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Thank you for reading our monthly SLOCAT's 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 at the First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels

We are honoured that **Juan Carlos Muñoz**, SLOCAT Independent Board member and former Minister of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile, advocated on behalf of SLOCAT at the [First International Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels in Santa Marta, Colombia, 28–29 April](#). Co-hosted by Colombia and the Netherlands, the Conference was a landmark moment in the global push to phase out fossil fuels, building on the COP28 commitment and the COP30 momentum. The stakes for our sector are clear: transport runs on oil products for nearly 91% of its final energy, a figure that has barely moved in 50 years. There is no credible fossil fuel phase-out without tackling transport.

We will unpack what came out of Santa Marta, and what it means for the transport agenda, in our next edition.

SLOCAT will be at the ITF Summit, connect with us

[The ITF 2026 Summit takes place from 6 to 8 May in Leipzig, Germany](#), under the Presidency of Azerbaijan. As the world's largest gathering of transport ministers and the premier global transport policy event, this year's theme,

"Funding Resilient Transport", will explore how to mobilise the investments and financing strategies needed to strengthen transport system resilience. Carly Gilbert-Patrick, SLOCAT Secretary General, and Jules Vincent, Campaigner and Communications Specialist, will be on the ground throughout the week. If you would like to meet up, please reach out to jules.vincent@slocatpartnership.org

SLOCAT is co-organising a 60-minute side event on **Thursday 7 May, 2:00–3:00pm: "Re-thinking transport policy and infrastructure investments as catalysts for the SDGs"**. Facilitated by Mark Major (Kuehne Climate Center), the session will bring together ministers, funders, UN agencies and civil society to explore how moving beyond traditional metrics like time saved can unlock resilience, prosperity, access, equity and fossil fuel phase-out, with regional showcases from Ethiopia, the Netherlands and Asia. Carly will deliver the closing remarks and call to action.

Carly will also represent the partnership at **"Monitoring Progress During the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport"** on **Friday 8 May, 1:00–2:00pm**, hosted by UN DESA. Building on the February workshop in Geneva co-convened by SLOCAT, Climate Compatible Growth and UNECE, Carly will speak on what is needed to operationalise progress tracking for the Decade, a conversation we hope to carry into a partnership-wide convening after ITF to develop a monitoring and showcasing mechanism.

Beyond the formal sessions, the week will also be an opportunity to advance momentum on three priorities the partnership is actively championing: the development of a Global Goal for Transport, the phase-out of fossil fuels, and uptake of the Chile Declaration on transport energy. We will be holding a number of smaller meetings on the fringes of the Summit to push these forward, please get in touch if you would like to be part of those conversations.

Discover our new format bridging knowledge to bold advocacy: GSR Explained

GSR Explained is a new series that bridges the gap between the evidence from our flagship publication, [Global Status Report on Transport, Climate and Sustainability \(GSR\)](#), and one-stop hub for the latest data, trends and policies shaping sustainable transport worldwide, and the decisions that need to follow. The series runs across three formats: GSR Insights takes one striking number from the report and examines four critical issues behind it; GSR Visualised turns key findings into infographics; and GSR to Local Livelihoods connects global evidence to real-life stories. From data to narrative, from narrative to action.

First article: **Fossil Fuel Subsidies, The price we pay to stay stuck**

\$7 trillion was spent on fossil fuel subsidies globally in 2023, the same year governments concluded the most significant climate stocktake in history. This first GSR Insights article unpacks four paradoxes raised by GSR4 that explain why this number matters for transport, and why it makes every climate commitment made since Paris harder to deliver: from the fact that we spend nearly three times more sustaining the problem than it would cost to solve it, to the carbon budget running out in 2032 while subsidy reform is still treated as a long-term ambition. With the Fossil Fuel Roadmap, the Santa Marta Conference, the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport and the Chile Declaration all converging in 2026, the momentum is there. The question is whether governments will capitalise on it.

[Read the Full Article](#)

Help Build the First Global Baseline on Sustainable Logistics

Freight transport underpins the global economy, yet the sector remains remarkably under-studied. We know how many cars are on the road and how fast passenger aviation is growing, but where does global logistics actually stand on its path to a climate-compatible future?

That is the question the [Global Sustainable Logistics Survey \(GSLs\)](#) sets out to answer. Led by the [Kuehne Climate Center](#) and [Kuehne Logistics University](#), with the support of a growing network of partners including SLOCAT, the survey aims to collect responses from industry experts across 43 countries and 10 languages. Designed as an annual initiative running throughout the [UN Decade of Sustainable Transport](#), it will create an independent, comparable baseline for measuring logistics sustainability over the next ten years, covering sustainability solutions, skills and capacity, and adaptation to climate disruptions.

Senior logistics decision-makers on both the supply side (logistics service providers) and the demand side (manufacturing and retail shippers) are invited to take the survey and share it within their networks, particularly in underrepresented regions across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The decarbonisation of freight will not happen without better data, clearer baselines, and stronger collaboration.

