

A Milestone Year for Fossil-Free Transport

2024 has been a fruitful year for our collective Call to double the share of energy-efficient and fossil-free forms of land transport by **2030**. One year ago, over 60 multistakeholder signatories, including Chile and Colombia, gathered to send a clear message: Action should focus on shifts to public transport, walking, cycling and rail freight, as well as electric vehicles and railways; while drastically scaling up the consumption of renewable energy and zero emission energy sources, towards fossil-free land transport by 2050. Ambitious global, national and sub-national targets and policies, along with more and better investment, are critical.

Moving from Pledges to Action

The nine areas of the Call to Action set a clear direction for governments to implement the COP28 decision on the first Global Stocktake, which recommends countries to "accelerate the reduction of emissions from road transport on a range of pathways, including through the development of infrastructure and rapid deployment of zero- and low-emission vehicles". They also agreed to transition away from fossil fuels, tripling renewable energy capacity globally and doubling the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030.

Under the 2024 Action Agenda, we inform global processes with knowledge and resources about diverse solutions and perspectives. We have worked top-down, i.e. explained and translated the global targets to maximise impact on national, sub-national and corporate policies. And, we have worked bottom-up, i.e. equipped governments with the resources needed to raise their ambition for transport in NDCs 3.0.

Action for Ambition: A Race to the Top

We analyse how the second generation of NDCs addressed the nine action areas of the Call to Action. The analysis highlights positive approaches in the NDCs to inspire and guide NDCs 3.0, and showcases synergies between climate action and broader sustainability objectives. It also stresses the need to raise transport ambitions to meet the challenges of our time.

Action for Finance: Transport in Climate Finance and the Loss & Damage Fund

At COP29, SLOCAT and our partners are calling for ambitious efforts to urgently close the transport finance gap. Our messages focus on preventing communities from being locked into carbon-intensive systems and advocating for an ambitious global climate finance goal that delivers on the First Global Stocktake Decision. We urge countries to boost financial flows for transport and engage key transport stakeholders, while prioritising an adequate response package for transport in the Loss and Damage Fund. Additionally, we call for more ambitious transport commitments in NDCs 3.0 that can promote broader financial reforms for action towards a low-carbon, energy-efficient and resilient transport future.

Action for Capacity: Leveraging Knowledge for Action

Capacity building is a crucial enabler of climate action. Our NDCs Library is a one-stop shop for guidelines, tools, and resources developed by SLOCAT and our partners in the transport community.



Building Synergies with the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

SLOCAT is supporting the launch of a new "Avoid/Shift Breakthrough". The new breakthrough builds on the target of the Call to Action. It provides a detailed roadmap for transforming land transport through five key levers. To be launched on the COP29 Thematic Day on Urbanisation - Transport - Tourism on 20 November in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Breakthrough acknowledges the signatories of the Call to Action for their work, thereby boosting non-state actors' efforts on the global stage.

The "2030 Breakthroughs" are sector-specific targets. They were established by the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MPGCA) and UN High-Level Climate Champions to speed up the global shift to a resilient, zero-carbon future by 2050. The aim is to halve global emissions by 2030 and keep the 1.5°C climate goal within reach. Each breakthrough defines a clear, near-term tipping point for a sector, and details the necessary actions and timelines.

Influence on the COP29 Presidency's Declaration on Multi-sectoral Actions Pathway (MAP) to Sustainable, Climate-Resilient, and Healthy Cities

On the same thematic day, the COP29 Presidency will launch the MAP Initiative as part of its "Action Agenda" to speed up climate progress. The final draft for consultation includes specific references to transport which are strongly connected to our Call to Action. It includes "a vision for a low-carbon transport system, promoting public transport, safe active mobility options, and the electrification of private and public vehicle fleets, supported by digital solutions." The initiative also builds upon the legacy of the COP27 Presidency flagship initiative on Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability (LOTUS), facilitated by SLOCAT and BCG and developed in collaboration with the UN Environment Program.

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