



REPORT ON THE 2ND AIR POLLUTION WORKSHOP FOR THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN NAIROBI HELD ON 2ND JULY 2025 FROM 9: 00AM TO 1: 30PM AT THE GREENPARK BUS TERMINUS, NAIROBI KENYA

1. Workshop Overview

This was a second workshop organized and facilitated by the National Public Transport Alliance (NAPTA) a sub-grantee under the comprehensive communication, advocacy and campaigns on a multi-faceted regulatory approach to improving air quality in Nairobi pillar, led by Kusudi Cause Communication, the lead grantee.

The workshop brought together different stakeholders from the transport sector including Matatu Sacco Officials, drivers, conductors, Association representatives, and Boda Boda riders. Other partners under the Breath Cities Initiative were also present including the Nairobi City County Government, Groots Kenya, SDI Kenya, and Kusudi Cause Communication.

The over 30 participants were taken through the air quality situation in Nairobi, the main sources of air pollution in Nairobi, its impact on human health, the various laws and regulations that govern air quality in Kenya and Nairobi County, and the role of the transport sector in air pollution and ways to mitigating air pollution from the transport sector.

2. Workshop Objective

- Increase awareness of the impact of vehicular emissions on the environment and health.
- Educate transport operators on the need for best driving practices, fuel efficiency, proper vehicle maintenance, and adoption of alternative energy sources/technologies for example transitioning to e-mobility.
- Advocate for behavioral change and taking of personal responsibility among operators in matters air (vehicular) pollution. Come up with air pollution ambassadors
- Engage stakeholders in discussions on regulatory framework and policies touching on vehicular air pollution in Kenya
- Discussing the opportunities and available incentives for reducing air pollution in the public transport sector.

3. Participants

Over thirty (30) participants drawn from:

- Matatu Sacco's (Officials, Drivers, Conductors)
- Boda Boda Riders
- Public Transport Associations
- Transport Managers & Coordinators
- Nairobi City County Representatives
- Other partners representatives (grantee and sub-grantees) :Kusudi Cause Communication, Groots Kenya, SDI Kenya

4. Workshop Methodology

- Presentations and expert talks
- Group Discussions
- Questions and Answers sessions
- Feedback and commitment pledges from participants

5. Key Discussion Areas

- Overview of air quality status in Nairobi
- Primary sources of air pollution from the transport sector
- Health and environmental impacts of air pollution
- Existing air pollution laws and regulations
- The role of the transport sector in reducing pollution
- Transition pathways to sustainable transport (e.g., e-mobility)

6. Outcomes & Commitments

- Recognition of the urgent need to address deteriorating air quality in Nairobi
- Consensus in adopting cleaner practices:
 - Regular vehicle maintenance
 - Avoiding idling and engine revving
 - Use of cleaner fuels
 - Need for the transport sector to partner with development partners and NGO's and restructure their operations. This will progressively catalyze the transition to sustainable mobility through access to affordable financing in order to transition to electric mobility
- Call for:
 - Government subsidies for electric vehicles
 - Affordable financing models
 - Charging infrastructure development
- Participants pledged to become *Clean Air Champions* within their sector

7. Challenges Raised

- Limited financial capacity for operators to transition to sustainable mobility options
- Lack of awareness and technical knowledge on electric vehicles
- Inadequate infrastructure and incentives from government
- Corruption from some of the officials in charge of traffic laws enforcement and transport regulatory agencies
- The sector being driven by private capital, there is no standardization of operations and this is a big challenge in the maintenance of vehicles and also enforcing of behavior change
- Resistance to Change: Cultural and operational resistance to new technologies and systems slows adoption of sustainable transport solutions
- Fragmentation of the Sector: The transport sector is made up of many independent operators and loosely organized SACCOs, making coordinated action and information dissemination difficult

8. Recommendations

- Scale up sensitization workshops across all Nairobi sub-counties
- Strengthen partnerships between government, operators, and development actors
- Fast-track supportive policies and financing for e-mobility
- Document and share success stories from early adopters

9. Conclusion

The workshop was a critical step in rallying the transport stakeholders behind the clean air agenda. With the right support, Nairobi's mobility sector can lead the way in the reduction of air pollution.

Appendices

- Workshop Programme (Attached)
- List of Participants (Attached)
- Photos from the Event:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z_n9GII0kT1Fo3N88snodJjQwHse97h1?usp=sharing

- Video summary highlighting the workshop:

<https://we.tl/t-FI298ixyX8>