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Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default: "Readers" }},

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.

Reflections from the new SLOCAT's Secretary General.

Stepping into this role I feel both the immense potential and the urgent responsibility we now hold as the transport community. The transport sector consumed a third (27%) of the global energy for end-uses in 2023 – the fastest growing energy-consuming sector while 95.4% of energy used in transport still comes from fossil fuels. This heavy dependence is why decarbonising transport is critical for climate goals and energy security. This transition is also a chance to rebuild mobility systems that are safe, affordable, and just: saving lives lost in traffic crashes, closing the gap in rural and urban access, providing decent jobs and ensuring that low-carbon transport works for everyone.

We have a fresh kick-start with the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, a narrowing window to achieve the SDGs, a clear call and momentum for fossil fuel phase out and renewed momentum in the UNFCCC process—including the Global Climate Action Agenda and the Global Stocktake's call for accelerating the reduction of emissions from road transport on a range of pathways. This isn't a moment to wait; we want to bring the transport community together to speak with one clear voice, and ensure transport is at the centre.

My time at UNEP working directly with countries on their sustainable mobility policies showed me that decision-making is rarely driven only by technical evidence or what's right for the climate. It follows the political economy of priorities — economic growth, jobs, public health, and visible wins. That's why transport sometimes does not get the attention it deserves; its benefits are diffused and cross-sectoral, hard to package into a single political win.

I believe SLOCAT can lead on convening the international transport community to “convert” transport impacts into the language of those priorities so they rise to the top of political choices. We must show how transport action delivers immediate economic resilience, health improvements, gender equity, and fiscal savings alongside long-term emissions reductions. But to do this, **we need a unified voice**: a compact set of asks framed around the factors that actually move decision-makers. Then transport can claim the policy and investment space it deserves.

SLOCAT’s strength is our partnership, we are over 100 partners with deep knowledge and diverse perspectives. Our priority is to help the transport community speak with one voice, which harmonises our individual organizational priorities but at the same time resonates from local roads to regional communities and global climate forums.

In the coming weeks we will hold our first Board Meeting on 5 March and announce the Newly elected Board of Directors 2026 - 2028 to you all, host our annual SLOCAT Partner Meeting on 9 March on the first day of Transforming Transport at the WRI Offices in Washington DC and work with the board to shape our advocacy plans for 2026, as well as start the consultation process for the SLOCAT 2027-2030 Strategic Plan.

I genuinely welcome your views; how should we help turn multiple voices into a united clear ask for decision-makers? What are your priorities? Do you have great examples of impactful advocacy? Ideas on how we can collaborate better together? Do get in touch at carly.gilbertpatrick@slocatpartnership.org.

Thanks.

New Report: Is Transport on Track for 1.5°C? Insights from the New NDCs Analysis, Partner's Report and Update of the NDCs Library

A new joint analysis by GIZ and SLOCAT examines how transport is reflected in the newest Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), as of 15 January 2026 — and whether current commitments are sufficient to place the transport sector on a 1.5°C pathway.

The findings show that while transport is increasingly recognised in NDCs, ambition and implementation detail remain uneven. Most countries continue to prioritise 'Improve' measures such as vehicle efficiency and electrification, with relatively limited attention to 'Avoid' and 'Shift' strategies that can drive systemic transformation. Freight transport, aviation, shipping and informal transport remain persistent blind spots, despite their growing emissions and central role in mobility systems, particularly in the Global South.

The report's conclusion is clear: incremental progress is not enough. Stronger targets, clearer sectoral roadmaps and enhanced international cooperation will be essential to place transport on a truly transformational trajectory which can support to keep the 1.5°C of the Paris Agreement alive.

[Read The Report](#)

Active Mobility Gains Ground — But Critical Gaps Remain

A comprehensive analysis from The Partnership for Active Travel and Health (PATH) — of which SLOCAT is a proud partner alongside Walk21 Foundation, European Cyclists' Federation, FIA Foundation, and UN Environment Programme — tells a complementary story. The report, *Walking + Cycling in the New Generation of NDCs*, analyzes 133 newly submitted NDCs covering 67% of global emissions. Half now include walking and cycling as climate solutions — a 12% increase since PATH's 2023 baseline — and ninety percent of these include a visible budget, signaling a shift from rhetoric toward resource allocation.

