

# SLoCaT PARTNERSHIP SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL-JUNE 2015

## I. 5 WORK STREAMS OF THE SLoCaT PARTNERSHIP

### 1. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### **Tracking Intergovernmental Negotiations on SDGs and continue advocacy for sustainable transport:**

- On June 19, SLoCaT submitted comments through the UN-DESA portal on the post-2015 development agenda zero draft document, which was issued on June 2. SLoCaT's comments re-emphasized three primary points made in a letter issued in March 2015 to the Permanent Missions to the UN: rural transport access needs more prominence among SDG goals and targets, transport infrastructure without associated services is inadequate for achieving SDG goals and targets, and efficient freight and logistics services are barely recognized in the SDG framework. In addition, SLoCaT submitted specific suggestions for incorporating sustainable transport more explicitly in key passages of the zero draft's preamble, introduction, and means of implementation sections. SLoCaT's comments can be viewed through the following [link](#); and all comments submitted from all parties can be viewed at the following [link](#).

#### **Progress report on transport commitments at Rio+20 and UN Secretary General's Climate Summit:**

- SLoCaT has kicked off the development a 2015 report on voluntary commitments on sustainable transport [to be funded by the World Bank], which include the 17 sustainable transport commitments made at the Rio+20 Conference in 2012, the six subsequent commitments made in 2013, the five transport commitments made at the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit in 2014, and the numerous ongoing commitments on sustainable transport by cities, mayors, and local governments. SLoCaT is in the process of reaching out to commitment holders, and based on forthcoming information submitted, the SLoCaT Secretariat will review progress to date, report on key challenges faced, identify planned next steps, and characterize support required for potential scaling up of each commitment. In addition, SLoCaT will provide an analytic framework to assess how the collective commitments contribute directly and indirectly to [transport-related SDG targets](#). The report is to be issued in advance of the UN SDG Summit in September 2015.

#### **Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport:**

## 2. TRANSPORT & CLIMATE CHANGE

- The SLoCaT Secretariat had a lead role in the development of two Issue briefs on SDGs and the Post 2015 Development Framework & Financing in support of the work of the SG-HLAGST. These issues briefs are expected to be a contribution towards the Global Report on Sustainable Transport, which will be one of the main outputs of the HLAGST. Several SLoCaT members are contributing to this process.
- The SLoCaT Secretary General participated in the first in-person meeting of the Technical Working Group of the HLAGST on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Milan, Italy.
- The SLoCaT Secretariat has volunteered, together with UNECE and World Bank to coordinate the development of a set of common messages on sustainable transport This is being done at the request of the Secretariat of the HLAGST. Several SLoCaT members are contributing to this process.

**Tracking Road to Paris-UNFCCC Process:** *The SLoCaT Partnership and the Bridging the Gap Initiative are jointly tracking the UNFCCC Process and the climate negotiations.*

Sustainable Transport Research Director Karl Peet attended the UNFCCC's Ad Hoc Working Group on Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), Session 2-9, from June 1 - 11, 2015, in Bonn Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany, to participate in a side event, a technical expert meeting, and to produce a summary report of the proceedings through the lens of sustainable transport.

- **[Transport Tackles Climate Change Side Event:](#)** This side event, organized by BtG and SLoCaT, presented initiatives to strengthen the role of sustainable, low carbon transport in climate change policy and to ensure effective implementation of transport in a forthcoming agreement at COP21. SLoCaT introduced the [Paris Process on Mobility and Climate \(PPMC\)](#), which was initiated to strengthen the voice of the transport community within the UNFCCC process through common messaging, knowledge products, regional dialogues, and an elevated transport presence at COP21. The Wuppertal Institute presented on the [German Partnership for Sustainable Mobility](#), which provides access to German mobility/logistics expertise and financing options for sustainable transport stakeholders from the developing world, and the [Solutions network](#), which aims to boost innovative sustainable urban mobility solutions among cities in Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean. GIZ shared experience on the development of transport NAMAs within the [TRANSfer Project](#). The event was moderated by ITDP.
- **[Technical Expert Meeting \(TEM\) on “Accelerating Implementation of Scalable, Replicable and Transformative Actions in Urban Environments”:](#)** This meeting included a break-out group on sustainable urban transport, which was developed with active

inputs from the SLoCaT Partnership and was facilitated by Karl Peet of the SLoCaT Partnership. This breakout session included a panel discussion in which Bogor, Indonesia described a sustainable urban transport program, the Covenant of Mayors gave an overview of its efforts to secure climate commitments from local signatories, BYD Europe reported that electric mobility is a central element of raising mitigation ambition in the transport sector, the World Bank presented on mode choice, fuel use and emissions in urban transport, and the Global Fuel Economy Initiative reiterated its goal to double fuel efficiency in all motor vehicles by 2050.

