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Dear Readers and Sustainable Transport Enthusiast,

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

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# Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report - 4th Edition



## Key Findings from the Latest Global Status Report – Regional Overviews Now Available

We are thrilled to introduce the key Findings of the Regional Overviews from the [SLOCAT Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report \(GSR\) 4th edition](#). The GSR is our one-stop hub for the latest data, trends, and policies shaping sustainable transport worldwide. It brings together up-to-date insights on the key

challenges and opportunities in the sector—covering demand, use, and access to transport, climate and sustainability trends, as well as policy and investment developments.

The [key Findings](#) synthesize vital trends, challenges, and opportunities across global regions, highlighting how transport intersects with economic prosperity, climate resilience, and social inclusion.

These key Findings aim to equip decision-makers and actors within and beyond the transport sector with an assessment of the current situation, and knowledge for faster, bolder climate and sustainability action in transport.

## Regional Overviews

## Trends and Policy Development

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 SLOCAT Transport, [Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report - 4<sup>th</sup> edition](#)

[gsr4.slocat.net/](http://gsr4.slocat.net/)

[Read the key Findings of the Regional Overview](#)

[Explore the Regional Overviews](#)

## COP30: A Turning Point for Climate Action in Transport

We are pleased to announce the release of our COP30 Key Messages, your essential resource to champion transport on the run up to COP30.

As Bonn talks build momentum toward COP30 - a critical turning point for climate action in transport - SLOCAT urges climate negotiators to place centre sustainable transport at the heart of the climate response.

2025 marks the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, a crucial year for new NDCs with 2035 targets, and the eve of the [UN Decade of Sustainable Transport \(2026–2035\)](#).

The transport sector significantly contributes to global prosperity and livelihoods, accounting for 7% of global GDP and employing 193 million people. However, transport remains the second largest and fastest-growing source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, highlighting an urgent need for action, at international, regional, national and local levels, and putting a bold ambition upon the coming COP30.

Those messages includes the key actions needed ahead of COP30, including at Bonn for SB62:

- **Deliver Bold Transport NDCs to Supercharge Climate Action**

Countries must set targets, scale up action, secure assets, catalyse finance, and put people first to make transport a driver of climate abition.

- **Scale up Climate Finance for Sustainable Transport to Power Change**

Investing in sustainable transport is essential to meet climate goals in low- and middle-income countries. It addresses multiple priorities and powers lasting change.

- **Prioritise Transport Adaptation and Resilience to Protect Communities and Economies**

To reduce transport disruptions and their severe impacts on communities and economies, transport systems must be made more resilient and adaptive to climate change impacts.

- **Leverage Key UNFCCC Platforms to Accelerate Transport Action**

The Global Stocktake Dialogues, the Mitigation Work Programme, and the Just Transition Work Programme must be leveraged to push transport action forward.

COP30 must inspire sustainable transport action with real political momentum. Help us disseminate these critical messages, your support makes a difference.

[Check our Engagement for the COP30](#)

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**Announcing the Fifth Cohort of the SLOCAT-VREF Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport**

We are delighted to [introduce the fifth cohort of the SLOCAT-VREF Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport programme](#), launched in collaboration with the [Volvo Research and Educational Foundations \(VREF\)](#). Since 2019, this initiative has been empowering young leaders, bridging knowledge and policy, and fostering innovative perspectives in sustainable transport. The programme equips participants with skills in evidence-based policy analysis, helping them to become effective advocates for transformative, sustainable mobility solutions.

Our fifth cohort comprises the following outstanding young professionals:

- **Ayodeji Stephen Adekanbi**, a Nigerian PhD researcher at Dublin City University, Ireland, specializing in hydrogen fuel applications and transport electrification to drive decarbonisation across Africa.
- **Benter Atieno Agutu**, a Kenyan urban mobility trainee at UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya, and a specialist in road safety, active mobility, and transport infrastructure safety.
- **Olanike Christiana Babalola**, a Nigerian PhD researcher from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, focused on smart freight innovation for sustainable urban logistics, and a recipient of the 2024 Lee Schippers Memorial Scholarship Award.
- **Steffel Ludivin Feudjio Tezong**, a Civil Engineer from Cameroon and PhD candidate at Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, actively involved in transport planning and infrastructure projects across Europe and Africa.
- **Mohammed Musah**, an urban mobility consultant from Ghana, aspiring PhD researcher in Transit Oriented Development, and recently involved with the Ghana Urban Mobility and Accessibility Project.

Meet these inspiring individuals who are already contributing significantly to advancing sustainable transport, climate action, and resilience in their respective regions and globally.

[Discover the Young Leaders of 2025](#)

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## New Partner Blog: Transport in the New NDCs 3.0

2025 marks a crucial juncture for sustainable, low-carbon transport as countries submit updated third-generation Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). [A new analysis by SLOCAT and GIZ highlights](#) emerging trends from the first 23 submissions as of 16 May 2025, noting increased transport-specific targets and actions, especially on electrification and public transport. However, gaps remain in adaptation strategies, freight emissions, and comprehensive inter-modal planning. Discover key insights and recommendations from our latest analysis.

