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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.

A Word from Our Secretary General

As we close out another whirlwind month, I find myself reflecting on both the big milestones and the small, joyful moments that make our community so special. From welcoming new board members, to meeting up with new and old colleagues and friends at Transforming Transport in Washington it's been a busy month of transitions, teamwork, and optimism. The energy and dedication of this partnership keep me inspired. Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be a year of bold action. We're gearing up for sharing our 2026 strategy and workplan with key partners, launching our 2026 advocacy task force, deepening our regional advocacy, and working to operationalize the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, as well as preparing for upcoming key moments including the Fossil Fuel Phase Out Conference in Santa Marta and ITF. Thank you for being part of this journey. As always feel free to reach out and tell me how we can support you better.

SLOCAT Welcomes New Board of Directors 2026–2028

On 5 March, SLOCAT held the first meeting of its newly elected Board of Directors. The thirteen-member Board, representing diverse regions, genders and stakeholder groups, appointed Mark Major (Kuehne Climate Centre) as Chairperson and Carolina Chantrill (Asociación Sustentar) as Treasurer.

The Board reviewed SLOCAT's strategic direction for 2026 and endorsed plans to mobilize the transport community behind a clear advocacy voice with an aligned narrative and goal.

[Meet Our Board](#)

SLOCAT Plans for 2026

2026 is a pivotal year. With new leadership, a newly elected Board of Directors, and the [UN Decade of Sustainable Transport](#) underway, SLOCAT is sharpening its focus across four priority areas.

On **advocacy**, we are championing the development of a [Global Goal for Transport, building on the COP30 commitment by 11 countries](#), and preparing a multi-year joint transport programme for COP31, COP32 and beyond, including continued Blue Zone Transport Pavilion presence.

On **knowledge and data**, we are launching the GSR Explained campaign to unpack findings from our flagship [Global Status Report](#) on Transport, Climate and Sustainability, developing a monitoring methodology for the UN Decade, and initialising a Global Transport Stocktake to feed into the UNFCCC process.

On **partnerships and regional action**, we are introducing a structured regional engagement layer to bridge global advocacy with national and city-level impact, continuing the [UK PACT Nigeria project](#), and amplifying the [Freight Roadmap with the Kuehne Climate Centre](#).

On **communications**, we are building a SLOCAT Partners' comms officer network and strengthening cross-sectoral and regional narratives that position transport as an enabler of economic development, health and resilience, not just a sector.

SLOCAT is also launching its 2027–2030 Strategic Planning process this year, with partner consultations planned from June onwards.

We're Hiring: Communications and Outreach Intern

SLOCAT is looking for a Communications and Outreach Intern to join our team. The role covers content creation, social media, newsletters, website management and event communications, a great opportunity for someone passionate about climate action and sustainable transport.

This is a remote, six-month paid position (€1,200/month). Applications (CV + one-page motivation letter) are due by **2 April 2026**.