- **SLoCaT and BtG Joint Report:** This report offers an overall assessment of negotiations under ADP 2-9. The report concludes that the Bonn session offered little progress toward streamlining the unwieldy Geneva negotiating text, and gained little ground in substantive negotiations toward the formation of a solid draft COP21 decision document. Furthermore, a lack of resolution on key issues such as pre-2020 action and INDC review periods makes forthcoming sessions an increasingly heavy lift for negotiators. Thus, nearly halfway through 2015, the road to Paris remains an uphill climb (for the full report, please click [here](#)).

#### **Paris Process on Mobility and Climate Change (PPMC):**

- **PPMC Launched at ITF:** The Paris Process on Mobility and Climate, initiated by SLoCaT Partnership and Michelin Challenge Bibendum was launched at a [press conference](#) on May 27th at the International Transport Forum in Leipzig, Germany. At a press conference moderated by SLoCaT Secretary General Cornie Huizenga, Patrick Oliva of Michelin Challenge Bibendum, Alain Flausch of UITP and Jean Pierre Loubinoux of UIC emphasized the importance of taking action on transport for an effective climate agreement, highlighted transport commitments at the Secretary General's Climate Summit, and presented UIC's Train to Paris Campaign for COP21. Several speakers in the Open Ministerial session of ITF2015 made references to the PPMC, including the Dutch representative who also announced that the Netherlands will take on a political leadership role on transport under the Lima Paris Action Agenda.
- **PPMC Website is live:** The [official PPMC website](#) was also announced during the press conference in Leipzig. The website provides common messages on mobility and climate, knowledge products developed under the initiative, background on regional dialogues and other planned events leading up to COP21, and information on the position of transport within the UNFCCC process. SLoCaT and partners will continue to expand and update the website in the coming months.
- **PPMC sponsors:** In June, the [World Bank](#) and [Alstom Transport](#) joined the PPMC as Diamond Sponsors. Through its sponsorship,

the World Bank will be supporting the development and implementation of the PPMC Operational Plan, the maintenance of the PPMC website, organization of PPMC Regional and Thematic Dialogues, and Transport Day 2015 . The [Agence Française de Développement \(AFD\)](#) also joined as a Gold Sponsor to support the activities of PPMC during COP 21. Discussions with several other potential sponsors are in advanced stage.

- **PPMC Operational Plan in place:** Following the stakeholder meeting in Paris in March and the launch of the PPMC in Leipzig in May, SLoCaT has been conducting consultations with a wide range of groups to further detail the activities under the PPMC. The outcome of these discussions is documented in the draft Plan of Operations. The document is intended to be a living document, which will be updated on an ongoing basis. Once it has reached a certain maturity and completeness it will also be shared on a periodic basis with PPMC Partners and other relevant organizations.

#### **Knowledge Management on Climate Change & Transport:**

**Overview of National Reporting, Emissions Trends and Mitigation Potential in the Transport Sector in Selected Latin American and Caribbean Countries:** SLoCaT and CAF have completed [an assessment](#) periodic national reporting to UNFCCC as a potential driver for improving the collection and analysis of transport data. The study summarizes emission trends and explores case studies that demonstrate the mitigation potential of the transport sector in a number of Latin American countries, concluding that the usefulness of national reporting as a policy tool to drive mitigation in the transport sector has had limited impact to date.

- **Joint Report on MDB Climate Finance:** A SLoCaT assessment of the recently released [2014 Joint report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance](#) shows that MDBs provided USD 28.3 billion for climate finance in 2014, of which sustainable transport in the mitigation portfolio accounted for 23% (USD 6.3 billion) of the total (mitigation and adaptation) portfolio. The report reveals that the [share of sustainable transport](#) in the MDBs' climate finance portfolio increased from 17% in 2011 to 23% in 2014.
- **Transport Targets in Global Legislation Study:** A SLoCaT analysis of the transport attributes of the [2015 Global Climate Legislation study](#) provides a list of 47 transport-related policies from among the 98 countries represented in the study. An accompanying [database](#) focuses on relevant transport legislation and corresponding emissions targets.
- **City-Level Commitments on Sustainable Transport :** A SLoCaT Partnership analysis presents an overview of different city initiatives on sustainable, low carbon transport, in which action is taken by cities, mayors or civil society. These initiatives include 22 signatory

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cities to the C40 Clean Bus Declaration, 35 signatory Asian cities to the Kyoto Declaration of the Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum, and a number of transport-related commitments made by European cities under the Covenant of Mayors, among others. The accompanying [matrix](#) and the [introductory document](#) provide a preliminary compilation of city-level transport commitments; full results of this analysis are forthcoming.

