

# SLOCAT Annual Meeting 2020 - Minutes

13 January 2020, Washington D.C.

**All reference documents for the Annual Meeting including the agenda, presentations and the memos prepared by the SLOCAT Partnership Secretariat can be found at:**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yWfVIHayxMFiA3uVqtaRTfSQUEhUq9y>

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport took place on the 13 January 2020 at the premises of the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington D.C. 60 participants representing nearly 40 member organisations have participated in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the activities of SLOCAT in 2019 and provided the occasion to consult on the draft SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2020-2022 which defines mission, vision and core functions of SLOCAT as well as the impacts and strategic objectives of the organisation in the next three years.

**SLOCAT Members in Attendance:** See annex for full list of participants.

**Technical notes, memos and presentations:**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yWfVIHayxMFiA3uVqtaRTfSQUEhUq9y>

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## Segment I: 2019 Reporting

### I. Welcome Remarks and Introduction

**Ani Dasgupta, Global Director, WRI Ross Center For Sustainable Cities**, welcomed participants as meeting host and emphasised the support of WRI to SLOCAT's mandate.

**Bronwen Thornton, SLOCAT Board Chair and Walk21 CEO**, welcomed SLOCAT's new Board of Directors for 2019 - 2021, following the elections held over Summer 2019.

**Maruxa Cardama, SLOCAT Secretary General**, reviewed some key improvements and impacts achieved on overall operations and Work Programme 2019.

Through its activities in 2019, the SLOCAT Partnership has enhanced thought leadership and understanding on the synergies across climate action and sustainability agendas, translated knowledge and policy implications to regional realities, amplified members' impact and activities through technical exchange and network; and improved the alignment of strategic messaging across sectors and stakeholders.

Moreover, the Partnership enabled strong engagement of the wider transport and mobility community in the UN Secretary-General Climate Action Summit 2019, the United Nations

Climate Change Conference (COP25), the United Nations Regional Climate Weeks in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Carribbeans (LAC) and the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In 2019 SLOCAT also curated multi-stakeholder dialogues and understanding at global and regional levels at various other occasions such as the First UN-Habitat Assembly, the Twelfth Intergovernmental Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia, the EURO CITIES Mobility Forum 2019 and the 20th International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities. Through providing secretariat services to the Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA), SLOCAT supported alliances among and between countries, cities/ regions and companies.

Through its mandate as Co-Focal Point of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MPGCA), the SLOCAT Partnership was a catalyst for raising climate change action ambition with 1.5°C pathways of multi-stakeholder action. Moreover, the SLOCAT Secretariat in direct collaboration with Partnership members delivered trainings and workshops in Asia, LAC, Europe and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) countries.

## II. Highlights from 2019

Alice Yiu, Angela Enriquez, Chris Dekki, Emily Hosek, Karl Peet, Mark Major, Nikola Medimorec, Shivam Ghai and Talya Enriquez Romano, the SLOCAT Secretariat Team, presented a summary of specific 2019 activities in three primary areas: urban transport, climate change, and cross-cutting initiatives. The presentation is available at:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bLv0T76FxH5X3MChzq9kwzwrZ\\_8DvC](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bLv0T76FxH5X3MChzq9kwzwrZ_8DvC)

## III. Financial Updates

Philip Turner, on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani, Treasurer of the SLOCAT Board and Secretary General of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), gave an update on SLOCAT's financial situation. The 2018-2019 Financial Year was closed with a surplus. The overall financial and operational management and tools were significantly strengthened in the last year. The ongoing 2019-2020 Financial Year is on track with the approved budget.

