



SLoCaT Partnership Annual Meeting Minutes

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The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT Partnership) took place on January 14, 2019 at the premises of the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington D.C. More than 50 participants representing nearly 40 member organisations have participated in the meeting.

Following tradition, the SLoCaT Partnership Annual Meeting has reviewed the activities of the Work Programme 2017-2018. It provided the occasion to shape priorities for 2019 and hold bilateral meetings among members and with the Secretariat. The meeting also focused on collectively tracing the building blocks for a multi-annual strategic development plan for the SLoCaT Partnership.

SLoCaT Members in Attendance: See annex for full list of participants.

Presentations: See <http://www.slocat.net/annualmeeting2019> for the presentations of the meeting.

Segment I: Introduction and 2018 Reporting

1. Introduction

Ani Dasgupta, WRI Global Director, WRI Ross Center For Sustainable Cities, welcomed participants as meeting host, promising an exciting week ahead.

Amy Kenyon, Ford Foundation and SLoCaT Board Chair, welcomed SLoCaT's new Secretary General, Maruxa Cardama, recognised 10 years of the SLoCaT Partners (proposing celebration later in year with Cornie Huizenga), and noted upcoming SLoCaT board elections.

Maruxa Cardama, SLoCaT Secretary General, posed three questions to frame the meeting ('Why transport?' 'Why now?' and 'Why SLoCaT?') before introducing the SLoCaT Secretariat team to offer 2018 highlights.

2. Highlights of 2018 Activities

Angela Enriquez, Mark Major, Nikola Medimorec, Karl Peet and Alice Yiu, SLoCaT Secretariat Team, summarised activities of the SLoCaT Partnership in 2018 in three primary areas: urban transport, climate change, and cross-cutting initiatives:

Urban Transport: SLoCaT conducted an analysis on how transport was reflected in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) submitted to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2018, emphasising Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The Partnership has worked with members (e.g. Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), ICLEI) to reinforce existing city networks to scale up their work on transport. SLoCaT engaged transport community at the 9th World Urban Forum, participated in the urban mobility-focused Intergovernmental 11th Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Mongolia, and contributed to the Cities Conference II with a particular focus on urban mobility. Further, SLoCaT contributed to the capacity building activities organized by the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI), and helped foster successful projects on walking and electric tricycles.

Climate Change: At the 2018 International Transport Forum (ITF), SLoCaT, in the capacity as the secretariat of the [Transport Decarbonisation Alliance \(TDA\)](#), facilitated the formal launch of the alliance, . TDA provides an avenue for countries, cities, and companies to bring low carbon transport more centrally into multilateral processes. TDA now consists of six country members, six city and state members, and eight company members. SLoCaT made submissions to the Talanoa Dialogue of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on behalf of the transport community, and contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s Special Report on a 1.5DS (SR1.5 Report) with a paper on the role of decarbonising transport to meet Paris Agreement targets. SLoCaT is leading the thematic project on low carbon transport under the Applied Research Programme into High Volume Transport of the [Department for International Development of the United Kingdom \(DFID\)](#) (in concert with the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), who is leading the urban transport theme), with the goal to catalogue the state of knowledge and assess capacity needs on low carbon transport in Africa and South Asia. At COP24, SLoCaT and key partners, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and REN21, launched the Global Status Report on Transport and Climate Change (TCC-GSR), a resource for policy makers to increase ambition on transport and climate change. SLoCaT also contributed to promoted over 50 transport-related events (including Transport Day 2018) and issued regular transport reports and key messages through the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate (PPMC) (in partnership with Movin'On by Michelin).

Cross-cutting Initiatives: At COP24, IsDB and SLoCaT launched a report on transport and climate change, with a focus on IsDB member countries. SLoCaT also provided support to the Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Working Group on Sustainable Transport, and was elected as one of two civil society

representatives of the Sustainable Mobility for All (Sum4All) initiative. SLoCaT also contributed to the discussion of Shared Mobility principles with the aim to increase their impact.

3. Financial Updates

Bronwen Thornton, Walk 21, Treasurer of SLoCaT Board gave an update on SLoCaT's financial situation, reflecting on a year of transition and giving a more positive outlook for the current fiscal year. She delivered three primary messages: that SLoCaT is out of the red and back in the black, that internal systems are being strengthened with the recommendations of a recent financial and operations management report, and that the new year comes with an optimistic outlook. She closed with a friendly reminder to pay membership fees.

