

COP28 Engagement Toolkit

Opportunities around the UN Framework
Convention on Climate Change and
the UN Climate Change Conference COP28

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Why engage in the UNFCCC processes and UN Climate Change Conference COP28



To influence the text that will be negotiated



To build and cultivate alliances for future work



To show case studies of successes that your organisation has achieved



To learn about how intergovernmental negotiations work



To raise funds for your work

Courtesy: Felix Dodds

A Quick History of UN Climate Conferences COPs

Two World Climate Conferences

- 1979 - Led to the creation of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- 1990 - Led to the establishment of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Earth Summit 1992

UNFCCC signed by 165 countries (presently 196)

Kyoto (1997)

Kyoto protocol adopted by developed countries agree to set binding emission reduction targets. Ratified in 2005.

Copenhagen Climate Accord (2009)

Establishes the Green Climate Fund, \$100 billion by 2020.

Paris Agreement (2015)

Keeping global average temperature well below 2 degrees C, \$100 billion in climate funds by 2020.

Key milestones of transport stakeholders' engagement in UNFCCC processes (1992 - 2015)

1992

Establishment of the [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#) - triggered a wave of national legislation and policies across countries.

1997

[Kyoto Protocol](#): brought into the equation carbon markets and private sector investment; shed light on a global, future issue (unusual at that time).

2013

The first [SLOCAT Transport Day](#) in Warsaw, Poland at the fringe of COP 19; adopted the [Warsaw Statement on Low Carbon Transport and Sustainable Development](#).

2015

Adoption of the [Paris Agreement](#) at COP 21. Appointment of the first UN [Climate Change High-Level Champions](#).

[15 transport initiatives](#) established by non-state actors were showcased at COP 21. The [Paris Process for Mobility and Climate \(PPMC\)](#) was created to bring together the diverse ecosystems of SLOCAT and Movin'On (formerly Michelin Challenge Bibendum) – a mix of public and private sector entities – and to support their engagement at COPs.



COP21- CMP11
PARIS 2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



PARIS PROCESS
ON MOBILITY AND CLIMATE

Key milestones of transport stakeholders' engagement in UNFCCC processes (2016 - 2019)

2016

The Lima Paris Action Agenda – later renamed the [Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action \(MPGCA\)](#) was agreed to at COP 22, recognising transport as one of the thematic areas. SLOCAT was officially appointed as the focal point for the facilitation of the transport sector's engagement.

[PPMC Global Macro Roadmap](#) was showcased at COP 22 as a UNFCCC-endorsed “discussion document”.

2018

[Driving Change Together: Katowice Partnership for Electromobility](#) was convened by the Polish Presidency of COP 24.



2019

Launch of the first MPGCA [Global Climate Action Yearbook](#) and the thematic [Climate Action Pathways](#) with the [Transport Climate Action Pathway](#).

SLOCAT was invited by the Chilean Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications to join the Transport Core Group in support of the Chilean Presidency of COP 25.



CLIMATE ACTION PATHWAY

TRANSPORT

Vision and Summary

2021



Key milestones of transport stakeholders' engagement in UNFCCC processes (2020)

2020

COP 26 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [En Route to COP26](#) was co-created and co-organised by SLOCAT and partners.

SLOCAT's mandate as the focal point for facilitating engagement of the transport sector in the MPGCA was renewed by direct appointment by transport sector peers, under a process conducted by the UNFCCC Secretariat.

The UN High-Level Climate Champions' [Transport Race to Zero Dialogue](#) showcased how the MPGCA Transport Climate Action Pathway can be implemented in different regional contexts.

In its capacity as MPGCA focal point, SLOCAT facilitated a Transport Stakeholders' Task Force, which provided thought leadership on the enhancement of the [MPGCA Transport Climate Action Pathway](#).



Key milestones of transport stakeholders' engagement in UNFCCC processes (2021)

2021

COP26 [Glasgow Pact](#): a historic call to “phase down unabated coal power and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies”. An [unprecedented number of commitments and initiatives](#) on sustainable, low carbon transport were launched at COP 26:

- [Breakthrough Agenda: Road Transport](#)
- [International Aviation Climate Ambition Coalition](#)
- [Clydebank Declaration for Green Shipping Corridors](#)
- [Declaration on Accelerating the Transition to 100% Zero Emission Cars and Vans](#)
- [COP26 Cycling Letter](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding on Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles](#)
- [Call to Action: Charge Forward to Zero Emissions Transportation](#)
- [Zero Emission Bus Rapid-deployment Accelerator \(ZEBRA\) Partnership](#)
- [Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance \(BOGA\) Declaration](#)

UK Presidency of COP 26 established the [Zero Emission Vehicles Transition Council](#).