However, accountability lags behind ambition. Not a single NDC includes walking-specific indicators, and 12 countries have removed active mobility commitments despite the Paris Agreement principle that NDCs should become progressively more ambitious. With 61 countries yet to submit, there is still a timely window to embed active mobility into upcoming climate commitments.

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Explore more NDC assessments

As international attention turns to reviewing the new generation of NDCs, SLOCAT has compiled a wider library of NDC assessments from across the transport community — bringing together analyses from GIZ, PATH, UIC, UITP, UNDP, UN-Habitat and others in one place.

[Explore the NDC Library](#)

Roadmap for Transformative Action on Freight Transport and Logistics – Now Live

Freight transport and logistics are essential to global trade and economic development — yet the Freight sector contributed 43% of global emissions from the transport sector in 2023, and this share is expected to reach 57% by 2050, Freight actions also remain largely overlooked in national climate plans, making coordinated, evidence-based action all the more urgent.

SLOCAT and the [Kuehne Climate Center](#) have released a new interactive publication to help change that: the [Roadmap for Transformative Action on Freight Transport and Logistics](#) — a guide for governments, freight operators, shippers and logistics companies, and other stakeholders on transforming the sector to make it intermodal, decarbonised, efficient and resilient over the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035) and beyond.

We've mapped out the key milestones, timelines, and responsibilities needed to turn ambition into action. Each measure includes clear examples and identifies the stakeholders who must lead the way. Built on the foundational [Compendium of Policies and Investments](#) co-developed by the Kuehne Climate Center and SLOCAT, this roadmap translates the vision of the [Manifesto for intermodal, low-carbon, efficient and resilient freight transport and logistics](#) into concrete, actionable steps.

What you'll find in the interactive page:

- A click-through timeline (2026–2050) with key moments, actions, and milestones
- Priority focus on 2026–2035 (UN Decade of Sustainable Transport) + milestone checkpoints for 2030 to 2050 (in support of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change)
- Roles for governments and companies, plus examples of good practice

[Explore the Interactive Roadmap](#)

Designing a Monitoring Framework for the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

The UN Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035) has officially begun – and with it, the urgent need to ensure that progress can be measured, tracked, and acted upon. On 19 February, leading experts, practitioners and policymakers met at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva for a high-level multistakeholder workshop to explore how to monitor, track and report progress on implementing the Decade across the globe.

Co-convened by SLOCAT, [Climate Compatible Growth](#) (CCG), and the [UN Economic Commission for Europe](#) (UNECE), in collaboration with the [Asian Development Bank](#) (ADB), the [Foreign & Commonwealth Office](#), [ITDP](#), [IDRC Canada](#), and the [World Resources Institute](#), the workshop was held in parallel with the 88th session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee, placing it at the very heart of global transport governance at the dawn of a decisive decade.

Over 1.5 days, 45+ experts from governments, UN agencies, development banks, NGOs, and research institutions explored how existing frameworks, data, and expertise across the global transport community can be unified to track progress on implementation of the Decade [Implementation Plan](#) and its six focus areas.

Discussions covered four critical dimensions: governance models and stakeholder representation; indicator architecture and equity principles; platform options and data partnerships; and how to connect, harmonise, and scale existing mechanisms for progress tracking rather than starting from scratch. A key thread throughout was the principle of equity — ensuring the framework serves countries at all income levels — and the recognition that transport is not only a sector to monitor but a critical enabler of prosperity, access and equity.

There were also the beginnings of a vision that we need “two levels” of the Decade (rigorous tracking of progress to spotlight best practice and share learning, using the decade for political advocacy towards an unifying global goal for transport..

The workshop laid the foundation for a monitoring and tracking framework to be developed throughout 2026. Its outcomes will feed into the broader international effort led by UNDESA and the UN Regional Commissions to operationalise the Decade's global Implementation Plan.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Webinar: Cutting Costs, Cutting Emissions — Climate Action and Finance Opportunities in Nigeria's Transport Sector

As part of the UK PACT initiative to strengthen private sector capacity for climate and clean air action in Nigeria, SLOCAT and consortium partners are hosting an introductory webinar on Thursday 5 March 2026, 10:45–12:30 (WAT).

