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Season's Greetings

Thanks for your invaluable support over the year as we worked together to transform transport for people and the planet. Looking forward to impactful collaboration in 2026, here's to wishing you a joyful holiday season and prosperous New Year!



A Season of Thanks and Bright Future Outlook

Dear SLOCAT Partners and Colleagues,

As the year draws to a close, we would like to share with you highlights of what has kept us busy since our last newsletter, and to express our warmest gratitude for another year of partnership.

This is also the moment for me to say *see you soon*. As you may know, after seven transformative and fulfilling years as Secretary General of SLOCAT, I have decided to step down on 31 December 2025.

Working at SLOCAT continues to be a source of purpose and fulfilment for me. Yet leadership cycles and transitions are natural in any organisation, and I have chosen to make space for new professional interests yet to be defined, knowing that SLOCAT is robust and ready for its next chapter.

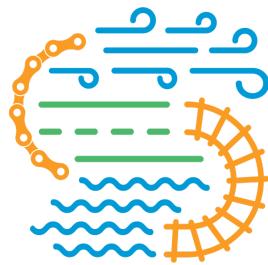
I leave with profound gratitude and pride in what we have built together: strengthened convening power and global reach, renewed collective thought leadership, and deeper collaboration across and beyond the transport sector to advance sustainable, low-carbon transport at the intersection of climate, sustainability, and social justice.

To our extraordinary secretariat team, Board of Directors, partners, and funders: my sincerest thanks for your commitment, courage, and trust. Together you define SLOCAT's vibrant, trusted, globally connected community, and continue to steward impactful results.

SLOCAT's mandate is as vital as ever in today's challenging and shifting landscape. I am profoundly confident the next phase will be a bright chapter for our Partnership and for the sustainable, low-carbon transport movement, building on 15 years of positive impact. And I very much look forward to celebrating the success of our new leadership!

Thank you for this seven-year, life-chaining journey. Shine on, SLOCAT!

Maruxa Cardama
Secretary General



United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035

Launch at the United Nations

Did you miss the official launch? [Watch it on demand on UN Web TV](#)

UN Implementation Plan

Read the [Implementation Plan](#) with its six focus areas, enablers, and progress assessment approaches

Voluntary Commitments by Transport Actors

Check out the [83 commitments selected by the UN in this compendium](#) - including by SLOCAT and Partners - to make the UN Decade a platform for impact.

Support the Statement on the UN Decade's alignment with the COP30 Agenda

The Ministry of Transport of Brazil, Brazil National Transport Confederation (CNT), the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development (CEBDS), the World Road Transport Organisation (IRU), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), and SLOCAT, have joined forces to launch the Statement on the United Nations Decade for Sustainable Transport (2026-2035) and its alignment with the COP30 Agenda.

National governments, organisations, financial institutions, the private sector, academia and civil society [are invited to support the Statement](#).

Operationalising the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

11 December 2025
Jay Suites - Bryant Park Office

Operationalising the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

Think-tank Session

Co-organisers

Collaborators

This [think-tank session](#) brought together a small group of transport actors representing diverse geographies, transport development contexts, and areas of professional practice, attending the official launch. It provided a space for collective reflection on how to operationalise the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade and advance sustainable transport in real-world contexts.

It also helped build shared understanding on priority needs and opportunities for enhanced international multi-actor cooperation on three thematic areas, namely: data and research, technical capacity building, and finance, with a special attention to low-and middle-income countries.

This gathering is part of a series of reflection spaces convened by SLOCAT since 2023 to support the development and implementation of the United Nations Decade.

