



Advanced Vehicle Leadership Forum

Paris, 30 September – 1 October

A brief report to UNECE WP.29

The International Energy Agency (IEA) organized a roundtable event “Advanced Vehicle Leadership Forum” (AVLF) on 30 September and 1 October 2010 at the venue of the Paris Motor Show. Expert and high-level representatives gathered for an international dialogue intended to highlight key lessons emerging from EV/PHEV roll-out programmes in different regions, and to identify co-operative activities to accelerate their deployment in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner.

AVLF began with a 1.5 day expert roundtable with 75 experts from 15 countries and from a wide range of areas including governments, international organizations, cities, automobile and battery manufacturers as well as utility companies. Mr. Hubert participated as a representative of UNECE WP.29. Participants widely acknowledged the need for better collaboration on a range of issues (data gathering, codes/standards, R&D, infrastructure planning, target setting).

The high-level roundtable took place at 13h on 1 October. It included Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, IEA Executive Director, along with 6 other high level participants. These included French Ecology Minister Borloo, US DOE Assistant Secretary Sandalow, Renault/Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn and others for a one-hour public discussion followed by video presentation by Chinese Science and Technology Minister Wan. These high level participants addressed the necessity of advanced vehicles to achieve a sustainable energy future.

More findings and presentations at AVLF are available at:

http://www.iea.org/work/workshopdetail.asp?WS_ID=482

A key focus of the AVLF was to discuss the newly launched Electric Vehicles Initiative (EVI). This was created by Ministers of 8 countries and the IEA, at the Clean Energy Ministerial in Washington DC, 19-20 July 2010. This new initiative will be on-going, and is aimed at greater cooperation on electric and advanced vehicles. A fact sheet can be found here:

<http://energy.gov/news/documents/Electric-Vehicles-Initiative-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

IEA combined the two concepts at the Paris event, featuring EVI as a central theme for discussions at AVLF. This new EVI was very much welcomed to the AVLF participants and audiences. The EVI will have three main areas of focus:

- Improved data collection and sharing among partner countries (and perhaps others)
- Better coordination of RD&D activities
- A city-level collaborative effort and “forum” for information exchange, featuring at least one city from each participating country.

The next major meeting of AVL/EVI is planned at the Shanghai Motor Show in April 2011 with support of Ministry of Science and Technology in co-ordination with Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.
