

# Advocacy and Engagement Plan 2023 – 2024

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SLOCAT’s engagement in global processes in 2023-2024 will occur in the context of continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing geopolitical tensions with unprecedented social and economic impacts, and the increasing threats associated with climate change and other stresses on planetary systems. In light of this, the global climate community is displaying a renewed focus on finance. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (see [SDG Stimulus to Deliver Agenda 2030](#)) and the [Bridgetown Agenda](#), spearheaded by Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, are urging a meaningful reform of the global financial infrastructure. The situation is ripe for SLOCAT to champion transport transformations in a far-reaching, economy-wide, just transition.

2023 marks significant moments in global climate and sustainability processes, seeking to instigate a renewal of the UN’s efforts to address multiple escalating crises and ‘rescue’ the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. These efforts - which include summits on the [SDGs](#) and on Climate Ambition, taking place during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in 2023, as well as the Summit of the Future in 2024 and a Biennial Summit on the Global Economy (dates TBC) - will start setting the tone towards the future post-2030 global sustainability and climate agendas.

In the UNFCCC, the Global Stocktake on the implementation of the Paris Agreement will be a focus throughout 2023 and will allow the international community to better understand where progress is lacking, inspiring further action to move the needle. The priorities of the incoming UAE COP28 Presidency include the just energy transition and climate finance. Meanwhile, French President Emmanuel Macron has signalled his interest in organising a climate finance summit together with PM Mottley (June TBC) to begin the important work of evolving the global financial system.

This UNFCCC Engagement Plan 2023-2024 for SLOCAT sets out areas of impact relevant towards a more robust SLOCAT engagement in the UNFCCC and wider sustainability processes. This Plan delivers on the [SLOCAT Strategy for Engagement in UNFCCC 2021-2025](#). The [SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026](#) provides the overarching compass for our Partnership’s strategic objective & targets and areas of intervention.

The SLOCAT Task Force on Transport Community Engagement in the UNFCCC will guide the delivery of this Plan. The SLOCAT secretariat will continue to organise regular meetings, provide intel, track progress, generate entry points for engagement and drive overall work. On the basis of SLOCAT’s nature as a partnership and building on the Task Force’s approaches since its establishment in 2021, SLOCAT Partners actively co-create, co-lead and co-deliver the products and activities to implement this Plan.

## How does this move us forward strategically?

This Engagement Plan 2023-2024 seeks to:

- **Enable enhanced multi-stakeholder, multi-modal structured dialogue and political impact** through new approaches to SLOCAT’s advocacy and engagement impact in global climate and sustainability processes. This implies an evolution from an events-based approach to medium- and long-term political influencing on key issues related to systemic transport transformations.
- **Build capacity towards the next round of NDCs (and LTSs) for submission in 2025.**
- **Advocate for the alignment of transport and mobility investments with the principles of the Paris Agreement and SDGs.**
- **Synergise global sustainability and climate processes**, across SLOCAT Areas of Intervention 2023-2026 (refer to SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026).
- **Leverage the work of SLOCAT Partners, as well as strategic alliances within the wider global transport community and beyond** (renewables, health, urban sustainability and finance communities).
- **Support fundraising** efforts for engagement in global climate and sustainability processes.

## Areas of Impact, Focus and Scope

The table below outlines proposed areas of impact for 2023 and into 2024, building on past activities and pioneering new ones. It also assesses entry points in the wider climate and sustainability processes relevant for SLOCAT’s advocacy impact. The **SLOCAT COP27 Outcomes for Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport** is used as the basis for such assessment. Figures in the annex below the table clarify the specific contributions to the objectives and impact indicators of the SLOCAT Strategy for Engagement in UNFCCC 2021-2025 and the Strategic Targets and Areas of Intervention of the SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026.