[Read More About our Work on the UN Decade](#)

Check out our analysis of Transport Outcomes in COP30

Key Takeaways of COP30 Outcomes, and a Look Ahead | Transport Dimension of the International Multi-Actor Announcements and Pledges Updated or Announced

COP30 Belém was dubbed as the “implementation COP”, after years of negotiations on the Paris Agreement rules and amidst mounting climate change impacts worldwide. While it kept the global climate process alive at a time of strained multilateralism, it fell short of implementation expectations. Limited ambition from major emitters, geopolitical tensions, and disputes over trade slowed formal negotiations among countries. The lack of reference to a fossil fuels transition in the final decision - [The Global Mutual](#) - was widely seen as anachronistic, at best and underscored the disconnect between growing political support and negotiated outcomes. It also marked a departure from the strong signals agreed by countries at the first Global Stocktake, and played a major role in preventing agreement on how to close the gap between pledges and what science demands.

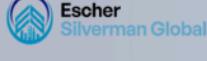
Key transport-relevant advances, across negotiated outcomes and voluntary multi-actor agreements include:

- **Global Implementation Accelerator** and **Belem Mission to 1.5** as voluntary initiatives to accelerate the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

- **Pledge by 11 countries** - Chile, Brazil, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Slovenia, Costa Rica and Austria - for a global effort of reducing energy demand from transport and shifting to renewables by 2035
- Forthcoming **Roadmap to Transition Away from Fossil Fuels**, to be led by Brazil outside the UNFCCC process, and **First International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels**, to be hosted by Colombia and The Netherlands
- Agreement on a new **Just Transition Mechanism** to be established to move beyond dialogues towards implementation
- **Call for, at least, tripling finance for adaptation in developing countries**
- Announcement of a **two-year work programme on climate finance to continue the dialogue** path towards USD 1.3 trillion
- Announcement of several **Plans to Accelerate Solutions in the transport sector, part of the new Action Agenda**
- **First-ever Transport Pavilion in a COP Blue Zone**, which put down a transport marker in the COP space

[Read our analysis of Transport Outcomes in COP30](#)

SLOCAT takes part to the start of a national initiative to strengthen private sector capacity for climate and clean air action in Nigeria



SLOCAT is proud to be part of the new UK PACT [Initiative to strengthen private sector capacity for climate and clean air action](#) in Nigeria. This 15-month project seeks to equip businesses, especially in the transport sector, with the tools, finance pathways, and technical support needed to reduce emissions and align with Nigeria's long-term net-zero and clean air commitments. The project went live in Abuja and Enugu in early December, with two workshops dedicated to engagement with businesses, policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, and civil society.

Delivered by a consortium led by the University of York – Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the initiative brings together international partners with Consulting Engineers Group (CEG) and SLOCAT alongside Nigerian partners Escher Silverman Global (ESG) and AP3 Advisory. This is a project of the [UK PACT programme](#) – a flagship technical assistance programme of the UK government, supporting partner countries to reduce carbon emissions and accelerate low-carbon, inclusive economic growth.

[More About the UK Pact Programme](#)

Coming in January - Freight transport and logistics roadmap

This roadmap will outline key milestones to be achieved during the UN Decade for Sustainable Transport (2026-2035) and beyond in order to deliver on intermodality, decarbonisation, efficiency and resilience in freight transport. It will present a timeline of key measures, including brief descriptions, examples and the stakeholders responsible. The analysis will build on the Compendium of Interventions for Freight and Logistics co-initiated by the [Kühne Climate Center](#) and SLOCAT in 2024, to translate the vision of the Manifesto for intermodal, low-carbon, efficient and resilient freight transport and logistics into actionable steps. This Compendium is based on existing research and evidence from leading international stakeholders to provide a clear pathway for impactful progress in the freight transport and logistics sector.

While waiting, check the [Manifesto](#) and the [Compendium](#)

Partner's Corner

Spotlight of the month

DDP / IDDRI – A Decade of National Climate Action: Stocktake and the Road Ahead:

Ten years after the Paris Agreement, this new report takes stock of how national climate governance and policy have evolved across 21 countries, from emerging economies to major emitters. It highlights where the Paris framework has driven real shifts in planning and implementation, but also where gaps in ambition, policy detail and delivery persist. The report sets out priority actions for the coming decade to accelerate national transitions and better align international processes with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. [More here.](#)

