



Partnership on Sustainable,
Low Carbon Transport



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

I hope this edition finds you feeling optimistic about the future of transport and energised by the growing momentum for change. After a short break on the Kenyan coast, I'm back from my August leave and ready to continue doing what we do best: bringing people together and supporting our partners in moving the transport sector in the right direction. It's a complex system, and we all need to work together to transform it.

Six months into my role as Secretary-General, I think I can finally stop calling myself the "new" SG now! My word for this month is **growth**. SLOCAT is growing in many ways.

There is a lot to do delivering on our current strategy: launching the process to develop a Global Goal for Transport; supporting the uptake of the [COP30 Transport Declaration](#), establishing our regional hubs and national champions set up; continuing our global advocacy; strengthening relationships and expanding our partner base; beginning work on edition 6 of our flagship [Transport, Climate and Sustainability Global Status Report \(GSR\)](#); preparing for COP31 and working closely with Brazil, Türkiye and Ethiopia to give transport the attention it deserves and of course, fundraising for COP31, the GSR, and our ongoing work. At the same time we are just about to kick off the consultation for our 2027-2030 Strategic Development Plan. And whilst our Secretariat may be small, we are mighty... and we need to become a little mightier to match the opportunities and challenges ahead. So, we're growing our team to increase our collective capacity and impact.

This month, we are proud to welcome two new members to the Secretariat team: [Jill Warren](#) joins as Director of Advocacy and Engagement, bringing years of leadership in sustainable mobility from her role as former CEO of the European Cyclists' Federation and beyond. [Sayel Cortes](#) joins as Programme Manager, with expertise at the nexus of transport, infrastructure, climate and finance. Both are joining to help build a stronger, more unified voice for the sustainable, low-carbon transport movement globally and regionally - all to bring about local action. We're delighted to have them on board and excited about what we can achieve together.

In this edition, you will find **the road to COP31 in Antalya** and what transport needs to secure there, **the next steps on the Global Goal for Transport consultation which opened in New York**, and the **newest publications and events from our partners**. It is a short read but a pointed one: it sets out where the movement stands as we enter the most decisive stretch of the year.

Three new partners join SLOCAT

Still on the theme of growth: The Partnership is growing and this month we welcome three new members: .
[Bright Smile Empowerment Initiative \(BSEI\)](#), based in Lagos, works with underserved communities, young people and the elderly across health, mobility and life skills, using cycling as the entry point. Through cycling education, community rides and road safety awareness, it has taught hundreds of children to ride, many for the first time. Exactly the kind of grassroots work our Regional Hubs initiative is built to connect to global processes. Read our full welcome to BSEI.

[BYCS](#), an Amsterdam-based global NGO, works to get more people cycling, starting with those who face the biggest barriers and have the most to gain. Through research, programmes with local partners and its Bicycle Mayor Network, it builds local capacity and supports community-led urban change, with particular strength in work alongside women, children and grassroots organisations.

[Life-Links](#) is a global non-profit turning supply chains into a force for climate action and local sustainable development. Its Life-Links Framework brings companies, governments and development organisations together to make critical transport and logistics links more resilient, sustainable and inclusive. Released for COP30, it is already informing pilots in agricultural supply chains between East Africa and Europe.

Grassroots mobilisation, city-level cycling advocacy and supply chain resilience: three scales, one movement. Welcome to all three.

Help Strengthen SLOCAT's Collective Impact

We have opened the consultation for our next Strategic Development Plan (2027-2030), and we want to hear from the whole transport community (and nexus sectors), partners and stakeholders alike. The survey covers the dynamics we see shaping the sector, the eight Strategic Pillars of our Bridging Strategy (which is a core input to the next SDP), and a section on where SLOCAT adds the most value and where we could sharpen our focus. We are after honest feedback and the opportunities you see to increase our collective impact. All survey sections are optional so you can focus on the bits that align with your work. The survey is open until 24 September.

[Take the Survey](#)

COP31: The Road to Antalya

COP31 takes place from **9 to 20 November 2026 at the Antalya EXPO Centre in Aksu, Türkiye**, and preparations are gathering pace. Rather than compress all of it into this edition, we are giving COP31 a dedicated special newsletter, landing in your inbox shortly.

It will bring together everything the transport community needs to arrive prepared: our COP31 at a glance guide to the moments that matter for the sector, the new SLOCAT COP31 hub designed as the one-stop shop for general information on the conference, the Transport Pavilion, the transport community's calendar across the two weeks and our flagship activities, alongside the key UNFCCC resources and Presidency material, from the Action Agenda's ten priority themes to the thematic days.

Watch this space, and if you are planning your own presence in Antalya, this is the edition to hold on to.

A practical framework for transport businesses in Nigeria

Transport accounted for 18% of Nigeria's greenhouse gas emissions in 2024, to address this, government policies need to be aligned with businesses needs- businesses that own vehicles and buy the fuel. The Climate and Clean Air Action Framework for Transport in Nigeria, which SLOCAT co-developed with the Stockholm Environment Institute and the University of York, Escher Silverman Global, CEG and AP3, with funding from UK PACT, gives them a way to start. It sets out six practical steps, from a first emissions estimate to a bankable, investment-ready project. It also carries evidence from women and people with disabilities, usually absent from transport policy. If you work with transport operators, logistics companies or the institutions that finance them, please pass it on, and point any business that wants hands-on help to the technical support form. This project was a major opportunity for SLOCAT to contribute our knowledge on accessing climate finance and connecting Nigeria to regional and global efforts. The practical framework adds value beyond Nigeria and can be applied in any emerging economy.

