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Action Event on Transport

Unlocking ambition for transport:

Leap towards a just and equitable 1.5°C future

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Transport enables prosperity and livelihoods. In 2021, the sector contributed 7% (USD 6.8 trillion) of the global gross domestic product and employed 5.6% of the world's workforce (193 million people). But under the current paradigms, the transport sector is not on track to achieve its global climate and sustainability goals. Because of its near complete dependence on fossil fuels and the growing demand for transport, the transport sector accounted for 20.7% of global fossil fuel CO₂ emissions in 2022. In parallel, the share of renewable energy is only 4.1% of the total final energy demand in transport. Nonetheless, achieving transport pathways that align with the 1.5°C target will require at least a 59% reduction in global transport CO₂ emissions by 2050. There is still a significant gap in ambition to achieve a just and equitable 1.5°C future for transport.

Meanwhile, on the one hand, the COP28 Decision on the Global Stocktake recognised that we need deep, rapid and sustained reductions in emissions in line with 1.5°C pathways across sectors, including transport. It encourages countries to accelerate the reduction of emissions from road transport on a range of pathways, including through development of infrastructure and rapid deployment of zero- and low-emission vehicles. On the other hand the next generation of NDCs, with an implementation timeframe of 2035, are due to be submitted in 2025 in advance of COP30.

COP29 in Baku presents a critical opportunity for stakeholders to leverage this window of opportunity and support countries to set more ambitious, robust and actionable targets and roadmaps for the decarbonisation, the adaptation to climate change impacts and the resilience of transport and mobility systems – in a just transition.

To address these challenges and emerging opportunities, the Transport Action Event brings together various stakeholders with the objectives to:

- **Align sector and industry policies with just transition principles:** Launch of an action plan to ensure African seafarers are not left behind in the transition to zero-emission shipping.
- **Establish clearer, more ambitious pathways for Avoid and Shift transport:** Launch of the [Avoid and Shift Breakthrough](#) of the MPGCA 2030 Breakthrough Agenda, which builds on the [#FossilFreeTransport Call to Action](#) launched at COP28 and aims to double the share of energy efficient and fossil-free forms of land transport for people and goods by 2030, by focusing on shifts to public transport, walking, cycling and rail freight, as well as electric vehicles and railways.
- **Enhance capacity to raise ambition for transport in NDC 3.0:** Showcasing various resources and guidelines developed by the sustainable transport community.

Time	Segments
12:45 - 12:47	<p>Welcome and introduction Ms. Alice Yiu, Director of Outreach and Communications, SLOCAT</p>
Segment 1: Aligning transport sector and industry policies for a just transition	
12:47 - 12:55	<p>Keynote remarks H.E. Ms. Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion, COP29</p>
12:55 - 13:10	<p>Fireside chat A coalition of maritime authorities and seafarer training institutions is launching the 16-point action plan to ensure African seafarers are not left behind in the transition to zero-emission shipping.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary, International Transport Workers' Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Maria Kristina Javellana, Head of Fleet, Hafnia • Ms. Zazi Molobane Nsibanyoni-Mugambi, Head of Secretariat and Acting International Officer, National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa • Ms. Catherine Oppong-Adjei, Principal Officer, Environment and Safety Technical Division, Ghana Maritime Authority
Segment 2: Establishing ambitious pathways for an Avoid/Shift Breakthrough	
13:10 - 13:45	<p>This panel discussion will feature the launch of the Avoid/Shift Breakthrough under the 2030 Breakthrough Agenda, focusing on doubling the share of energy-efficient and fossil-free land transport, with an emphasis on shifts to public transport, walking, cycling, and rail freight, supported by electric vehicles and railways.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Alice Yiu, Director of Outreach and Communications, SLOCAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Muñoz, Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Chile • Mr. Jamie Leather, Director, Transport Sector Group, Asian Development Bank • Ms. Wangari Muchiri, Director of Africa, Global Wind Energy Council • Mr. Felipe Ramírez, Urban Mobility Director, World Resources Institute Ross Center for Sustainable Cities
Segment 3: Enhancing capacity to raise ambition for transport in NDC 3.0	
13:45 - 14:15	<p>A series of lightning talks will showcase different NDC templates developed by the transport community to support countries in setting more ambitious, robust and actionable targets and roadmaps for transport.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Olivia Wessendorff, Advisor to the ITF Secretary General at the OECD, International Transport Forum (ITF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail - Mr. Rovshan Rustamov, CEO, Azerbaijan Railways • Active travel - Ms. Jill Warren, CEO, European Cyclists' Federation - Partnership on Active Travel and Health (PATH) Coalition • Public transport - Ms. Anja Antonia Höög, Chief Sustainability Officer, Keolis • Popular transport - Ms. Fernanda Rivera, Former General Director of Transport at Mexico City's Government; MSc Candidate in Transport and City Planning, University College London