[Access the Survey](#)

SLOCAT Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

- **REN21 Global RENdez-vous: Demand as a Driver – Electrification, Energy Security and Economic Resilience:** 6 May, online (15:00–16:15 CEST). The first of two online dialogues in REN21's *Designing the Renewables Based Economy* series, exploring how key sectors including transport are reshaping electricity demand, and what this means for energy security and economic resilience. Co-organised with SLOCAT, REEEP and other partners.
- **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. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General And Jules Vincent, Campaigner and Communication Specialist, in addition of multiple SLOCAT's board members.
- **REN21 Global RENdez-vous: Systems Integration for Renewables-based Economies:** 13 May, online (15:00–16:15 CEST). The second dialogue in the series, focusing on how energy systems must evolve as electrification accelerates, with attention to grids, storage and flexibility. Co-organised with the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO), the Institute for Energy Economics

and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), the Long Duration Energy Storage Council (LDES) and others. The series leads up to the launch of REN21's Renewables-Based Economies (RBE) Tracker.

- **13th session of the World Urban Forum:** 17–22 May, Baku, Azerbaijan. The UN's premier global conference on sustainable urbanisation, co-organised by UN-Habitat and the Government of Azerbaijan under the theme "Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities.". Are you attending, let us know?
 - **Asia and the Pacific Transport Forum (APTF) 2026:** 18–22 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. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General along with multiple Board Members.
 - **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. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General
 - **SB 64, June Climate Conference:** 8 -18 June, Bonn, Germany: annual United Nations Climate Conference that serves as the mid-year meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Akshay Jamdade and Philip Turner Board Member
 - **London Climate Action Week:** 20–28 June, London, UK. Europe's largest citywide climate festival, drawing over 45,000 participants annually across a diverse programme of climate-focused events. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General
 - **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. SLOCAT Secretariat participation: Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General
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Library Corner

The Freight Sector Has a Blind Spot. This New Global Survey Wants to Fix It. Led by the Kuehne Climate Center and Kuehne Logistics University, with the support of a growing network of partners including SLOCAT, the Global Sustainable Logistics Survey (GSLs) launched around Smart Freight Week in April 2026 to create an independent, comparable baseline for measuring logistics sustainability over the next decade. Covering sustainability solutions, skills and capacity, and climate adaptation, it aims to collect responses from industry experts across 43 countries and 10 languages.

[Read the Blog Article](#)

Charting the Course: A New Roadmap for Transforming Freight Transport and Logistics. Published with the Kuehne Climate Center, our new interactive roadmap consolidates targets, milestones, and actions for low-carbon, intermodal freight from 2026 to 2050. Built on the Manifesto for intermodal, low-carbon, efficient and resilient freight transport and logistics and the Compendium of Policies and Investments, it offers a pragmatic, evidence-based pathway for governments, companies, freight operators and logistics providers navigating the UN Decade.

[Read the Blog Article](#)[Explore the Roadmap](#)

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 Analysis](#)

Driving decarbonisation: how Nigeria's private sector is turning transport ambition into action. A new blog post recaps two UK PACT Nigeria workshops held in Abuja (24–25 March) and Enugu (26–27 March) under the project "Enhancing private sector capacity for climate and clean air action in Nigeria."

[Read the Webinar Brief](#)

Partner's Corner

Spotlight of the month:

FIA Foundation — Compact Cities Electrified: The Benefits of Small Vehicles. A new report by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) and the University of California, Davis, supported by the FIA Foundation, shows that capping vehicle size, accelerating electrification, and shifting urban travel to walking, cycling and public transport can reduce liquid fuel demand by 85% and overall energy consumption by 70% across six major economies (Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States). The combined strategy could cut urban passenger transport emissions by more than two-thirds, saving around 1.2 gigatonnes of CO₂-equivalent annually by 2050, roughly equal to Indonesia's total emissions in 2023. Mode shift policies alone could save up to 1.5 million lives globally by 2050 through increased physical activity and fewer road crashes. The report makes clear that vehicle size is not just a design choice, it has major implications for energy use, affordability, safety, and climate outcomes.

Want to be featured in next month's spotlight?

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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.

- **[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.
- **[International Federation of Pedestrians \(IFP\) – Cycling and the relationship with pedestrians](#)**: A new report produced by IFP in collaboration with the Korea Transport Institute examines how cities can improve the relationship between walking and cycling while keeping pedestrians safe, comfortable and prioritised in public space. Taking a pedestrian-first perspective, it explores the historic evolution of sidewalks and cycling infrastructure, tensions in shared and poorly designed spaces, the growing impact of e-scooters and delivery riders, and the policy choices cities can make to support active mobility without compromising pedestrian rights.
- **[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.

- **PATH (The Partnership for Active Travel and Health) – Measuring Active Travel Success:**

A new guide proposing an international approach to measuring active travel success, responding to a near-universal lack of credible evaluation frameworks for walking and cycling identified in PATH's 2026 review of NDCs and 2023 study of national transport policies. Although 41% of countries have a walking policy and 17% a cycling policy, only 28% and 14% respectively have any evaluation framework, and hardly any measure impacts against their objectives. Borrowing from existing agreed systems wherever possible, the package is designed to be simple, affordable and scalable, helping communities, governments and investors translate national active travel ambitions into funded, delivered and valued actions with measurable positive impacts.

- **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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 - **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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