

# SLOCAT at COP30

## Newsletter #1

### It's Now or Never for Climate and Sustainability Action in Transport

Dear Friends and Partners of SLOCAT,

COP30 is about to bring vibrant debates, bold (and not-so-bold) voices, a torrent of announcements, long nights of negotiations, and both hope and frustration. Yet this is no ordinary COP. **It's now or never for climate and sustainability action in transport.**

**Transport connects people, goods, and economies** – it's how people access jobs, education and health services; how food reaches markets, and how economies thrive. The sector produces 7% of global GDP and employs nearly 200 million people, yet it remains one of the largest sources of emissions and among the most vulnerable to climate risks like flooding and heat. Meanwhile, **billions of people still lack access to safe, reliable, and affordable transport**, limiting social inclusion and economic opportunity.

**In 2023, transport remained the second largest and fastest-growing emitting sector**, responsible for **15.9% of global greenhouse gas emissions** and **21.9% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**. It was also the fastest growing energy-use sector, consuming **27% of global end-use energy**, with **95.4% still from fossil fuels** – a dependency **virtually unchanged for 50 years**, responsible for transport's high emissions and air pollution.

**The urgency to act has never been greater.** The IPCC warns **transport emissions must drop by at least 59% by 2050** to stay within 1.5°C of warming. Yet demand for moving people and goods continues to soar. Without a paradigm shift, transport's impacts on emissions, air quality and energy use will worsen. Each year, climate-related disasters already cause **USD 15–22 billion in damage to transport infrastructure**, hitting low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) **hardest**. Under current policies, the sector could face **97.8% transport infrastructure loss by 2050** - the most severe impact of any sector. Beyond the financial toll, disrupted transport connectivity undermines economic development and social stability.

**Meeting climate targets in transport will require USD 2.7 trillion annually until 2050** – nearly **seven times 2023 investment levels** - with the largest gaps in Africa and Asia. With transport systems still developing in LMICs, **the next decade is a decisive window** to avoid inefficient investments and costly carbon lock-in.

**Despite economic and political headwinds, this is also a moment of extraordinary opportunity.** The choices made now on transport policy and investment will determine whether economies can grow and communities become more inclusive while reducing emissions and improving air quality. **Aligning transport transformations with social inclusion, decarbonisation, energy transition and resilience will unlock innovation, investment, and shared prosperity worldwide.**

**SLOCAT urges COP30 to move from promises to progress — accelerating implementation and accountability to cut transport emissions, phase out fossil fuels** in the sector, launch a **process towards a Global Goal for Transport**, enable **bold transport implementation of new Nationally Determined Contributions**, and **scale up the sector’s finance, adaptation, and resilience** to protect communities and economies. (Read below our *Five Transport Priorities for COP30*, and stay tuned for our *Assessment of the Transport Dimension of new NDCs*).

**In the weeks ahead, we’ll be sharing special updates from Belém**, highlighting our advocacy priorities and the key transport moments at COP30.

**We’d love to hear from you too!** Share your impressions and updates via our **Transport@COP30 WhatsApp Group** (sign-on below).

If you are heading to Belém, let’s meet at the **first-ever Transport Pavilion** in COP Blue Zone, where leading expert organisations, NGOs, academia, private sector actors, philanthropies, and governments will champion transport’s vital role in climate and sustainability.

**Let’s make COP30 count for transport transformations - enabling inclusive communities and shared prosperity on a liveable planet.**

Warmly,  
Maruxa Cardama  
*Secretary General, SLOCAT Partnership*

# It’s Now or Never for Climate and Sustainability Action in Transport

Read our collective thought leadership and advocacy

Five-Point Plan for Transport in NDCs

Set targets | Scale up action |  
Secure assets | Catalyse finance  
| Prioritise people

Global Goal for Transport

Why a global goal matters and what will it set in motion

## Five Transport Priorities for COP30

What can and should countries agree to advance inclusive, climate-compatible, resilient transport

## NDCs Transport Tracker

Transport ambition, targets and policies in countries' NDCs and Long-Term Strategies

## Your Resources to Get Ready for COP30

### Transport, Climate and Sustainability GSR

Latest data, trends and developments on [transport demand](#), [use](#), [access](#), [climate and sustainability trends](#), [policy and investment](#)

### Transport in a Crisis Era: Seizing Opportunities for a Just, Sustainable Transformation

[Takeaways and actionable insights](#) to support decision makers

### Transport by the Numbers

[Evidence-based facts and data](#) on the stark realities — and urgent opportunities — that shape transport

### Transport Event Tracker

Use this to [plan your schedule](#)  
[Submit your event](#)

### COP30 Transport Pavilion

Check out the [Programme](#)

### SLOCAT Engagement at COP30

[Website](#)

### COP30 Webpage | Overview Schedule

[Overview schedule](#) | Scheduled meetings, announcements via link on [COP30 webpage](#), from 10 Nov.

### COP30 Action Agenda | Thematic Days Calendar

Read about both [here](#) and check the [Action Agenda's events](#)

### Mobility in Belém | FAQs

[Official mobility guide](#)  
[Official FAQs-COP30](#)

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**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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