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Session A-1:

Freight and Economic Performance

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Overall Session Theme

- Focusing on Freight & Economic Performance
- Examining Investment Policy at the National Level
- International Focus (Australia, US, Nigeria)

Three Presentations

1. Freight Reform in Australia
2. Investment Decisions & Shipper Logistics in the US
3. Rail & Economic Growth Patterns in Nigeria

Questions to Consider?

- What are the Similarities Across Countries?
- What are the Differences Across Countries?
- How Important is Freight Investment for Economic Performance?
- What Determines which Factors are Important?
- Other Questions?

Freight Reform in Australia

Dr. Donetella Cavagnoli

- PhD in Economics at La Trobe University (Melbourne – Australia)
- Seven years experience working in economics, policy and strategy
- Worked with Victorian Department of Transport, the ARRB group, the Economics Department at the University of Melbourne and Vic Roads
- Contributes to transport planning initiatives and pricing reforms
- Expertise in the economic evaluation of supply elasticities is applied to investigate responses of individuals/firms to price/non-price changes
- Interests: Labor Economics, Transport Economics and The Economics of Innovation

Investment Decisions & Shipper Logistics - Brian Alstadt

- Two Master's degrees from the University of Connecticut – one in Economics and the other in Transportation Engineering
- Economic Consultant at Economic Development Research Group
- Previously at the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis (CCEA)
- Work centers on topics in economic geography, including economic impacts of transportation investment, transportation finance, regional development, trade, and policy analysis
- Previous presentations at the OECD Roundtable on Transportation Planning and Economic Assessment Tools, the Annual Conference of the Transportation Research Board, and the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change

Rail & Growth in Nigeria

Dr. Joshua Odeleye

- Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology - Zaria, a specialized research/training institute under the Federal Ministry of Transport
- Leave of absence, Lagos State University School of Transport, Nigeria
- Formally a Traffic Officer in the Nigerian Railway Corporation
- Contributed to many transportation conferences including:
 - World Congress of Transport Research Society (WCTRS), Berkeley, CA, 2007
 - 13th World Congress on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), 2006, London
 - Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Technical Conference and Exhibit Compendium, 2003 Florida
 - Energy, Environment and Development: Analyzing Opportunities for Reducing Poverty Conference, organized by TERI and IDDRI, Bangalore, India, 2006
- The negative impacts of transportation on the global environment informed his keen interest in public transportation, as it relates to sustainable mobility planning and management globally.