Myanmar in September 2017, organised by Myanmar’s Ministry of Industry, Clean Air Asia and UN Environment.

GFEI have also supported workshops in Nepal and the Philippines.

**Africa**
A national GFEI workshop to kick off vehicle fuel economy activities in Zambia was held in August 2017 in Lusaka.

In Uganda the GFEI national working group met in August 2017 in Kampala to launch a new feebate study and to review vehicle fuel economy labelling and options for the development of fuel economy policies.

GFEI also held workshops to launch GFEI in Ghana, Mali, Togo, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Malawi. These countries are developing baseline studies of vehicle trends. GFEI is also providing ongoing assistance to South Africa to develop proposals for fuel economy standards.

**South America**
GFEI was launched in Colombia in January 2017 and will produce a fuel economy baseline study for their light duty vehicle fleet.

GFEI is providing technical support to Peru to develop proposals for a ‘feebate’ system for incentivising cleaner, more efficient vehicles. GFEI partner the ICCT, together with UN Environment and Centro Mario Molina have shared regional experiences and best practice including Chile’s experiences of introducing a scheme.

Panama and Belize held launch workshops in November 2016.

**Eastern Europe**
The Global Fuel Economy Initiative project in Ukraine was formally launched at a meeting with the government in October 2017. The meeting discussed the draft findings of baseline vehicle data from 2005-2016, as well as potential policies to improve fuel economy and promote electric mobility.
GFEI works with countries to develop a baseline analysis of vehicle trends and support policy proposals.

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