	Areas of Impact	Focus and Proposed Scope	Relevant developments in global climate and sustainability	Contribution to SLOCAT Strategy for Engagement in UNFCCC 2021-2025 and SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026
<b>1</b>	<b>Structured multi-stakeholder dialogue and political impact on the intersection between climate, sustainability and transport</b>			
<b>1a</b>	<b>Engagement in negotiations of the UNFCCC and other key intergovernmental processes</b>	Step up advocacy at SB58 in Bonn and at COP28, with a particular focus on shaping outcomes related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mitigation Work Programme</li> <li>- First Global Stocktake</li> </ul>	Participation in negotiated text becomes essential towards a next level of advocacy impact.	<b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b> I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, III.B, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just transition, including transport-renewables just transition</li> </ul> <p>Build the narrative for transport’s critical role in the upcoming post-2030 process and repurpose existing SLOCAT materials around lobbying.</p> <p>Leverage the outcomes of the UN General Assembly Resolution on World Sustainable Transport Day and the existing Group of Friends of Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>Organise joint events between LOTUS and SURGe at the 2nd UN-Habitat Assembly in Nairobi in June.</p> <p>Co-organise ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogues on the intersection between climate, sustainability and transport with the UAE at key moments during its Presidency.</p>		<p><b>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</b></p> <p>T4, T5, T8, T9, T12</p> <p>03 - Global governance 04 - Community of change agents</p>
1b	UN Summits in 2023-2024	<p>Explore opportunities with UNDESA and collaborate with Member States to build a transport narrative towards the Summits.</p> <p>Explore potential entry points in the SDG and Climate Ambition Summits, keeping in mind the UN Secretary-General’s primary focus on shipping and maritime transport.</p> <p>Participate in the negotiations of the political declaration of the SDG Summit in New York, working with key stakeholders to influence the process.</p> <p>Explore potential of the COP27 Presidency initiative <a href="#">Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability (LOTUS)</a> in synergy with</p>	<p>The 2023 UN SDG and Climate Ambition Summits during the UN General Assembly week in September 2023 are crucial moments in the review of progress of the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement. They will also set the stage for the UN Summit of the Future and Biennial Summit on the Global Economy in 2024.</p> <p>These summits mark a renewal of the UN system efforts to address the multiple escalating crises and ‘rescue’ the 2030 Agenda &amp; its SDGs and the Paris Agreement. These efforts will start setting the</p>	<p><b>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</b></p> <p>I.A, I.B, I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, III.B, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</b></p> <p>T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T8, T9, T12</p> <p>01 - Policy and legislation 02 - Economics for transport 03 - Global governance 04 - Community of change agents</p>

		<p>initiative <a href="#">Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe)</a> as an entry ticket to these Summits.</p> <p>Organise joint events between LOTUS and SURGe at the 2nd UN-Habitat Assembly in Nairobi in June.</p>	<p>tone towards the future post-2030 global sustainability and climate agendas. Hence they offer important spaces to influence a re-shaping of global sustainability and climate policies and processes</p>	
1c	<b>Transport-renewables-health just transition</b>	<p>Campaign including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocacy messages</li> <li>- Infographics</li> <li>- NDC/LTS support materials</li> </ul> <p>Link campaign to key initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just transition work programme (outcome of COP27)</li> <li>- Multi-country initiatives on fossil fuel phase out (Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty)</li> <li>- Just energy transition partnerships (JETPs)</li> <li>- Ongoing work of the Health-Climate Network (HCN)</li> </ul> <p>Potential Transport-Renewables Ministerial and Multi-Stakeholder gathering at COP28?</p>	<p>A just energy transition is a key element of the <a href="#">Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan (SHIP)</a> and a priority of the COP28 Presidency. As conversations shift around justice generally, including in finance and energy, it is critical to enter this fray and display meaningful leadership.</p>	<p><b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b></p> <p>I.A, I.B, I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, III.B, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b><i>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</i></b></p> <p>T1, T2, T4, T5, T6, T8, T9, T12</p> <p>01 - Policy and legislation 02 - Economics for transport 03 - Global governance 04 - Community of change agents</p>
<b>2. Capacity building towards the next round of NDCs (and LTSs) for submission in 2025</b>				
2a	<b>First Global Stocktake on the Implementation of the Paris Agreement</b>	<p>Participate in the third and final Technical Dialogue in Bonn in June.</p> <p>Engage in activities organised by the <a href="#">Independent Global Stocktake (iGST)</a>.</p> <p>Launch a campaign that links to the wider process, in coordination with ongoing ones (iGST, WRI comms effort, etc.).</p>	<p>The outputs of the First Global Stocktake will inform the process about gaps and where increased ambition is required. The COP28 Presidency has signalled interest in ensuring the Stocktake culminates in a robust outcome.</p>	<p><b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b></p> <p>I.A, I.B, I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b><i>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</i></b></p> <p>T1, T2, T3, T4, T7, T8, T9, T12</p>

