



UN General Assembly Resolution
A/RES/77/286 World Sustainable Transport Day
Explanation and Analysis

May 2023

Key elements

Led by Turkmenistan, co-sponsored by 66 other countries - Adopted on 16 May 2023 - Find it in the six UN official languages [here](#)
World Sustainable Transport Day on 26 November to:



Enhance intermodal transport connectivity.



Promote environmentally friendly transport.



Develop socially inclusive transport infrastructure and other transport sustainability aspects.



President of the UN General Assembly to consider convening high-level meeting from September 2023.



Commitment to the enhancing the positive social and economic role of transport and mobility.



Emphasis on the contribution of sustainable, low-emission and energy-efficient modes of transport to climate change mitigation and adaptation and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (and) the importance of long-term strategies and multi-stakeholder partnerships in delivering them.



Importance of continued cooperation and coordination between the UN and existing partnerships including SLOCAT.



Encouragement to coordination and collaboration in mobilising financial and technical assistance to countries, in particular developing countries.



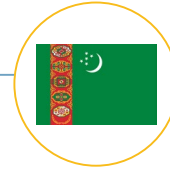
UN Secretary-General to bring attention to this Resolution. → [Details on context setting paragraphs and mandates in the next slides](#)

Some background



What is a UN General Assembly resolution?

- Core vehicle of the UN legislative process on a wide range of issues, including transport.
- Resolutions can mandate the UN System - UN entities, the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, etc. - to execute specific actions.
- Resolutions can encourage / invite actions from UN Member States and other stakeholders.



Why is Turkmenistan leading this resolution?

- Turkmenistan has tabled transport-specific resolutions every two years, since in 2016 they hosted the **first Global Sustainable Transport Conference**. China hosted the **second Global Conference** in 2021.
- The Permanent Missions of Turkmenistan and China to the UN in New York, facilitate the informal Group of UN Member States Friends of Sustainable Transport.

What's next?

Turkmenistan vision within the informal Group of UN Member States Friends of Sustainable Transport in New York

Ongoing and immediate

- Curating Turkmenistan's role as a driver of transport resolutions in the UN General Assembly.
- Expanding the Group of UN Member States Friends of Sustainable Transport.
- Establishing a multistakeholder advisory council to support the Group of Friends with expertise and advice.

Medium and Longer-term

- Consolidating enhanced attention to transport in the UN and coordination across the UN system.

What's next?



Next steps for SLOCAT

Ongoing and immediate

- Sustained liaison with Turkmenistan, UNDESA, offices of President of the General Assembly and Secretary-General.
- Informing the high-level event, and advocating for a multi-annual sequence.
- Exploring with SLOCAT Partners, the global transport community, UNDESA, UN Member States collaborations around UN Summits (Sept.) and World Day (26 Nov.)
- Carving out space for SLOCAT Partners in the proposed multistakeholder advisory council of the Group of Friends and contribute thought leadership as and if relevant.

Medium and Longer-term

- Enlarge the table: Political curation, alliance building with UN Member States.
- Engaging in the thinking towards enhanced UN system coordination as relevant.
- Cross-fertilising across UN climate and sustainability processes.

Approach

- Preserving SLOCAT's NGO nature (not at the service of UN Member States).
- Opening up the space for SLOCAT Partners and the global transport community.
- Supporting consensus-building and alliances among stakeholders.

Details on context setting paragraphs

- Recalls **previous resolutions**, the **UN Global Transport Conferences** in 2016 and 2021 and the **Political declaration of the high-level meeting** on improving global road safety.
- Reaffirms the importance of **2030 Agenda** on Sustainable Development, the **Addis Ababa Action Agenda** on Financing for Development and the **Paris Agreement** on Climate Change.
- Recognises and stresses the importance of addressing the **vulnerabilities and circumstances of landlocked countries and transit corridors and small island developing states**.
- Recognises the **important role of transport systems for all** in supporting **economic growth**, improving **social welfare** and enhancing **international cooperation and trade**.
- Notes the importance of **cooperation in enhancing transport connectivity** through an integrated intermodal **transport system passengers and freight**, and encouraging **low emissions, energy and environmental impact transport infrastructure and operations**.
- *(Excerpt from Resolution) Recognises the need for **continued cooperation and coordination between the UN and existing partnerships** on sustainable transport issues, such as the **Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport**, the **Sustainable Mobility for All Partnership**, the **Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT)** and the **Group of Friends for Sustainable Transport**.'*



Details on mandates (excerpts from resolution text)