- **World Energy Outlook (WEO) Review:** A SLoCaT [review document](#) of IEA's 2015 WEO report presents three scenarios and their potential impact on energy consumption and CO2 emissions from the energy sector, concluding that only with an ambitious '450 Scenario' can we maintain a 2-degree Celsius scenario (2DS). This is more ambitious than the 'Bridge Scenario' discussed in the report, which is in turn more ambitious than the 'INDC Scenario', which according to the report will merely postpone the 2DS threshold by eight months. SLoCaT's analysis emphasizes that transport must do heavy lifting to maintain a 2DS.

**Rural Transport Advocacy Activities:** *SLoCaT Partnership, together with the Africa/Asia Community Access Partnership (AFCAP-ASCAP), launched the project "[Promotion of sustainable rural access in the post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda](#)" to systematically pursue opportunities to ensure a better integration of rural transport in the post-2015 development framework. The primary activity under the project is to continue advocacy on the integration of rural transport in the final post-2015 development agenda and the implementation of the SDGs. In the second quarter of 2015, the SLoCaT Partnership has developed the following outreach materials:*

- **French version of Rural Transport Factsheet:** A French version of the factsheet on rural transport and sustainable development was released in April to reach a wider audience in global French-speaking communities. The factsheet explains the importance of rural transport interventions, how they can be integrated with other sectors, and the role of rural access in strengthening the current SDG process.
- **Presentation on Rural Transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda:** SLoCaT Partnership's rural transport consultant, John Hine, represented the SLoCaT Partnership and AFCAP-ASCAP to deliver a presentation on [Rural Transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#) at the 7<sup>th</sup> Africa Transportation Technology Transfer Conference in May in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
- **Discussions with Supporters of Rural Transport.** Secretary General of SLoCaT conducted discussions with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and PIARC (the World Road Congress) on the possibility of coordination and cooperation on rural transport in the context of the AFCAP-ASCAP Program.
- **Social Media Outreach on Rural Transport:** As a part of the

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advocacy work on the integration of rural transport in the post-2015 development agenda, the SLoCaT Secretariat is actively promoting rural transport messages through the SLoCaT Twitter account, [@SLOCATCornie](#) . In the second quarter, the SLoCaT Secretariat made 17 tweets on rural transport, each communicating a specific fact, figure, or report, and the tweets have been re-tweeted and added to favorites more than 20 times.

### **Developing a New Rural Transport Network**

- **Initial database of Rural Transport Stakeholders:** The SLoCaT Partnership had begun to develop a rural transport stakeholder database, which focuses on organizations working on rural transport issues at regional and global levels. The database will be used to build support for SLoCaT advocacy on rural transport and identify possible partners to support global policy outreach on sustainable transport. In addition, the organizations included in the database could be invited to join forthcoming global dialogue(s) on sustainable transport and also serve as partners for dissemination of AFCAP-ASCAP materials. The [initial database](#) has been posted on the SLoCaT website and will be regularly updated.

### **Submission to FfD Co-Chairs**

- **Letter to co-chairs of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD3):** The [Third International Conference on Finance for Development \(FfD\) Conference](#), which will take place in Addis Ababa on 13-16 July 2015, will set the direction for development finance for the years to come, yet the current draft outcome document of the FfD3 makes few references to the needs of sustainable transport. On June 12, the SLoCaT Partnership submitted [a letter](#) making recommendations to expand the treatment of sustainable transport to the co-chairs of FfD3, and to Permanent Representatives of all UN members states, based on comments received from SLoCaT Partnership members and members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport .

### **Roundtables on Private Sector Financing of Sustainable Transport:**

- On June 4 and 5, 27 experts on transport and sustainable development from 9 different countries in the Asia-Pacific region took part in the "[Hong Kong Round Table on Private Sector Financing for Sustainable Transport](#)". This roundtable, co-organized by the [Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung \(KAS\)](#) and SLoCaT Partnership is a part of series organized under SLoCaT's Financing Framework Work Stream to advance the dialogue on private sector financing in sustainable transport beyond the current status quo, to meet climate change targets and sustainable development goals. The roundtable discussions resulted in a key takeaways in several areas

including PPP policy frameworks, fare setting and subsidies, institutional investors, and risk allocation and capacity building. See the [summary report](#) for more details.