SLOCAT Secretariat invited by the UK Presidency of COP 26 to facilitate the Knowledge Sharing and Signposting Working Group under the Zero-Emission Vehicles International Assistance Taskforce of the ZEV Transition Council.

[Just Energy Transition Partnerships](#) were launched.

Read more: [SLOCAT COP26 Outcomes for Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport](#)

Key milestones of transport stakeholders' engagement in UNFCCC processes (2022)

2022

The [First Global Stocktake](#) was convened (see [SLOCAT engagement and submissions to the First Global Stocktake](#)). [Independent Global Stocktake \(iGST\)](#) was established.

On 17 November, the Egyptian Presidency of COP 27 convened the first-ever [Ministerial Meeting on Urbanisation and Climate Change](#).

Several new international multi-stakeholder initiatives on transport were launched at COP 27, including:

- [COP27 Presidency flagship initiative Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability \(LOTUS\)](#).
- [PATH \(Partnership for Active Travel and Health\) Letter to Governments and Cities](#)
- [Transport Decarbonisation Alliance's Call to Support Active Mobility Capacity Building](#)
- [COP27 Global Commitment to Strengthening International Assistance for Emerging Markets and Developing Economies in the Road Transport Sector](#)

Developments related to the commitments and initiatives launched at COP 26:

- [Global Memorandum of Understanding on Zero Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles \(MHDV\)](#), signed by 12 additional countries to reach 27 signatories.
- [Accelerating to Zero Coalition \(A2Z\)](#) reached more than 220 signatories, including 40 country signatories.

[SLOCAT Transport Day at COP27](#) attracted nearly 100 in-person and online participants.

Read more: [SLOCAT COP27 Outcomes for Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport](#).

Advocacy and Engagement Plan 2023 – 2024

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.

→ Find the plan [here](#)

Transport in the COP28 programme

Nov 30		Opening	Dec 6		Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment/Transport
Dec 1		World Climate Action Summit	Dec 7		Rest
Dec 2		World Climate Action Summit	Dec 8		Youth, Children, Education and Skills
Dec 3		Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace	Dec 9		Nature, Land Use, and Oceans
Dec 4		Finance / Trade / Gender Equality / Accountability	Dec 10		Food, Agriculture and Water
Dec 5		Energy, Industry, and Just Transition	Dec 11-12		Final Negotiations

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Technology and innovation



Inclusion



Frontline communities



Finance



New! - Dec 2 - Local Climate Action Summit convened by the Presidency

Check out: COP28 Presidency Programme

4 December

**Finance / Trade/ Gender
Equality / Accountability**

5 December

Energy / Industry / Just transition

6 December

**Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment /
Transport**

Transport and Energy Ministerial

12:30 - 14:00

**COP28 Presidency multi-stakeholder roundtable
on land transport**

13:00 TBC

Transport Community Reception

Co-hosted by UK's Climate Compatible Growth, FIA Foundation, SLOCAT

19:00 - 21:00 TBC

COP28 Presidency public event on transport

17:00 - 18:30

UNDESA transport event at SDGs pavilion

UNECE, UNESCAP, SLOCAT, UIC, UITP invited to
conceptualise and deliver - (SLOCAT to (co)lead 2hrs)

8:00 - 12:00 TBC

**Marrakech Partnership Action Event on
Transport and Human Settlements**

11:00 - 12:00 TBC



**All info is
provisional and
subject to
change**

Urbanisation Ministerial

Presidency considering events
on shipping, green corridors and
aviation

**Systemic and Just Transformations of the
Transport and Energy Sectors**

Convened by SLOCAT, in collaboration with REN21 and TDA

COP28 Presidency events in which
SLOCAT collaboration is requested

Marrakech Partnership events w/
SLOCAT and ITF as Co-Focal Points

SLOCAT-led / coordinated /
co-convened events

UNFCCC Intergovernmental processes

Just Transition Work Programme

SLOCAT objectives

- Contribute to setting implementation parameters for transport sector engagement.
- Advance meaningful and effective social dialogue on the just transition for transport and mobility.
- Focus on pragmatic approaches (e.g. shift employment from fossil fuels to public transport) and technical aspects (e.g. increase incentives for EV battery recycling to reduce demand for raw materials).

