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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this edition with the latest initiatives, insights, and important updates from across the sustainable transport community. Dive in and discover how we continue to accelerate the transformation of transport systems towards inclusive, healthy, green, and resilient solutions for people and the planet!

Global Status Report: Peer Review is Live!

We are thrilled to announce that the peer review of the [4th edition of our flagship Transport, Climate, and Sustainability Global Status Report \(GSR\)](#) is officially underway! The GSR tells the global and regional stories of where we are and where we need to get to urgently on climate and sustainability action for transport and mobility. It is a one-stop shop for the latest available data, trends, targets and developments on transport demand, emissions and policies.

Since its first edition in 2018, the GSR has empowered stakeholders around the world with robust, science-based evidence and strategic insights, enabling informed decision-making for sustainable and low-carbon transport solutions. The GSR has engaged over 300 experts from more than 200 organisations worldwide for this collaborative flagship knowledge series.

The 4th edition will feature:

- **Key insights and practical takeaways** to support effective, evidence-based policies and investments for decision-makers.
- **Interactive, user-centric content**, including easy-to-navigate data insights, visually engaging regional infographics and country fact sheets.
- **Stronger focus on sustainability** with dedicated chapters on equitable access, gender, health, just transition, freight transport and more.

- **Clear pathways** to achieving climate and sustainability goals through **national and subnational actions**, highlighting the roles of both **public and private actors**.
- **Regional overviews** of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Oceania, and Small Island Developing States.
- Broad coverage of **transport sub-sectors and modes**, including passenger and freight transport, integrated transport planning, walking, cycling, public and popular transport, rail, road, aviation, and shipping.
- **Energy and technology** trends in transport, covering energy sources and vehicle innovations.
- Trends in **financing and capacity-building** for the sustainable transport transformation.
- Continued access to our [open-source database \(TrackB\)](#)

Only a few days left!

Currently, the **regional overviews** for Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and Oceania, **is open for peer review until Friday 9 May 2025**. More chapters will be available for review on a rolling basis in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to be among the first to read the 4th edition!

[GSR at a glance](#)

[Peer review platform](#)

Insights from the “Raising Ambition for Transport in NDCs” Workshop

Transport remains crucial for global prosperity, significantly contributing to economic growth and employment. In 2021, the sector employed around [193 million people worldwide and generated approximately USD 6.8 trillion of global GDP](#). However, it's also the second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, responsible for [21.9% of global CO₂ emissions as of 2023](#). To align transport systems with the Paris Agreement's critical 1.5°C target, emissions must drop by [59% from 2020 levels by 2050](#).

To address this urgency, the “Raising Ambition for Transport in NDCs” workshops were convened to empower policymakers with the tools to embed ambitious transport measures within their countries' [Nationally Determined Contributions \(NDCs\) 3.0](#). The knowledge of the workshops was drawn from a range of NDC guidance developed by the sustainable transport actors since 2024, including the [Five point Plan for Transport in NDCs](#) developed by SLOCAT.

The workshops took place on 29 April and were co-organised by [GIZ](#), [International Transport Forum \(ITF\)](#), [Global Network for Popular Transportation \(GNPT\)](#), [International Association of Public Transport \(UITP\)](#), [International Union of Railways](#)

(UIC), [Partnership for Active Travel and Health \(PATH\)](#), SLOCAT and [World Resources Institute](#), with support from the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions team. They featured a [keynote address from Mr. Cloves Benevides](#), Undersecretary of Sustainability at Brazil's Ministry of Transport, who outlined Brazil's ambitious plans for sector-specific climate targets, sustainable infrastructure bonds, and its national sustainable taxonomy. The two virtual sessions brought together over 90 experts—who are actively engaged in national climate strategy processes—representing 47 countries.

Explore the NDC resources in detail at the [SLOCAT NDC Library](#), and stay tuned for future workshops and resources!

[Read more](#)

Dan Ioschpe Announced as COP30 High-Level Climate Champion

COP30 President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has appointed [Dan Ioschpe as the COP30 High-Level Climate Champion](#). Ioschpe, a prominent figure in Brazil's transport and manufacturing sectors, is Chairman of the Board of Ioschpe-Maxion—one of the world's largest manufacturers of wheels—and also serves on the boards of Embraer, Marcopolo, and WEG, leaders in aviation, bus manufacturing, and electric technologies, respectively.