SLOCAT Treasurer Mohamed Mezghani's Letter to SLOCAT Network:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=13YS3jDkir0\\_IWIW5xUCUG9y8fgzjunP5](https://drive.google.com/open?id=13YS3jDkir0_IWIW5xUCUG9y8fgzjunP5)

## Segment II: Strategic Development

### European Commission's upcoming work towards transforming transport and mobility

*Guest speaker: Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport - European Commission*

*Recording of the video by Matthew Baldwin can be found at*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbe2-X7Q2al&feature=youtu.be>

As the European Union prepares to announce its much awaited Green Deal, Mr. Matthew Baldwin, set out the need to “transform” mobility systems and outlined what the European Commission (EC) is doing and planning to do in order to deliver fast on this transformation. The EC recognises the scale of the challenge to decarbonise transport as a crucial part of making the EU climate neutral by 2050 and sees the opportunity in new business models, markets and jobs. Transport is the only sector presenting growing emissions in the EU, with 20% of all EU CO<sub>2</sub> emissions stemming from road transport. The sector employs 11 million people across EU countries and delivers mobility for all EU citizens. A 30% increase in EU passenger transport demand and 50% for freight by 2050 is anticipated. There is an urgent need to improve system efficiency across different transport modes; put an end to fossil subsidies; as well as reduce the EUR 1 trillion/year external costs provoked by the externalities of unsustainable, carbon intense transport across the EU - equivalent to about 7% of the EU's GDP. It is against this backdrop that the EC will release a new strategy later in 2020. For more information, please contact Mark Major at [mark.major@slocatpartnership.org](mailto:mark.major@slocatpartnership.org).

## Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference

*Guest speakers: Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships and Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Integrated Policy and Analysis - Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)*

Ms. Tahtinen and Mr. Mukherjee, provided an update on Conference preparations and highlighted the importance of this forum for channeling political will towards scaling up sustainable, low carbon transport at all levels, and leveraging the potential of transport for the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Conference aims at going beyond the usual mobility topics, with issues such as freight, urban-rural connectivity, the transport-energy nexus playing a role in wider policy deliberations.

The Conference will consist of plenaries, parallel thematic sessions, a sustainable transport exhibition, and three individual fora - one each for ministers, business, and the science, technology & engineering community. Each aspect of the GSTC seeks to bridge gaps between policymakers, practitioners, and innovators.

Details regarding registration are available on the official [website](#). For more information, please see the [GSTC memo](#) prepared by the SLOCAT Secretariat or contact Chris Dekki at [chris.dekki@slocatpartnership.org](mailto:chris.dekki@slocatpartnership.org).

## SLOCAT's Strategic Development: What Does it Take to Move the Needle?

Secretary General Maruxa Cardama kicked off the consultation on the draft SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2020-2022. During the presentation, participants were invited to answer

specific consultation questions in an interactive manner. Both the SLOCAT Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting on 13 January 2020 served as a kick-off of the consultation process on the draft SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan.

Consultations will continue during February 2020 through an online survey and bilateral calls with members and partners. The final review and approval of the Strategic Plan by the SLOCAT Board is scheduled for March 2020.

## World Café on Work Streams and Membership Engagement

Four different groups focused on specific aspects for operationalising strategic re-orientations on SLOCAT's research and analysis tools, advocacy approaches, membership engagement and public-private collaboration.

*Nourishing Thought Leadership: What Type of Qualitative Analysis? With What Data Sets?* The discussion focused on three strategic roles identified for transport: a lever for climate change ambition and action, a pathway to innovation and transformation, a driver for sustainable development and powering livelihoods. Participants addressed key questions about which projects and work they wish SLOCAT to focus on and how SLOCAT's work can link to and amplify the work of its partners.

*Research Products and Knowledge Bases memo prepared by the SLOCAT Partnership Secretariat can be found at:*

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1gMDx2RbpSWPnfk896UlsyTBSyUNIALti>

*Advocacy: Addressing Tough Questions to Get Smart Answers: What Approaches? For What Impact?* Participants identified questions to guide SLOCAT's policy advocacy and outreach activities and brainstormed about methodologies and approaches to increase advocacy impact. Discussions pivoted around two aspects: implementation of global agreements, and partnership and collaboration with and beyond the transport community. It was underscored that an eventual focus on national- and city-level practices could be in conflict with the scope of SLOCAT's individual members; while increased attention to the regional level was welcomed.

*Policy Analysis and Outreach memo prepared by the SLOCAT Partnership Secretariat can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1R4NI0Td5uJTqYXlcdmVz8A6GAnbyI25X>*

*Leveraging the Partnership: What Tools for Membership Engagement? What Can Each Member Organisation Bring to the Partnership to Increase Our Impact?* The conversation was organised around three key aims: leveraging the partnership, facilitating deeper and more impactful cooperation with SLOCAT members, and ensuring transparent and effective

communication between the Secretariat and Members. Participants evaluated a menu of proposed approaches, and discussed the risks and benefits of each proposal.