[Read the Blog Article](#)

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## Partners Renewable 2025 Global Status Report - Global Overview

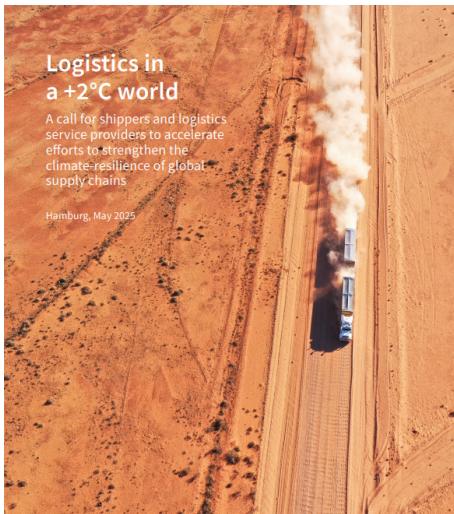
REN21's newly released *Renewables 2025 Global Status Report: Global Overview* warns that while renewable energy deployment hit a record 741 Giga Watts in 2024, system-wide progress is stalling. A key finding: the transport sector—accounting for 31% of global energy use—remains overwhelmingly fossil fuel dependent, with renewables supplying just 3.9% of demand in 2022. This underscores the urgent need to scale up electrification and systemic reform in transport to meet global climate goals.



[Read REN21's GSR Here](#)

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## Partner Highlight: Strengthening Freight Transport Resilience



 CLIMATE CENTER

As climate impacts increasingly threaten logistics, the [Kühne Climate Center's latest report, \*Logistics in a +2°C World\*](#), stresses the urgent need for climate adaptation in freight transport. Highlighting vulnerabilities such as infrastructure disruptions and compromised supply chains, the report outlines practical steps for proactive risk assessment, operational resilience, and infrastructure adaptation. Investing in resilience not only protects operations but also supports broader climate action and public well-being.

[Read our Blog Post about KCC's latest Report](#)

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## Introducing the New SLOCAT Website: Your One-Stop Hub for Sustainable Transport

We are excited to announce the launch of our new SLOCAT website, a dynamic and visually engaging platform designed to serve as your comprehensive resource hub. Whether you're a policymaker, researcher, activist, private-sector or a consultant or student, the new site provides streamlined access to detailed data, insights, reports, success stories and opportunities for engagement.

Explore our knowledge resources and campaigns, all gathered in one convenient place to equip the sustainable, low-carbon transport movement, and foster deeper community connections and impactful action.

Visit the new website today and discover the breadth of SLOCAT's mission and global impact!

[Explore our New Website](#)

# Partner's corner

## Spotlight of the month

### Dashboard for Sustainable Transport in Asia and the Pacific

The Asian Transport Observatory (ATO) has released its fourth transport in Asia status report, A Dashboard for Sustainable Transport in Asia and the Pacific, which offers a comprehensive assessment of transport systems across 51 Asia-Pacific economies. Drawing on more than 50 indicators across six themes—including infrastructure, access, equity, emissions, resilience, and health—the report highlights both progress and persistent challenges. This report serves as a vital resource for policymakers and stakeholders aiming to align national strategies with the Sustainable Development Goals and the upcoming UN Decade of Sustainable Transport.

Want to be featured in next month spotlight? [Contact us](#).

## Other news from our Partners

- **Chile's Call to Action with support from GIZ: Decarbonising Transport on the Road to COP30:** Chile, under Minister Juan Carlos Muñoz's leadership, emphasises the moral and urgent imperative to decarbonise transport. Ahead of COP30, Chile advocates for bold, transport-specific goals within countries' NDCs, reinforcing sustainable mobility as key to climate solutions.
- **GIZ – Food for Thought on Sustainable Transport in Africa:** new publication offering strategic, data-driven insights to overcome governance, financing, and equity barriers in African transport, calling for bold, locally grounded solutions.
- **ICCT – IMO Net-Zero Framework:** outlines four essential improvements for the IMO's Net-Zero Framework, including better accounting for emissions from biofuels, LNG, ammonia, and black carbon.
- **IEA Global EV Outlook 2025:** examines the latest trends in electric vehicle adoption, battery demand, and charging infrastructure. This edition offers insights on affordability, trade, and the cost of electric heavy-duty trucks, with data projections to 2030. Two online tools — the *Global EV Data Explorer* and *Policy Explorer* — complement the report.
- **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:** new web-based tool to quickly estimate climate and air quality impacts of Bus Rapid Transit projects, empowering users with easy access to vital data for sustainable transit advocacy.
- **UITP Global Metro Figures 2024:** Metro and urban rail systems are the backbone of urban mobility. UITP's latest *Global Metro Figures* covers 247 networks in 202 cities, serving over 1 billion people. Between 2021 and 2023,

13 new systems went live, including Sub-Saharan Africa's first metro. From automation to ridership, explore key stats shaping global metro development.

- **WHO Campaign – Let's Get Moving!**: Launched on World Bicycle Day (3 June 2025), WHO/Europe's campaign "Let's Get Moving! 100 Reasons to Walk and Cycle More" encourages active mobility by highlighting its extensive health, environmental, and societal benefits. Participate by joining the #LetsGetMoving challenge.
- **Women Mobilize Women Remarkable Young Voices in Transport**: The 2025 edition of our *Remarkable Voices in Transport* series celebrates 30 inspiring young changemakers redefining the future of mobility. Since 2019, the series has amplified 165 voices from 47 countries. This year, the spotlight is on youth — a group that makes up half the world's population yet remains underrepresented in transport decision-making.
- **World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR)**: Join over 1,500 transport experts from around the globe at the 17th WCTR, held from 6–10 July 2026 in Toulouse, France. The conference covers key transport issues across nine themes, including logistics, infrastructure, urban traffic management, and transport challenges in developing countries. Call to Submissions is open!
- **WRI – Completing the Trip: Establishing a Global Quantified Climate Goal for the Transport Sector**: WRI calls for countries to adopt a sectoral goal of 35% green fuels and a 25% cut in transport energy use by 2035. The proposed target combines electrification, modal shifts, and clean fuels, aligning transport action with national climate commitments.



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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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