With deep roots in the mobility and industrial innovation space, Ioschpe brings critical insight into decarbonising transport and advancing sustainable industry. His appointment underscores the essential role of the private sector and civil society from the transport sector in delivering meaningful climate action in line with the Paris Agreement.

Are National Climate Plans on Track for 1.5°C?

The upcoming COP30 and the start of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026-2035 underline the urgent need for countries to enhance their transport-specific climate actions.

A [recent collaborative commentary](#) from SLOCAT, UIC, UITP, Walk21, and WRI emphasises that **aligning the transport sector with net-zero by 2050 demands robust, well-funded national targets and policies.**

Notably, **countries like Switzerland, Singapore, Lesotho, and Saint Lucia are leading by example**, implementing ambitious transport targets and resilient

infrastructure plans. This includes metro expansions, comprehensive cycling and walking networks, climate-proof roads, electric vehicle incentives, and equitable transition strategies. To truly achieve net-zero emissions, other countries must follow suit with equally ambitious and well-supported initiatives.

For an in-depth exploration of these critical policy shifts and to discover inspiring best practices, read the full commentary published in [IISD's SDG Knowledge Hub](#).

[Read the article](#)

Climate Finance and Economic Mechanisms: Unlocking Sustainable Transport

Transport drives economic growth but also remains a significant greenhouse gas emitter. [Our recent article, published in Green Mobility Magazine](#) (page 33), highlights the gap between existing climate finance and economic mechanisms and the needs of sustainable transport.

The article identifies that outdated economic appraisal methods and ongoing fossil fuel subsidies hinder the transition to sustainable transport solutions. Key recommendations to address these gaps include:

- Redirecting fossil fuel subsidies towards sustainable transport infrastructure.
- Reforming economic appraisal methodologies to reflect sustainability impacts fully.
- Prioritising investments in public transport, walking, and cycling infrastructure, delivering better economic returns and reducing emissions.

With 2025 as a pivotal year for climate action, aligning climate finance and economic reforms is essential. Read the full article in [Green Mobility Magazine](#) for comprehensive insights.

[Read the magazine](#)

Early Insights from the NDC Transport Tracker by GIZ-SLOCAT

Our analysis of the first 21 third-generation NDC submissions reveals promising developments:

- The inclusion of transport targets has grown with each NDC cycle. Transport targets have significantly increased from 46% in the second-generation NDCs to 53% in the current submissions.
- Switzerland and the UAE showcase clear emission reduction goals, while the Maldives and Marshall Islands offer innovative solutions for marine transport.

However, there remains a heavy reliance on the “Improve” pillar of the [Avoid-Shift-Improve framework](#), indicating opportunities for further transformative change in transport policies. Additionally, adaptation and resilience measures remain limited, particularly in the sectors of freight, aviation, and maritime transport.

Stay tuned for more transport insights in late May 2025. Explore the [NDC Transport Tracker by GIZ-SLOCAT](#) to inform your strategies and advocacy efforts.

[Check out the analysis](#)

Partners' Corner

- **Climate Bonds Initiative in Latin America:** PCS verifies certified green bonds in Latin America, recently supporting sustainable transport and energy projects in Bolivia and Panama.
- **ECF Leadership Transition:** CEO Jill Warren will step down in July 2025 after five impactful years. Under her leadership, ECF shaped major cycling policies across Europe and globally, including the 2024 EU Cycling Declaration and co-founding the PATH coalition.
- **FIA Helmet Campaign in Kenya:** At Safari Rally Kenya, President Ruto joined WRC drivers and road safety leaders to spotlight the FIA Helmet Wearing Programme. Backed by the FIA Foundation, the initiative promotes certified helmet use to reduce motorcycle-related deaths, aligning with Kenya’s national road safety goals.
- **ICCT – IMO Net-Zero Framework:** ICCT outlines four essential improvements for the IMO’s Net-Zero Framework, including better accounting for emissions from biofuels, LNG, ammonia, and black carbon.
- **IDDRI Assessing NDCs Beyond Targets:** A new framework repositions Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as strategic tools for systemic transformation. The policy brief urges countries to focus on short-term actions addressing emission drivers, not just targets, and to align NDCs with long-term development and global cooperation.
- **IRAP CycleRAP in Action:** Urban mobility expert Roxy Tacq shares how CycleRAP is helping cities assess cycling infrastructure and improve safety. By

scoring risks using global imagery, CycleRAP supports data-driven decisions and smarter investments in cycling infrastructure.