Segment II: Strategic Development

1. Pathways for Strategic Development

Maruxa Cardama, Secretary General noted that SLoCaT has a bright future, building upon a brand that is recognised and seen as legitimate. She stressed that SLoCaT does not need to reinvent the wheel; we just need to clarify further who we are and what we do. She described the convergence of global trends in sustainable development, climate change, and technology, noting that we have moved beyond setting global agendas and are now at the action and implementation stage. This stage will require more cross-sectoral cooperation; for example, in closely linking e-mobility and renewable energy.

Maruxa stressed the importance of focusing on a regional dimension to allow SLoCaT to better target policymakers and to engage directly with actors to implement work on the ground. She noted the need to answer 'Why transport?' to better broker alliances with other sectors, and to better leverage cross-cutting themes.

She recognised SLoCaT's large and committed membership and board, noting that the hands-on membership wants a deeper partnership, and that the board is an essential element of SLoCaT's governance. She suggested that the Secretariat might better leverage our membership by establishing a system of focal points to better liaise with our members, and to engage in more collaborative projects such as the TCC-GSR. She also stressed the need for a more dynamic virtual team, to help complement fundraising efforts, and noted the need to focus on a more strategic and sustainable workload.

Maruxa noted that SLoCaT intends to move away from two-year plans toward longer-term strategic objectives. The SLoCaT Secretariat plans to put together a 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, with inputs from the members. She suggested opportunities to maximise impacts (e.g. publishing more concise and visual issues briefs, providing more toolkits and trainings, and increasing joint convening work with other constituencies). Maruxa closed by welcoming the opportunity to drive the sustainable transport sector forward with the Partnership.

2. Engaging the Transport Sector in the UN Secretary General Climate Change Summit

Guest Speaker: Kerry Constabile, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG), joined the meeting, prompted by three questions from Maruxa: ‘How is the upcoming UN Climate Summit different from HLPF?’ ‘How will it move us forward strategically?’ and ‘How can the SLoCaT Partnership be engaged?’

Kerry noted that the UNSG sees the need to achieve a different state of world, with climate being a major priority. Thus, the UN Climate Summit is envisioned not as a member-state-driven process (i.e. deemed by resolutions or constrained by rules of engagement) but rather is intended to be more multi-stakeholder in nature with higher levels of inclusivity.

The Summit is to take place in the same week as the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and it will cover all sectors identified in the IPCC SR1.5 Report. The Summit aims to mobilise high-level ambition in a number of ‘action portfolios’, which include Finance, Energy Transition, Industry Transition, Nature-Based Solutions, Cities and Local Action, and Resilience and Adaptation.

As transport is seen as an area with rapidly rising emissions, there is interest in the transport community to mobilise a package of new commitments to be developed over the next eight months. In this regard, the UNSG office is speaking with the TDA as the potential lead in this area.

Questions from members included: ‘What are expectations for the transport sector and how does this relate to COP?’ Kerry responded by noting that we are not on track and that there is need to underscore the urgency of action and emissions reduction. The transport community is expected to mobilise and bring new commitments. The work must start now. The UN Climate Summit is not expected to feed into negotiations (e.g. market mechanisms), but rather to focus concretely on moving the real economy, with transport among the top sectors of focus.

3. Maximising the Movin’ On and SLoCaT Relationship: Engagement in Summit and Open Labs

Nicolas Beaumont, Senior Vice-President Sustainable Development and Mobility, Michelin introduced the relationship between Movin’ On and SLoCaT by stressing that mobility has the potential to be safe, efficient, and eco-friendly, and to provide critical access to health care and education. He noted that Michelin’s vision of sustainability can be traced back to 1898 (with the removable tire), and that 100 years later, it saw a renewed focus on ecomobility through the launch of the Michelin Challenge Bibendum. Since then, Michelin and SLoCaT united to join business with non-government organizations (NGOs), and Movin’ On was launched as a ‘think-and-do tank’ on sustainable mobility, which has led to 45 working sessions, 50 startups and 600 test drives. The next Movin’ On Summit will focus on translating ambition to action. It is scheduled on 4-6 June 2019 and it will complement other Movin’ On convenings.