SLOCAT Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

- **Smart Freight Week 2026:** 14–16 April, Amsterdam, Netherlands Organised by the Smart Freight Centre, this annual event brings together 850+ attendees from across the logistics sector to discuss emissions reduction, digitalisation and policy frameworks for net-zero freight.
- **First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels:** 24–29 April, Santa Marta, Colombia A landmark gathering co-hosted by Colombia and the Netherlands to advance international cooperation on fossil fuel phase-out. SLOCAT will engage on transport sector inputs. Open to governments, civil society, academia and industry.
- **UNFCCC Climate Week 1:** 21–25 April, Yeosu, South Korea The first of two 2026 Climate Weeks, focused on accelerating the operationalisation of climate decisions and building momentum towards COP31.
- **ITF Summit 2026:** 6–8 May, Leipzig, Germany The world's largest gathering of transport ministers, held under the Presidency of Azerbaijan. This year's theme, "Funding Resilient Transport," will explore how to mobilise the investments and financing strategies needed to strengthen transport system resilience.
- **UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum:** 10–11 May, Athens, Greece The UCI's flagship annual conference on sustainable and active mobility, bringing together cycling advocates, public authorities and industry experts to exchange on city strategies, road safety and cycling tourism.
- **Asia and the Pacific Transport Forum (APTF) 2026:** 19–22 May, Manila, Philippines Hosted by ADB under the theme "From Priorities to Actions," the Forum will focus on translating transport ambitions into implementable projects across Asia and the Pacific.
- **London Climate Action Week:** 20–28 June, London, UK Europe's largest citywide climate festival, drawing over 45,000 participants annually. Organisations across sectors host a diverse programme of climate-focused events throughout the city.
- **SDG High-Level Political Forum:** 7–15 July, New York, USA The annual UN forum on the 2030 Agenda, with in-depth reviews of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, including sustainable cities, resilient infrastructure and clean energy. Thirty-six countries will present Voluntary National Reviews.
- **UNGA High-Level Meeting on Improving Global Road Safety:** 20–21 July, UN Headquarters, New York World leaders will convene to scale up commitments to halving road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030, including a multi-stakeholder hearing and the UNRSF Partnership Pledging Conference.

A community calendar with all event is coming soon on [SLOCAT's website](#).

Countries Are Betting on Technology to Fix Transport Emissions, But That's Only Part of the Solution Our latest joint analysis with GIZ examines transport in 110 new NDCs and finds that 65% of mitigation actions focus on vehicle technology and electrification, while public transport, walking, cycling and freight remain underprioritised. The report is clear: incremental progress won't keep 1.5°C alive.

[Read the Blog Article](#)

[Explore the NDC Tracker](#)

Cutting Costs, Cutting Emissions: Climate Finance for Nigeria's Transport Sector A new webinar brief summarises insights from the UK PACT Nigeria project's first public event, exploring the gap between Nigeria's climate policy ambitions and the finance pathways available to private transport businesses. The project is now moving into capacity-building workshops and practical guidance for developing finance-ready proposals.

[Read the Webinar Brief](#)

Roadmap for Transformative Action on Freight Transport and Logistics Published with the [Kuehne Climate Centre](#), this interactive roadmap maps out milestones from 2026 to 2050 for decarbonising, intermodalising and building resilience in the freight sector, with clear actions, timelines and responsible actors. A key resource for governments, operators and shippers navigating the UN Decade.

[Explore the Roadmap](#)

Designing a Monitoring Framework for the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport In February, 45+ experts gathered at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva to begin designing how the world will track progress under the UN Decade. Co-convened by SLOCAT, Climate Compatible Growth and UNECE, the workshop laid the groundwork for a monitoring framework to be developed throughout 2026.

[Read the Press Release](#)

Partner's Corner

Spotlight of the month:

GIZ – National Roadmap for Paratransit Reform

A new strategic guide for reforming paratransit systems in African cities, with a focus on Uganda. Rather than replacing informal transport, the roadmap sets out a practical, phased approach to integrating paratransit into multimodal urban mobility systems, covering licensing, operator organisation, network restructuring and fleet improvement. Essential reading for policymakers, public authorities and transport practitioners working on inclusive urban mobility in the Global South.

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.*
- **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.*
- **Asian Transport Observatory – Transport and Climate Profiles:** *Newly updated interactive profiles covering 38 economies across Asia and the Pacific, with country-level data on transport emissions, modal structure, motorisation, energy use and policy developments. A valuable resource for policymakers and researchers tracking transport decarbonisation progress, built on ATO research co-funded by UK Aid and implemented by SLOCAT.*
- **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.*
- **ITDP – Building Better Public Transport Systems: Public Transport Principles:** *A new framework offering five core principles, good service, zero emissions, well-funded, well-managed, and for everyone, to guide governments, planners and advocates in designing effective, equitable public transport. Adaptable across contexts, the brief draws on global experience to inform policy and align stakeholder efforts around what makes public transport truly transformative.*
- **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 delivery.

- **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.*
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- **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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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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