*Membership Engagement memo prepared by the SLOCAT Partnership Secretariat can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-u7qD6NNMW-Mrq1tn80iitZeJWNAjNbi>*

### *Maximising Public-Private Synergies: A proposal by Movin' On to SLOCAT Members*

On the basis of the specific collaboration proposal put forward by Michelin in its capacity of SLOCAT member and facilitator of the Movin' On ecosystem, participants assessed the complementarity between the SLOCAT Partnership and the Movin'On ecosystems. They also explored how a collaboration between Movin'On and SLOCAT can contribute to enhancing the synergies between both ecosystems and, ultimately to leveraging partnership dynamics. Participants underlined that the lines between public and private sectors are increasingly blurred and further collaboration between both sectors is essential towards co-construction and co-innovation for positive impact on public policy objectives and common public interests.

*Proposal presented by Movin'On can be found at:*

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eZLSsfravc7\\_gc8OhZw9KOkCDIp7B\\_Ft](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eZLSsfravc7_gc8OhZw9KOkCDIp7B_Ft)

## Presentation of new logo

### Initial Logo presented at the Annual Meeting



### Final SLOCAT Logo-approved by the SLOCAT Board



## Reception

Board Chair Bronwen Thornton and Secretary General Maruxa Cardama closed the meeting thanking delegates for the interactive engagement and the rich insights and ideas shared. The traditional SLOCAT Partnership reception followed. Over a couple of hours, delegates from across the Partnership, Board members and the Secretariat team enjoyed a lively networking and exchange time in an informal set up; setting the tone for a full week of intense activity by the sustainable, low carbon family at one more edition of both Transport Research Board and Transforming Transportation 2020.

# ANNEX: List of Participants

## In-Person

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jamie Leather	Asian Development Bank
John Cohen	Alstom
Clayton Lane	Ascendal & GoMetro
Benjamin Jeromin	BMZ
Seema Singh	Cornell University
María F. Ramírez	Despacio
Marina Moscoso	Despacio
Patricia Calderón	Despacio
Colin Gourley	DFID
Torsten Klimke	European Commission DG MOVE
Maria Carbone	European Commission, DG Mobility & Transport
Justin Coetzee	GoMetro
Steve Winkelman	Green Resilience Strategies
Stefanie Sohm	Growing Markets
Tsu-Jui Cheng	ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability
Louise Cathro	IMC Worldwide
Sudarmanto Budi Nugroho	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies Japan
Susanna Zammataro	International Road Federation (IRF)
Jari Kauppila	International Transport Forum
Alexandre Santacreu	International Transport Forum / OECD
Philippe Crist	International Transport Forum at the OECD
James Bradford	iRAP
Aimee Gauthier	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
Jacob Mason	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
Ramon Cruz	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
Heather Allen	Median
Nicolas Beaumont	Movin'On / Michelin
Paola Tapia	Mujeres en Movimiento Ex Ministra de Transportes Chile
Karen Vancluysen	Polis

Juan Carlos Munoz	Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
Hannah E. Murdock	REN21
Siegfried Rupprecht	Rupprecht Consult - Forschung & Beratung GmbH
Kalpana Viswanath	Safetipin
Holger Dalkmann	Sustain 2030
Nyaga Kebuchi	Sustainable Transport Africa
Daniel Moser	TUMI
Philip Turner	UITP
Daniel Oviedo	University College London
Todd Litman	Victoria Transport Research Institute
Henrik Nolmark	Volvo Research and Educational Foundations
Bronwen Thornton	Walk 21
Laura Ballesteros	Women in Motion
Daniela Chacon	Women in Motion
Alejandro Schwedhelm	World Resources Institute
Aniruddha Dasgupta	World Resources Institute
Sergio Avelleda	World Resources Institute
Tolga İmamoğlu	World Resources Institute

## Online

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## SLOCAT Partnership Secretariat

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