



MAKING THE UN DECADE OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT A REALITY

Call for Sustainable Transport Action Commitments

In 2023, the General Assembly declared the first ever United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport to start in 2026. While there is no single dedicated Sustainable Development Goal for transport, it is reflected in several SDG targets and recognized as a critical enabler for sustainable development. Both the political appreciation of sustainable transport as well as our scientific understanding of transport's linkages, both synergies and trade-offs, with issues such as economic growth, poverty eradication, access to jobs, resilient infrastructure development, food security, trade, global supply chains, promotion of health, energy efficiency and tackling of climate change have greatly improved in the last years.

Five years ahead of their deadline, progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is severely off track. The United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport will be an opportunity to further raise awareness of transport's crucial role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and to find ways to accelerate progress. The UN Decade will be an opportunity to gather and rally new solutions, resources and partnerships to advance sustainable transport globally.

The General Assembly has also requested the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs to prepare an Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, in collaboration with the UN Regional Commissions and in consultation with the member States, the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders. The Implementation Plan will be launched on **10 December 2025** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This special event will also mark the start of the UN Decade and will be an opportunity to highlight commitments to action by a wide variety of actors. All stakeholders are encouraged to put forward bold, forward-looking initiatives that will propel us towards more sustainable transport and a more sustainable world for future generations.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN INITIATIVE?

To kickstart the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport with tangible action, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs has opened a call for Sustainable Transport Action Commitments. These commitments and initiatives can be made by all Member States and other stakeholders, and they aim at delivering concrete progress throughout the UN Decade.

EACH SUBMISSION WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Lead implementing country/entity
- Endorsing countries/entities
- Initiative description (max 2,500 characters), including narrative, actions, and timeline
- Regional scope of initiative (global, regional, or national focus)
- Focal point for follow-up

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, an initiative should be:

- New or represent a significant scaling up of an existing successful effort.
- Forward-looking and advance progress on sustainable transport.
- Follow the principles of the UN charter and SMART Criteria - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource based, with Time-based deliverables.
- Proposed by a single entity or a coalition, and open to additional participants, with sufficient capacity to implement the initiative in line with SMART principles.

VISIBILITY AND FOLLOW UP

Commitments will be highlighted throughout the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport at different United Nations events, starting with the **10 December 2025** launch of the Implementation Plan of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport.

To enhance transparency and accountability, all initiatives will be registered on a dedicated digital space, hosted on the UN Decade website, which allows the public to access information. The action commitments will become a prominent part of the implementation and follow-up of the UN Decade. Implementing entities will be invited to share updates on progress later during the UN Decade.