- **IRF Leadership Transition:** After 18 years of service, IRF Director General Susanna Zammataro steps down to take on a new role as CEO of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). Her successor, current Deputy Director General Gonzalo Alcaraz, will assume leadership to carry forward IRF's mission of sustainable and inclusive mobility.
- **ITDP 2026 Sustainable Transport Award:** Nominations are open! ITDP invites cities advancing sustainable mobility and urban livability to apply for the 2026 STA by May 1, 2025. Submit your nomination
- **ITDP Launches BRT SCOPE Web Tool:** ITDP's new web-based SCOPE tool quickly estimates climate and air quality impacts of Bus Rapid Transit projects, empowering users with easy access to vital data for sustainable transit advocacy.
- **ITDP's 40th Anniversary Webinar:** Celebrate ITDP's 40th Anniversary on May 13, 2025, in a special conversation featuring founder Michael Replogle and former Board President Paul Steely White, reflecting on decades of sustainable transport achievements.
- **Kuehne Climate Center Greener Reefers in Action:** The Kuehne Climate Center hosts a live webinar on the future of refrigerated maritime transport. Learn how industry leaders are phasing out PFAS, advancing natural refrigerants, and accelerating sustainable cooling through the Greener Reefer Transition Alliance.
- **POLIS Conference 2025:** Join us in Utrecht on 26–27 November! The Call for Speakers, Sponsors & Exhibitors is now open. Share your urban mobility innovations or showcase your work through tailored packages. Submit abstracts by 25 April 2025.
- **REN21 on Regulation and Climate Action:** As corporate backsliding on climate commitments grows, REN21 highlights the urgent need for strong regulation. Voluntary pledges won't deliver a clean energy future—only bold, binding policies can drive systemic change, ensure accountability, and safeguard long-term economic and environmental stability.
- **Smart Freight Centre Assurance Scheme:** SFC's Conformity Assessment Scheme boosts trust in logistics emissions reporting. Built on ISO 14083, it now covers Market Based Measures (MBMs), with Verifavia and Müller-BBM Cert approved to verify MBM claims. A key step toward transparent, credible freight decarbonization.
- **SSATP AGM 2025:** African ministers met in Benin to realign transport priorities and launch a new pillar on Resilient Road Asset Management. The mid-term gathering of the SSATP plan spotlighted collective action for sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient mobility across the continent.
- **TUMI 2025 Conference:** Brings together global partners and German development cooperation to explore how cities can build resilient and inclusive mobility systems.
- **T&E on Shipping Decarbonisation:** As IMO negotiations heat up, T&E calls for a global carbon levy, a green fuel standard, and stronger efficiency rules. Without all three, zero emissions by 2050 is out of reach. A \$150/tonne levy could fund clean fuel uptake and a just transition—if regulators act now.

- **UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum:** Don't miss the new edition of this forum in Copenhagen on 20-21 June, featuring conferences, networking, cycling tours, and races
 - **UITP Summit in Hamburg (15–18 June 2025):** Join over 10,000 participants at the world's foremost public transport event, featuring the latest innovations and policies.
 - **WRI – High-Impact Behavioural Shifts:** New WRI research highlights key behavioural shifts—like sustainable transport and plant-rich diets—that significantly reduce emissions and recommends practical policy tools.
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Thank you for your continued support and collaboration!

Best regards,

The SLOCAT Team



SLOCAT accelerates the transformation of transport systems and services towards inclusive, healthy, green and resilient solutions for people and the planet.

SLOCAT provides collaborative data and evidence-based knowledge, action initiatives, political strategies, dialogue, and strategic communications. This helps build collective thought leadership and advocacy at the crossroads of transport, sustainability, climate and social justice issues. SLOCAT emphasises all land transport modes with universal analyses and actions, especially for low- and middle-income countries.



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