		Create infographics and other comms material that supports this work.		01 - Policy and legislation 03 - Global governance 04 - Community of change agents
2b	Next round of NDCs (2025) and LTS	<p>Continue SLOCAT <a href="#">NDC campaign</a> as needed for COP28 and beyond.</p> <p>Update SLOCAT <a href="#">NDCs Hall of Fame</a> with latest NDCs for COP28 and COP29.</p> <p>Co-organise technical capacity building workshops with the UAE that leverage the outcomes of the GST and prepare Parties to include more robust transport dimensions in their 2025 NDCs.</p> <p>Consider a more focused campaign and analysis around LTS (once a critical mass of submissions is reached).</p> <p>Explore potential assessments of the outputs of the <a href="#">enhanced transparency framework</a>.</p>	<p>It can be assumed that the second generation of NDCs will mostly be concluded within 2023. This allows us to develop final conclusions and prepare advocacy for the GST and the enhanced transparency framework.</p> <p>LTS will soon reach a critical mass (latest by 2024), thus allowing to conduct assessments by region and income group.</p>	<p><b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b></p> <p>I.C, I.E, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b><i>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</i></b></p> <p>01 - Policy and legislation 03 - Global governance 04 - Community of change agents</p>
<b>3. Alignment of transport and mobility investments with the principles of the Paris Agreement and SDGs</b>				
3a	Transport investment alignment with the principles of Paris Agreement and the SDGs	<p>Link to and leverage SLOCAT work ‘Toward a Gold Standard on Transport Investment’, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge-based advocacy piece and messaging</li> <li>- Blog series</li> <li>- Outreach to MDBs and IFIs</li> </ul> <p>Collaborate with the COP28 Presidency on this front and seek synergies with COP27 Presidency initiative <a href="#">SURGe</a>.</p>	<p>Climate finance flows and reform of the international finance architecture are taking centre stage and transport should be at the heart of these matters.</p>	<p><b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b></p> <p>I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, III.B, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b><i>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</i></b></p> <p>T1, T2, T4, T5, T6, T8, T9, T12</p> <p>01 - Policy and legislation 02 - Economics for transport 03 - Global governance</p>

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3b	Investment in public transport, walking and cycling	Continue to promote existing efforts, including the SLOCAT campaign <a href="#">Six Actions to Enable Walking, Cycling and Public Transport</a> , the <a href="#">Partnership for Active Travel and Health (PATH)</a> and COP27 Presidency Initiative <a href="#">Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability (LOTUS)</a> .		<p><b><i>SLOCAT UNFCCC Strategy 2021-2025</i></b></p> <p>I.C, I.D, I.E, II.A, III.A, III.B, IV.A, V.1, V.2, V.3</p> <p><b><i>SLOCAT SDP 2023-2026</i></b></p> <p>T1, T2, T4, T5, T6, T8, T9, T12</p> <p>01 - Policy and legislation  02 - Economics for transport  03 - Global governance  04 - Community of change agents</p>

# Annex

Figure 1 - SLOCAT Strategy for UNFCCC Engagement 2021-2025 - Objectives and impact indicators

I - More attention to transport	II - Greater diversity of perspectives and experiences	III - Stronger alliances and more partners	IV - Providing Intellectual leadership
I.A - Level of speakers / engagement in transport activities	II.A - Discussion of Global South perspectives	III.A - More joint work with other sectors	IV.A - Consistency
I.B - Involvement of Transport Ministers	II.B - Diversity of perspectives (e.g. women, youth)	III.B - More Partners actively involved in our UNFCCC engagement	
I.C - Content of discussions	<b>V. Other Impact Indicators</b>		
I.D - Positioning of Transport activities	V.1 - Transport sector targets in NDCs and LTS		
I.E - Meaningful dialogue with Parties	V.2 - Transport mitigation measures in NDCs and LTS (quantity)		
	V.3 - Transport mitigation measures in NDCs and LTS (quality)		

Figure 2 - SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026 - Strategic Objective and Targets and Areas of Intervention from SDP 2023-2026



Figure 3 - SLOCAT Strategic Development Plan 2023-2026 - Areas of Intervention