- Declares **26 November** as **World Sustainable Transport Day**.
- Invites **all UN Member States**, United Nations system, international and regional organisations and civil society, including NGOs, individuals and other relevant stakeholders **to mark (the) Day** by means of **education** and the holding of **events** aimed at enhancing the **knowledge of the public** on sustainable transport issues, in particular enhancing **intermodal transport connectivity**, promoting **environmentally friendly transportation**, developing **socially inclusive transport infrastructure** and other aspects of **transport sustainability**.
- Invites **UNDESA with the UN regional economic commissions** to **facilitate** the observance.
- Requests the **President of the UN General Assembly** to **consider convening**, through voluntary contributions and without duplication of effort, (...) **a half-day high-level meeting**, in collaboration **with UNDESA** in New York, **during the 78th session of the Assembly** (From September 2023) to **promote sustainable transport cooperation** in support of the **implementation of the 2030 Agenda**, the **Paris Agreement**, the **New Urban Agenda** and the **political declaration of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety**.
- Commits to **enhancing the role of transport and mobility** in **job creation**, **mobility facilitation** and improvement of the **efficiency of logistics chains** in **connecting people and communities** to jobs, schools and health care and in the **delivery of goods and services to rural and urban communities**, thus **providing all with equal opportunities** and leaving no one behind.

Cont. details on mandates (excerpts from resolution text)

- Emphasises the contribution of sustainable, **low-emission and energy-efficient modes of transport** to **climate change mitigation and adaptation** and the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, (and) the importance of **long-term strategies and multi-stakeholder partnerships** in delivering such sustainable modes of transport.
- Encourages the (...) **UN system** and other **international organisations**, relevant international and regional **financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors** and the **private sector** to further **coordinate** their efforts **and to collaborate in mobilising financial and technical assistance to countries, in particular developing countries**, for strengthening the link between all modes of transport to achieve the SDGs.
- Requests the **UN Secretary-General to bring the present resolution** to the attention of all **Member States**, organisations of the **UN system** and other **international and regional organisations**, as well as **civil society**, including **NGOs and individuals**.
- Stresses that the **cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation** of the present resolution should be met **from voluntary extrabudgetary contributions**. (Customary in many in UNGA resolutions)

More analysis in the next slides

Analysis of mandates in the resolution

Mandate paragraphs	Actor addressed	Analysis and observations
<p><i>Decides</i> to declare November 26 as World Sustainable Transport Day</p>		<p>Can be the entry point for enhanced action and annual momentum towards more meaningful UN mechanisms / processes for transport.</p> <p>The date can generate positive synergies with UN Climate Change Conferences COPs, putting a spotlight on the eve or during their proceedings assuming that traditional Nov.-Dec. dates for COPs are maintained.</p>
<p><i>Invites</i> to mark World Sustainable Transport Day by means of education and holding events aimed at enhancing knowledge of the public on sustainable transport issues, in particular enhancing intermodal transport connectivity, promoting environmentally friendly transport, developing socially inclusive transport infrastructure and other aspects of transport sustainability</p>	<p>All Member States, UN system, international and regional organisations and civil society, including NGOs, individuals and other relevant stakeholders</p>	<p>Can boost attention to sustainable transport in countries and cities, providing our global transport community opportunities for collaboration around programming with national and local actors.</p>
<p><i>Invites</i> to facilitate observance of World Sustainable Transport Day, mindful of provisions contained in the annex to ECOSOC resolution 1980/67</p>	<p>UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and UN regional commissions</p>	<p>Can provide another entry point to work with UNDESA, as global Secretariat of the SDGs, and the regional commissions.</p> <p>Can enhance regional perspectives in the global transport community.</p> <p>Can plant seeds for enhanced coordination across UN agencies.</p>

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<p><i>Requests</i> to consider convening a half-day high-level meeting, in collaboration with UNDESA, in New York, during the 78th session of the General Assembly, to promote sustainable transport cooperation in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda and Political declaration of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety.</p>	<p>President of the General Assembly</p>	<p>Can offer a venue for initiating regular, structured dialogue between UN Member States and other stakeholders.</p> <p>With political curation, it can offer a platform for regular ministerial gatherings among all UN member states.</p> <p>To watch closely: the final decision of the President of the General Assembly.</p>
<p>Encourages to further coordinate their efforts and to collaborate in mobilising financial and technical assistance to countries, in particularly developing countries, for strengthening the link between all modes of transport to achieve the SDGs.</p>	<p>UN system and other International organisations, relevant international and regional financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors and private sector</p>	<p>While it is only an encouragement, it may inject new impetus on multi-stakeholder efforts efforts, whether new or existing.</p>

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<p><i>Requests</i> to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organisations of the UN system and other international and regional organisations, as well as civil society, including NGOs and individuals.</p>	UN Secretary-General	May open up more sustained over time multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration with the office of the UN Secretary-General around transport matters.



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