



Partnership on Sustainable,
Low Carbon Transport



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

Last week the SLOCAT Board and some of the Secretariat team met in Istanbul for two days of lively discussions to help shape our 2027–2030 strategy. We looked at the global context, took on board inputs from the recent strategy stakeholder survey and partner cafe. As one Board member put it on the way out, we achieved in two days what would have taken us a year online!



The Board workshop moved our thinking on the SLOCAT **Strategic Development Plan 2027–2030** a long way forward.

We came away with a strong sense of SLOCAT's role as the glue of the sustainable, low carbon transport community: to bring people and perspectives together and help strengthen collective action for sustainable transport. Together, we reviewed the pillars of the Bridging Strategy and discussed how they can connect and reinforce one another. Our conversations also highlighted the value of building on existing efforts, elevating regional perspectives, and strengthening the evidence base for progress. These discussions will help guide our next steps - drafting the SDP starts this month. We will need peer reviewers so drop me a message if you are keen! See you in Antalya.

Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General

Transport at COP31: from ambition to delivery

9 to 20 November 2026, Antalya EXPO Centre, Türkiye

Badge Help Needed!.

Our allocation of Blue Zone badges is very limited. If you have spare badges for 1 or more days please **let us know by Fri 16 October** so we can pair them to partners and friends who need them. Contact akshay.jamdade@slocatpartnership.org, and we will try to match-make.

30 days to Antalya. Transport still produces 16.3% of global emissions and runs on 95.4% fossil energy. COP31, the first COP of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, is where the COP30 Global Effort Transport Declaration and the Presidency's 35x35 electrification target need to translate into projects, budgets and finance. SLOCAT will launch two interconnected consultative processes for a **Global Goal for Transport** and a multi-stakeholder **Transport Stocktake** that will feed into the second Global Stocktake.

Community Meeting. On 17 and 21 September, we co-hosted the Transport @COP31 Community Meeting with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Türkiye. It was great to see 120+ partners and key players of the transport community there along with various Ministries and UNFCCC national focal points.

Next community meeting: week of 19 October. Registration link following soon.

Transport Pavilion. 80 partners and friends have submitted event proposals. Applications already submitted are taking priority and we will update the website with the full programmed pavillion details by 16 October. we are also going to continue receiving expressions of interest on a rolling basis as long as space is available to make the best use of our pavilion 🙌 [Apply here](#)

Do you have confirmed events at COP? Let us know [here](#) so we can include them in the COP31 transport event tracker

Need panel speakers or looking for speaking opportunities? We can [help](#).

[Visit the COP31 One Stop Hub](#)

Overshoot Is Here. Transport Decides How High and How Long.

In 2025, global emissions grew by 0.7%. Transport emissions grew by 1.5%, twice as fast, and international aviation and shipping both hit all-time highs. Read alongside UNEP's *Limiting Overshoot* report, the new EDGAR data makes one thing clear: how far we overshoot 1.5°C and for how long depends largely on transport. To stay on a 1.5°C-compatible path, transport emissions need to fall at least 22% by 2035, but current policies put them on track to rise 19%. Our new blog shows where the cheapest tonnes are, why phasing out fossil fuels has to start with transport, and what we are asking for in Antalya.

[Read the Blog Article](#)

Three new partners join the SLOCAT Partnership



BYCS



[Bright Smile Empowerment Initiative \(BSEI\)](#). This Lagos-based non-profit uses cycling to improve health, build confidence and open up affordable mobility for children and families. Its programmes

combine cycling education, community rides and road safety awareness, and they bring parents and children onto the road together.

BYCS. This Amsterdam-based global partnership works for equitable, healthy and low-carbon mobility, asking who gets to move and who gets to lead urban change. Its Bicycle Mayor Network gives local advocates a recognised seat in the decisions that shape their streets, with a strong focus on women, children and grassroots groups.

Life-Links. Life-Links turns supply chains into a force for climate action, with practical frameworks for resilient, low-carbon logistics. Its pilots on agricultural supply chains between East Africa and Europe are already showing how freight can be part of the solution.

Kuehne Climate Center and Kühne Logistics University: 2026 Global Sustainable Logistics Survey Results Report.

Why do some freight solutions scale while others stall? This first global, longitudinal survey collected insights from 1,085 logistics professionals in 64 countries. It found that shippers and providers largely agree on what works. What holds back low-carbon fuels, charging infrastructure, carbon pricing, and intermodal decarbonisation is feasibility: SLOCAT supported development of the policy maker recommendations and we are now bringing them to decision-makers. The survey is a commitment to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport and sets the baseline for tracking the sector to 2035.

