



Statement by Maruxa Cardama, Secretary General of SLOCAT Launch of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport

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Excellencies, colleagues, good morning, thanks for having SLOCAT today.

We meet at a pivotal moment today to recognise that we cannot achieve inclusive prosperity on a liveable planet unless we urgently transform how we move people and goods. We gather today to commit to enabling effective transport solutions at scale.

Equipping decision-makers and practitioners with the knowledge they need to act, is central to achieving meaningful advances in the decade ahead.

Decisions on transport policies, investments and solutions by governments and other actors who shape transport systems will determine whether economies can grow and communities become more inclusive in a resilient manner, while reducing health- and climate-damaging emissions. With many transport systems in low-and middle-income countries still developing, effective and context-adapted support is decisive to avoid inefficient investments and costly retrofits.

To translate our collective ambition into meaningful progress, we need a strong foundation of science-based data and knowledge.

SLOCAT has long made it a priority to equip decision makers and practitioners with data and knowledge at the crossroads of transport, social justice, climate, and sustainability. Our blueprint has always been to co-create knowledge, to convene multi-disciplinary expertise and build robust, collaborative evidence and tools.

At the heart of this work is the Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report - the GSR. In its four editions since 2018, more than 300 experts from over 200 organisations have come together to deliver the GSR.

Today, SLOCAT is proud to commit this work in direct support of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport. The 4th edition of GSR - released this year – raised awareness on the opportunities associated with the UN Decade. From the next edition onwards, **our commitment is to contribute the GSR to the collective efforts for knowledge-driven monitoring of progress in the framework of this UN Decade.**

Monitoring progress will be essential to ensure that this UN Decade becomes a compass for the positive transformation of transport systems and remains focused, responsive and accountable. This is why, **to complement our commitment with the GSR, early next year, SLOCAT, the Climate Compatible Growth programme, and the UN Economic Commission for Europe, jointly with other partners, will convene a technical workshop to facilitate collective discussions on how best to monitor and track progress on the Decade's Implementation Plan.**