4. Key 2019 Convenings in the Climate and Sustainability Areas

Mark Major and Christopher Dekki, SLoCaT Secretariat, gave an overview of the crowded 2019 convening calendar on sustainable development and climate change.

Regarding **sustainable development**, HLPF is entering its first phase under the auspices of UNGA in 2019. The VNRs is a national-level reporting processes on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the HLPF 2019 will review SDG 13 (Climate Action). Additionally, there is an opportunity to target ministries at regional fora, and expert group meetings are to be convened on each of the SDGs, offering windows of engagement for raising the profile of sustainable transport.

Regarding **climate change** convenings, there is a 5-year cycle of the revisions/stocktakes of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to raise and monitor ambition. The window for pre-2020 input is less than 15 months away (to be submitted nine months in advance). Non-state actors are ascendant in this process and the Global Climate Action Summit in 2018 highlighted the possibility for action outside of the formal negotiation processes. Thus, this is the golden period for the SLoCaT Partnership to connect global processes to local actions. In this regard, SLoCaT has produced a series of policy memos on the upcoming convenings (e.g. International Conference on Climate Action 2019 (ICCA), UN Climate Summit 2019) in an effort to strengthen these connections.

Segment III: Group Discussions - Seeking Direct Input from Members

After the presentation, Amy Kenyon facilitated a group discussion among the SLoCaT members by allocating tables of 5-6 participants, who were given the task to discuss a streamlined set of questions:

1. *What can the SLoCaT Partnership (secretariat + members) do to increase our impact?*
2. *As a SLoCaT member, what can your organisation bring to the Partnership to increase our impact?*
3. *Are there any current focal areas and/or activities that SLoCaT should scale back/discontinue?*
4. *With which non-transport-focused sectors/actors should the SLoCaT Partnership strengthen collaboration? In what ways should we collaborate?*

Discussions at each table were facilitated by a SLoCaT Secretariat staff, complemented by floating facilitation by Amy and Maruxa. Participants were requested to write answers on post-it notes which were collected and sorted by SLoCaT Secretariat staff.

Wrap-up and Reception

Following group discussion exercise, participants were invited to move to the reception area and listen to an intervention by the Keynote Speaker: **Michael Replogle, SLoCaT Partnership Co-Founder, and Deputy Commissioner for Policy, New York City Department of Transportation**.

Michael reminisced on the origins of SLoCaT, recalling quotes from SLoCaT founder Cornie Huizenga (describing SLoCaT's role as the 'grout between the tiles'). Michael also acknowledged the co-contributors to the Bellagio Declaration, including GIZ (Daniel Bongardt) and Volvo Research and Education Foundations (Mans Lonroth), and praised the leadership of Lee Schipper in strengthening the transport and energy nexus.

Michael noted SLoCaT accomplishments, including its early success in bringing together the eight MDBs under the leadership of the Asian Development Bank to make a \$175 billion commitment to sustainable transport over 10 years. He also noted that SLoCaT has laid the foundation for incorporating sustainable transport into the SDGs, and stressed the Partnership's effective engagement at national, regional, local levels, with increasing linkages to the private sector. Michael noted that SLoCaT has envisioned 'sustainable mobility for all', (a cause now being taken up by the World Bank through SuM4All), and recognised the TDA as a partnership for enhancing ambition on transport and climate among countries, cities and companies.

Michael recognised the immense co-benefits of sustainable transport in access, mobility, economic development, and the importance of increasing attention to resilience in sustainable transport. He also acknowledged the sector has room to grow in various areas, which include transparency, monitoring, and reporting; attention to co-benefits; gender, safety, economic opportunities; increased focus on ambition and implementation; and the growing role of non-state actors in governance structures. In closing he noted that with the right data, science, and shared values, the sustainable transport sector can be even more effective in addressing both climate change and income inequality challenges.

Following Michael's keynote, Maruxa thanked participants and invited them to view the 'post-it gallery' configured by the Secretariat staff and to continue networking over refreshments. The SLoCaT Secretariat closed the Annual Meeting and reception at 9 pm.

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7	Winnie Mitullah	University of Nairobi
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37	Stefanie Sohm	Growing Markets
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46	Susanna Zammataro	International Road Federation

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