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

- **ADB – Gender Equality in Transport Tool Kit:** Moving Toward Gender Transformative Systems in Asia and the Pacific: A new toolkit from ADB's Gender Equality Division supports transport and gender specialists in governments, the private sector and development institutions to integrate gender considerations into transport projects and promote gender-transformative systems across Asia and the Pacific.
- **Asian Transport Observatory – The Two Faces of Progress:** Decarbonising Asia's Transport Sector: Ahead of COP30, this new study shows slowing emissions growth, improved efficiency and rising e-mobility in Asia, while warning that transport emissions still climb overall, now exceeding those of Europe and North America and remaining highly uneven across the region.
- **C40 Cities and TUMI – Fostering climate resilient active mobility for all:** A new report shows how extreme heat, air pollution and flooding are undermining walking and cycling in Global South cities, and sets out an equity-focused roadmap with indicators and practical recommendations to protect vulnerable travellers and sustain active mobility.
- **GNPT – 1st Global Convening on Informal and Shared Mobility (ISM):** Save the date for 23–28 October 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand, a global gathering on informal and shared mobility co-organised by PRISM at Columbia Climate School and partners.
- **ITF – New Vehicle Technologies and Social Trends:** Implications for Road User Charging: This new case-specific policy analysis examines how electric and automated vehicles, demographic shifts and new tolling technologies are reshaping road user charging, and recommends distance-based charges—especially for EVs and heavy vehicles—and tailored reforms to support sustainable, congestion-free transport systems.
- **MobiliseYourCity – Driving Change: Adaptation Actions for Urban Mobility – Catalogue of Measures:** A practical guide to integrate climate adaptation into urban mobility planning, especially in the Global South, with a catalogue of soft, green and grey measures linked to climate hazards, modes, costs and timelines to build resilient, equitable transport systems.
- **PATH – Walking + Cycling in the New Generation of NDCs:** A new global stocktake of 71 NDCs shows growing recognition of walking and cycling as climate solutions, with more concrete actions, visible budgets and emerging evaluation frameworks for active travel.
- **Safetipin – Gender Equity in Decarbonising Freight & Logistics:** A new study on India's freight and logistics sector explores how to make decarbonisation and electrification more gender-responsive and gender-transformative, highlighting low women's participation, key policy and data gaps, and priority actions to support women's jobs and inclusion in freight and last-mile delivery.

- **SuM4All – Sustainable Transport by the Numbers:** Tracking Global Progress: Developed under the SuM4All Data Tracking Initiative Working Group, this new report proposes a global tracking framework and candidate indicators to measure sustainable, inclusive and efficient transport at national, regional and global levels, helping close data gaps and support monitoring of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport.
- **T&E – CrOP30:** Why burning food for land-hungry biofuels is fuelling the climate crisis: A new Cerology report for T&E maps today's global biofuels landscape and a projected 40% demand rise by 2030, warning that crop-based biofuels drive land clearance, habitat loss, higher food prices and major emissions even as governments and initiatives like the Global Biofuels Alliance and COP30 plan to scale them up.
- **UIC – NDC 3.0 and Rail:** A new global snapshot shows 53 countries now mentioning rail in their latest NDCs, including 8 for the first time, underscoring growing ambitions for modal shift, electrification and network expansion, especially in LMICs.
- **UITP – Public Transport in New NDCs 3.0:** An Initial Analysis: A first look at 67 new NDC 3.0 submissions finds public transport now featured in 75% of climate plans, with more detailed mode-shift and electrification measures but persistent gaps on long-term targets and financing for sustainable urban mobility
- **UITP - Global Urban Mobility Indicators: *Public Transport Metrics from 53 Cities (2023)*:** comparative dataset benchmarking key public transport indicators across 53 cities worldwide, enabling evidence-based planning, performance tracking and policy design.
- **UN-Habitat – Urban Content in NDC 3.0:** A global snapshot for COP30: A new analysis of 67 NDCs 3.0 finds record recognition of cities, with the number of plans with strong urban content almost doubling and growing focus on sectoral responses, finance and multilevel governance to move from targets to implementation.



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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