Collaboration between SLOCAT and International Transport Workers Federation

- Read the [joint submission of inputs](#).

Resources

- UNFCCC: [Leaving No One Behind in the Transition To a Low-Carbon Economy; Just Transition of the Workforce and Creation of Decent Work](#)
- EDF: [Progress & Next Steps on Article 6: Looking ahead to COP28](#)

Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme

SLOCAT objectives

- Highlight transport sector mitigation potential and pathways, building upon previous inputs submitted.
- Raise capacity building needs to achieve mitigation goals (e.g. regional EV battery circularity measures).
- Contribute to emission reduction strategies for aviation and maritime transport.

Next steps

- SLOCAT, UITP, ITDP, ITF and ITF Workers invited to the **Second Global Dialogue of the Mitigation Work Programme on just energy transition in transport**, Abu Dhabi, 15-17 October.
 - Read SLOCAT's **inputs to the consultation in preparation for the workshop (below)**.

Resources

- [SLOCAT submissions May 2023 | September 2023](#)
- [UNFCCC: First Global Dialogue and Investment Focused Event under MWP; Second Global Dialogue](#)
- [OECD: Making the Mitigation Work Programme fit for purpose](#)

Engagement in the Global Stocktake

The First Global Stocktake (GST) on the Implementation of the Paris Agreement is critical to assessing progress under the Paris Agreement and addressing opportunities for enhanced action and support. The third Technical Dialogue during the Bonn sessions in June 2023 allowed stakeholders to provide vital inputs to improve understanding of global efforts and priority actions toward sustainable, low carbon transport.

SLOCAT objectives

- Emphasise need to focus on transport sector targets.
- Bridge technical to political phase of GST process, with transport a central element of political agreements.
- Move at the successive dialogues from 'what' (e.g. quantifying transport finance and capacity needs) to 'how' (e.g. pricing externalities of high-carbon transport) to 'what next?' (e.g. phase out fossil fuel subsidies).

Resources	SLOCAT submissions to the Global Stocktake
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNFCCC: Information note on GST TD 1.3• UNFCCC: Consideration of outputs component of GST1• Technical Dialogue 1.2 synthesis report by the co-facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Dialogue 1.1• Interventions at Technical Dialogue 1.1• Technical Dialogue 1.3• Outputs phase of GST1

High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Work Programme 2023

Mobilise NPS to maximise ambition	Mobilise NPS towards credible, transparent, science-based goals that maximise ambition and action
Drive systems transformation	Facilitate and enhance collaboration of stakeholders within and across sectors and regions with shared milestones and vision, with focus on mobilising action among NPS on enablers for climate action, including finance, technology and capacity building
Engage NPS in the UNFCCC processes	Facilitate input of information and expertise of NPS into the UNFCCC processes (in particular, GST) and enhance engagement of NPS with Parties to create the condition of ratcheting-up global ambition
Enhance accountability	Improve tools and processes for tracking progress in Implementing climate pledge and commitments of NPS to achieve better transparency, and support the UNFCCC secretariat in ensuring greater accountability of voluntary initiatives through the Global Climate Action portal (GCAP, a.k.a. NAZCA) as invited at COP 27

Source: UNFCCC

[Check out the MPGCA 2023 Work Programme](#)

Overview of activities at COP28

Source: UNFCCC

Day	03-Dec	04-Dec	05-Dec	06-Dec	08-Dec	09-Dec	10-Dec
Presidency's topic	Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace	Finance / Trade / Gender Equality / Accountability	Energy, Industry, and Just Transition; indigenous peoples	Multilevel Action, Urbanisation and Built Environment / Transport	Youth, Children, Education and Skills	Nature, Land Use, and Oceans	Food, Agriculture and Water
Marrakech Partnership area	Resilience	Finance	Energy & Industry	Human Settlements & Transport		Land Use & Oceans and Coastal Zones	Water

Focal Points for the engagement of the transport sector



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