The webinar will introduce the year-long programme supporting transport-related private businesses in Nigeria to reduce emissions, access funding, and create tailored plans to become greener, more inclusive and sustainable. Delivered by a consortium led by the [University of York – Stockholm Environment Institute](#) (SEI), alongside [Consulting Engineers Group \(CEG\)](#), SLOCAT, [Escher Silverman Global \(ESG\)](#) and [AP3 Advisory](#), the programme offers webinars, workshops and individual expert support over 12 months.

The webinar is open to all, though the programme is primarily designed for transport-sector professionals and businesses based in Nigeria.

Our Policy Analyst, Akshay Jamdade will be presenting during the webinar.

[Register to the Webinar](#)

Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport: Mentoring & New Publication

Our SLOCAT–VREF Young Leaders recently had an enriching mentoring session with Olivia Lamanya, Senior Manager Climate & Logistics Africa at [Kuehne Climate Center](#). She shared her journey from hands-on logistics to advocacy and policy, her work promoting electric mobility in Africa, and candid advice on making strategic career moves and advocating for yourself in male-dominated fields.



These mentoring sessions are a key part of the Young Leaders in Sustainable Transport programme, which since 2019 has been building bridges between emerging professionals and the global transport community. The 5th cohort has also published *Bridging Generations for a Zero-Emission Future* — a paper offering young leaders' perspectives on solar-powered EV adoption, intermodal freight, transit-oriented development, and safe active mobility infrastructure ahead of COP30.

[Discover the programme and read the publication](#)

Partner's Corner

Spotlight of the month:

UNDP – A Decade of the Paris Agreement: NDC Insights: This latest edition in UNDP's NDC analysis series takes stock of third-generation NDCs submitted by 128 Parties representing approximately 78% of global greenhouse gas emissions. It highlights growing ambition, broader sectoral action and more rigorous implementation pathways, while exploring lessons across 10 thematic areas — including new topics such as cities and climate, and peace and security. The analysis also presents results from the UN system's support to countries through the 2025 Climate Promise initiative and outlines the next phase of assistance to accelerate implementation.

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

Events:

- **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.
- **NACTO – Designing Cities Conference 2026:** Registration is now open for the annual NACTO Designing Cities Conference, taking place in Minneapolis from 12–15 May 2026. The event brings together over 1,000 transportation professionals — engineers, planners, government leaders, elected officials, advocates and practitioners — to advance the state of transportation in North American cities.

Publication:

- **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.
- **Agora Verkehrswende – EV NDC World Map:** An updated interactive map tracking global ambition to adopt electric vehicles based on third-generation NDCs submitted under the Paris Agreement. The analysis, drawing on the GIZ-SLOCAT NDC Transport Tracker, finds that 66 countries (52%) now include specific electric mobility targets — with 52 introducing EV goals for the first time. However, countries with EV targets account for just 34% of global transport emissions, underscoring the need for major emitters to step up alongside the growing commitment from the Global South.
- **Asian Transport Observatory – Tracking Progress, Shaping Policies and Investments: The ATO Approach:** A new knowledge brief outlines how the ATO tracks transport progress across 52 Asian economies to support policy development and guide investments. Structured around the Avoid-Shift-Improve and Finance framework, the publication demonstrates how rigorous, independent tracking mechanisms can strengthen accountability and inform transformative investments — with principles applicable to monitoring the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035.
- **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.
- **GIZ - Catalysts for Change in Sustainable Transport in Africa:** A new publication spotlights individuals from across Africa who are driving real impact in sustainable mobility — from optimising public transport through technology and transforming walking and cycling, to promoting women’s participation and championing electric mobility. These changemakers share a common vision: a connected Africa that moves better, with transport systems designed for and with Africans to enable equitable access, economic opportunity, and a climate-resilient future.
- **ITF – Road Safety Annual Report 2025:** The latest edition provides an overview of road safety performance across 40 countries, based on the most recent data from the IRTAD Group. The report describes recent developments and compares country performance against key road safety indicators. Detailed country profiles are also available for download. An "Ask the Author" interactive webinar will take place on 3 March 2026.
- **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.
- Registration is open to public sector, non-profit and academic professionals.
- **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.

- **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.*
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