#### **TRANSfer Climate Finance Expert Group:**

- The SLoCaT Secretariat worked closely with the TRANSfer Project on the development of a new discussion document on Climate Finance for Transport. Phil Sayeg is being contracted to work on this together Cornie Huizenga.
- Heather Allen, who has joined the SLoCaT Secretariat on a part-time basis will help to facilitate the international expert group on climate finance for transport

## **5. TRANSPORT & POVERTY**

There was relatively limited work done on the Transport and Poverty Work Stream in the second quarter of 2015. Updates on this work stream will be included in the following quarterly reports. Some brainstorming was conducted with SLoCaT Board member on how to overcome slow progress in this component

## **II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING**

### **1. SLoCaT FOUNDATION**

- *New Supporters of SLoCaT Foundation*  
- *New Projects approved by the SLoCaT Board:*

#### **Updates from the SLoCaT Foundation**

- ***New Supporters of SLoCaT Foundation:***  
Two organizations joined the SLoCaT Foundation as supporters in the second quarter of 2015. The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) has become the newest Platinum Supporter of the SLoCaT Foundation, and ICLEI has joined SLoCaT Foundation as a Gold Supporter, contributing to SLoCaT Partnership's work stream on Transport and Climate Change.
- ***New Projects approved by the SLoCaT Board:***
  - **World Bank support of the PPMC:** The World Bank joined the PPMC as Diamond Sponsor and will be supporting the development and implementation of the PPMC Operational Plan, the maintenance of the PPMC website, organization of PPMC Regional and Thematic Dialogues, and Transport Day 2015.
  - **AFD in support of the PPMC and the joint thematic sessions:** AFD has joined the PPMC as a Gold sponsor to support the PPMC activities at COP 21, and in particular to facilitate five joint thematic sessions potentially in the areas of transport financing, climate finance, road safety, sustainable mobility and poverty reduction, and rural transport.
  - **Dialogue on Transport and Climate Change:** ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is engaging SLoCaT Partnership to support the organization and execution of the session on Transport and Climate Change within a broader set of EcoMobility Dialogues in October in Johannesburg, South Africa.

## 2. SLoCaT PARTNERSHIP

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**In-kind contributions from Members of the SLoCaT Partnership:** *The SLoCaT Secretariat would like to recognize and express its appreciation to several of its members for the major in-kind contributions they provided to the SLoCaT Partnership in the second quarter of 2015. Our thanks go out to the following members:*

- **ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)** for covering travel and accommodation costs of Cornie Huizenga’s trip to Seoul in April for the ICLEI World Congress.
- **The International Transport Forum (ITF)** for providing a booth and free registration for SLoCaT Partnership during the ITF Summit 2015 in May in Leipzig, Germany
- **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)** for covering travel and accommodation costs for Secretary General Cornie Huizenga during his trip to Europe in June.

## 3. OUTREACH EFFORTS

- *Twitter*  
- *SLoCaT Website*  
- *Webinars*  
- *SLoCaT Newsletter*

**Outreach for Sustainable Transport on Social Media:** *In alignment with its mission to promote the integration of sustainable transport in global policies on sustainable development and climate change; SLoCaT Partnership has been actively communicating its sustainable transport messages via its social media channels.*

- **Twitter:** In the second quarter of 2015, the SLoCaT Secretariat continued to scale up its strategy to actively interact with SLoCaT members on Twitter by monitoring the 30 most active Twitter accounts of the SLoCaT members and re-tweeting postings on sustainable, low carbon transport. This strategy, along with active search on transport-related hashtags, has contributed to an increase in followers of the @SLOCATCornie Twitter account from 1420 in March to 1571 in June. When combined with @SlocatLAC account, the total number of followers has increased from 1930 in Q1 to 2123 at the end of Q2.
- **SLoCaT Website:** A number of major events took place in the second quarter that led to the increase of monthly visitors of the SLoCaT website, including the launch of the PPMC at the ITF Forum in May and the UN High Level Event on Climate Change in June. The number of monthly visitors has increased from around 2,500 visitors per month in the beginning of Q1 to around 3,300-3,500 per month in Q2. It is expected that website visits will continue to grow with upcoming events leading up to COP 21.
- **Webinar with VREF:** In May, the Volvo Research and Education Foundations (VREF) and the SLoCaT Partnership jointly organized a webinar entitled “Political Strategies for Transforming Urban Transport” The webinar aimed to advance knowledge of how, when, and where political leadership has been critical to the successful implementation of path-breaking transportation policies. The webinar presented lessons from initial examinations of the reorganization of the bus industry and the demolition of an urban expressway in Seoul; the initial development of a BRT network in

Mexico City, and the implementation of congestion charging in Stockholm. [The webinar attracted 25 registrants, of which 15 participated in the webinar.]