[Read our take and download the framework](#)

SLOCAT Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

As governments, agencies, negotiators and delegates prepare to gather in Antalya, Turkey for COP31, a range of events is building momentum across the transport and climate community. Explore our events calendar to see what's coming up [👉https://slocat.net/transportevents/](https://slocat.net/transportevents/)

Where to find the SLOCAT team attending or speaking this month: [WEBINAR-Turning Points: Enabling Sustainable Transport in Africa](#) , [Africa EV Summit](#), and [4th Annual PATH Symposium](#) join us as we contribute to shaping and advancing sustainable transport.

Library Corner

Global Goal for Transport

SLOCAT is co-ordinating the process to develop a Global Goal for Transport (GGT) - a North Star that provides a clear and politically resonant direction for where the global transport system should be. It responds to a fragmented transport agenda, where existing commitments and efforts are often advanced in silos, limiting the ability to translate ambition and commitments into scaled, coordinated action. GGT is not a duplication or replication of existing commitments, nor a competing set of asks, but is intended to enable, magnify and connect existing actions, initiatives, commitments and declarations, helping make them more mutually reinforcing through greater coherence, stronger connections, greater visibility and more effective implementation. Its emerging direction was informed by a major in-person exchange convened in New York alongside the High Level Political Forum in July 2026, and further consultation with partners will open soon. We will launch this initiative at COP31, and at future development-focused forums - because the aim of the global goal is to bring the climate and development agendas together.

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Partner's Corner

Spotlight of the month:

Rethinking Transport Initiative: Over the past two years, the Rethinking Transport Initiative, led by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Changing Transport and Agora Verkehrswende have consulted with stakeholders to address the question of how to advance sustainable transport on the African continent. This effort focused on identifying key moments, decisions, and events referred to as "turning points" that are crucial for driving progress. It is on the back of conducting three workshops with more than 50 organisations from 17 countries, they have identified twelve turning points that are critical to significantly enhancing the implementation of sustainable transport in Africa. These turning points are detailed in the flagship publication, "Turning Points: Enabling Sustainable Transport in Africa". This publication will help shape the collective future of sustainable transport on the continent

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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 Pacific Baseline: Transport and the Decade of Sustainable Transport** The report establishes a regional baseline for sustainable transport across 14 Pacific island

countries as the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035 begins. It assesses more than 40 indicators, covering accessibility, connectivity, low-carbon transport, resilience, safety, urban mobility, innovation and finance. It highlights challenges including imported fuel dependence, limited connectivity, rising vehicle ownership, weak public transport and climate risks to infrastructure.

- **European Cyclists' Federation and UNECE — Quality Requirements for Cycling Infrastructure.** A practical reference distilling the quantifiable parameters of good cycle infrastructure from UNECE's route-network guide: the widths, gradients, surface quality, sight distances and crossing rules that make a route safe, set against three service levels from basic route to cycle highway. A useful checklist for assessing or specifying infrastructure.
- **IRENA - Renewable Power Generation Costs In 2025.** In 2025, global renewable energy capacity additions reached a record 690 GW, about 20% higher than in 2024. Solar PV led growth with over 500 GW, while wind contributed around 160 GW, with China dominating new installations. Renewables surpassed coal in total installed capacity, becoming the world's largest source of electricity capacity. Solar PV costs remained at USD 44/MWh, while onshore and offshore wind costs fell to USD 33/MWh and USD 78/MWh respectively.
- **REN21 - RBE Tracker Comms Pack.** Building on 20 years of the Renewables Global Status Report, the RBE Tracker and Hub examine how renewable energy is reshaping economies, societies and energy systems. The Hub brings together data, insights and visual tools to provide an accessible and interactive view of the transition. The RBE Tracker is the first global tool designed to measure renewable energy's impacts on energy security, industry, investment, infrastructure, resilience and wider socio-economic outcomes. Together, they provide policymakers with evidence and strategic guidance to advance the transition towards renewables-based economies.
- **The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) - Health benefits of zero-emission transport through 2050** . The report assesses the health impacts of electric vehicle adoption under five scenarios through 2050. Under current policies, premature deaths from road transport pollution could increase by 74% by 2050. This rise is driven mainly by aging populations and increased vehicle activity in regions with weaker emission controls. An ambitious transition to 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2045 could reduce premature deaths by 63% by 2050.
- **TUMI - (Women Mobilize Women) – An Introduction to Women and Mobility in Emerging Economies:** A free, self-paced six-week online course on why gender matters in transport and how gender-sensitive planning improves access for everyone. Built for newcomers and practitioners alike and focused on emerging economies, it covers women's mobility patterns, safety in public transport and public space, and the case for more women working in the sector. Open and ongoing, around three hours a week.
- **UNEP - Limiting Overshoot - Navigating exceedance of 1.5°C and pathways towards return.** The UNEP Limiting Overshoot Spotlight Report examines the risks and choices associated with temporarily exceeding the 1.5°C global warming limit. It explains overshoot as a pathway involving rising temperatures, peak warming, and eventual temperature decline. The report finds that higher peak warming and longer periods above 1.5°C increase risks to people, economies, societies, and ecosystems.
- **UNESCAP — Financing Electric Mobility in Asia and the Pacific.** A new policy brief on why public transport electrification, buses especially, lags behind private EV adoption despite higher emissions-reduction potential. It sets out a roadmap of ten strategic principles combining public funding, development finance, blended finance and public-private partnerships to make e-bus projects bankable across the region.
- **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.
- **WHO - Road deaths fall by 21% globally but stronger action is needed to save lives.** Global road traffic death rates declined by 21% between 2011 and 2025, despite more than one billion additional motor vehicles being added to the world's roads. However, road crashes still caused approximately 1.16 million deaths in 2025, remaining the leading cause of death among people aged 5–29. A new UN road safety declaration aims to accelerate progress toward the SDG target of reducing road deaths and serious injuries by 50% by 2030 from 2021 levels.

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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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