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Thank you for reading our monthly SLOCAT's Partners newsletter. In this edition, you will find our latest initiatives and upcoming opportunities. We hope you enjoy this update and that it inspires further collaboration among our vibrant SLOCAT community.

SLOCAT enters the new year with new leadership

As we begin 2026, we are pleased to share an important update with our community.

SLOCAT is delighted to announce the appointment of Carly Gilbert-Patrick as its new Secretary General. Carly brings over 25 years of leadership experience across health, law and transport, with more than 16 years dedicated to advancing sustainable mobility at the intersection of transport, climate action and social equity. She joins SLOCAT with deep expertise in global advocacy, coalition-building, and supporting action across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This appointment marks a key step in strengthening SLOCAT's mission to accelerate inclusive, healthy, green and resilient transport systems worldwide.

[Read more about Carly's appointment](#)

SLOCAT's Impact Stories 2025 are Available!

Building just, prosperous, sustainable and resilient communities and economies demands rapid and far-reaching change in how transport systems and services are planned, financed, delivered, and powered worldwide. Anchored in our shared commitment to global collaboration and locally grounded impact, SLOCAT's collaborative work in 2025 helped align policies, investments and actors, and shaped practical solutions for transforming transport in ways that work for both people and the planet.

In 2025, the SLOCAT Partnership delivered evidence-based knowledge, policy guidelines, training, thought leadership and advocacy at the intersection of transport, social justice, sustainability, and climate issues to nurture ambitious global agendas and tangible results on the ground.

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New: The Transport Knowledge Base (TraKB) is now live

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Transport Knowledge Base (TraKB)

The Transport Knowledge Base (TraKB) is an open, curated platform that brings together key data points on sustainable, low-carbon transport. The TraKB primarily supports the SLOCAT Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report. It consolidates data and information from available data sources, enabling to generate insights on global and national transport trends.

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We are pleased to share that the Transport Knowledge Base (TraKB) is now available on the SLOCAT website and integrated into the Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report (GSR). TraKB is an open, curated platform that brings together key data points on sustainable, low-carbon transport. By consolidating data and information from existing sources, TraKB supports evidence-based analysis and enables insights on global and national transport trends, strengthening the knowledge foundation for action on sustainable transport.

[Explore the Transport Knowledge Base \(TraKB\)](#)

COP30 Outcomes

SLOCAT at COP30

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 Mutirão – 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:

- 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
- 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)
- 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 the COP 30 Outcomes](#)

Coming Soon - 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](#)

Bridging Generations for a Zero-Emission Future

SLOCAT and the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations (VREF) launched in May 2019: the Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport programme. The programme builds bridges between the transport community and young people and explores new perspectives by creating an interface between knowledge and policy. It will also raise the capacity of young people and provide them new skills in evidence-based policy analysis for sustainable transport.

Young people are recognised as the torch bearers of sustainable development and the vanguards in the struggle against climate change. By working directly with young leaders, the transport community will empower the generation who can help foster far-reaching and unprecedented change and build long-lasting bridges with other constituencies.

The voice of young people needs to be heard COP30 places people at the centre of climate action. It embraces global participation through the Global Mutirão, an initiative designed to connect with people's realities on the ground. In this spirit, the fifth cohort of SLOCAT – VREF Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport are sharing their perspectives on effective climate action in transport, drawing on their areas of expertise, which include energy, freight transport, road safety and transit-oriented development.

Each Young Leader showcases the benefits of a specific action, outlines what a global goal could cover and identifies synergies with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their work also shows the role that young professionals and young people play in implementing these actions.

[Read the Young Leaders Publications](#)

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](#)

Partner's Corner

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- **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.
- **NextBillion – Interoperability is the Answer to Scaling Up E-mobility in Africa: What the Continent Can Learn from the EU and India's Divergent Approaches:** A new article examines how interoperability can unlock scalable electric mobility in Africa's fragmented markets, drawing lessons from the EU's regulation-driven charging interoperability and India's market-led battery swapping models. It outlines practical pathways for African cities, regulators and fleet operators to reduce vendor lock-in, improve asset utilisation and build investor confidence while accelerating mass adoption of e-mobility.
- **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 deliver.
- **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.
- **Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI) – Updated Event Calendar:** The TUMI Event Calendar has been updated with key mobility and sustainability events for the year ahead. The calendar highlights major moments for the global transport and sustainability community and is open to submissions from partners wishing to feature upcoming events.
- **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.
- **Volvo Research and Educational Foundations (VREF) – The Walking Cities Lab: Making Walking for Transport a Global Priority**: VREF has committed SEK 24 million (over 2 Million Euros) (2026–2029) to a new international research programme on walking, hosted by University College London and led by Dr. Daniel Oviedo. The Walking Cities Lab will coordinate a global consortium and Urban Living Labs in Ghana, Brazil and India to generate actionable knowledge on walking as a core pillar of resilient, equitable and low-carbon urban transport systems.
- **Women on the Move Transforming Transport in Asia – Call for Abstracts**: As the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035) begins, this initiative invites women professionals, researchers and practitioners to submit short abstracts reflecting on how transport systems shape women’s mobility, safety, livelihoods and participation across Asia. The booklet will bring together diverse, experience-based perspectives to help shape more inclusive transport futures. Deadline: **31 January 2026**.

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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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