[Read the Report](#)

Events

With just 30 days to go until COP31 in Antalya, Turkey, a range of events is creating opportunities to connect, exchange and shape the transport and climate agenda ahead of COP31. Explore our events calendar to see what's coming up 🙌 <https://slocat.net/transportevents/>

See where SLOCAT team members and partners are attending, speaking and engaging in key transport and climate events throughout the month: [International Conference on Sustainable Mobility](#)

Library Corner

Aligning Transport Systems with Mobility Realities in Africa

A pattern feels familiar on the African continent; streets seem designed for everyone except people walking. People walk to work, school, markets, taxis and bus stops, yet sidewalks sometimes disappear, crossings are often scarce, and simply crossing a road can become an act of negotiation rather than a basic right. The data shows walking as the most common travel mode with 50–90% of daily trips in many African cities, yet most African cities are not walkable. Further reports indicate that “walking is the primary mode of transport” for 78% of Africans, while pedestrians account for more than one-third of road traffic fatalities on the continent. Until planning starts with how people actually travel, sustainable mobility will remain an aspiration rather than a reality.

[Read the GSR Explained](#)

The best tonne of carbon in Nigerian transport is the one you never burn

Transport accounted for 18 per cent of Nigeria’s greenhouse gas emissions in 2024, while air pollution is linked to roughly 114,000 premature deaths in the country every year. These numbers will not decline unless transport businesses have the right enabling conditions to advance sustainable transport. That is the gap the Climate and Clean Air Action Framework for Transport in Nigeria seeks to close. The framework also refuses to separate climate action from clean air, and rightly so. The same idling engine that wastes diesel is the one filling a market street with smoke. More importantly, the framework treats climate finance as a skill to build, rather than simply a door to know on.

[Read the Blog Article](#)

Partners Corner

Spotlight of the month:

[A Roadmap for Equity: Policy and Practice for Advancing Women’s Mobility in Asia](#): This report is a compendium of 45 articles contributed by 73 researchers, practitioners, policymakers and women with lived experience, with the support of the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

GmbH contributing to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035). At its core, the compendium argues that transport is a social system, not simply infrastructure. Echoing that women's mobility is shaped by safety, affordability, accessibility, time, care responsibilities, social norms and the quality of the built environment. And also recognising that there is no single "women's experience": age, income, occupation, disability, caregiving responsibilities and migration status all influence how women move and access transport. This publication makes one thing clear: transport must be shaped with women, not merely for them.

Want to be featured in next month's spotlight? Contact us.

- **Asian Transport Observatory – The Pacific Baseline: Transport and the Decade of Sustainable Transport.** Sets 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 and highlights challenges such as imported fuel dependence, limited connectivity, weak public transport and climate risks to infrastructure.
- **C40 Cities and TUMI – Fostering climate resilient active mobility for all.** Shows how extreme heat, air pollution and flooding are undermining walking and cycling in Global South cities. It offers an equity-focused roadmap with indicators and practical recommendations to protect vulnerable travellers and sustain active mobility.
- **Center for Global Development (CGD) – Four Policy Shifts to Drive African Economies Towards Convergence.** World Bank economists Andrew Dabalen and Jacques Morisset argue that Africa's failure to converge with richer economies stems from poor policy sequencing. They propose skills before certificates, domestic food before export crops, affordable power for producers before universal coverage, and borrowing anchored to growth.
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- **Getting to Zero Coalition and UCL Energy Institute – Climate Action in Shipping: 2026 Report on progress towards shipping's 2030 Breakthrough.** Tracks whether zero-emission fuels can reach 5–10% of shipping's fuel use by 2030. Technology and civil society are partially on track, but demand, finance and policy are not, after the IMO Net-Zero Framework was not adopted in October 2025. The report urges adoption in 2026 and stronger national and regional support in the meantime.
- **International Council on Clean Transport – EV Transition Check 2026: Electric cars are 33% cheaper to drive than gasoline, while electric trucks approach cost parity with diesel.** Battery-electric cars were about 33% cheaper to drive than gasoline cars in Europe in 2025, and reached upfront price parity in the three largest segments. Electric trucks are approaching cost parity with diesel and have already reached it for regional and long-haul trucks in Germany, with wider long-haul parity possible by 2030 given supportive policies.
- **MobiliseYourCity – Driving Change: Adaptation Actions for Urban Mobility – Catalogue of Measures.** A practical guide to integrating climate adaptation into urban mobility planning, especially in the Global South. It catalogues soft, green and grey measures linked to hazards, modes, costs and timelines. Registration is open to public sector, non-profit and academic professionals.
- **Safetipin – Gender Equity in Decarbonising Freight & Logistics.** A study of India's freight and logistics sector on making decarbonisation and electrification more gender-responsive. It

highlights low participation of women, policy and data gaps, and priority actions to support women's jobs and inclusion in freight and last-mile delivery.

- **T&E (Transport & Environment) – Overshoot: How expansion plans break European airports' carbon limits.** Tests expansion plans at 20 major European airports against a Paris-aligned 1.7°C carbon budget. Every airport overshoots its fair share, by two to three times by 2050, even after cleaner fuel and efficiency gains are counted. T&E urges governments to reject expansions that exceed budget, curb the highest-carbon flights and redirect public money to alternatives such as rail.
- **YOURS (Youth for Road Safety) – YOURS Strategy 2026–2030: Youth demanding and delivering a safe, sustainable and inclusive mobility system.** A roadmap through 2030 to ensure young people can move through their communities safely, confidently and without barriers. YOURS is the global youth-led organisation that grew out of the 2007 UN World Youth Assembly for Road Safety.

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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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