



UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

A Multi-stakeholder Webinar on the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

26 November 2024, 9:30 – 10:45 AM (EST)

Concept Note and Agenda

As of 25 November 2024

Background

While there is no single dedicated Sustainable Development Goal for transport, it is reflected in several SDG targets and recognized as an enabler for achieving many of the goals. 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 resilient infrastructure development, food security, economic growth, trade, global supply chains, promotion of health, energy efficiency and tackling of climate change have greatly improved in the last years.

In 2023, [the General Assembly resolution A/78/148](#) titled "Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" called, among others, for closer UN cooperation, a [UN Decade of Sustainable Transport \(2026-2035\)](#), and a Third UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference, and the celebration of the next [World Sustainable Transport Day on 26 November 2024](#). The Member States also requested the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs to develop an Implementation Plan for 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 for the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport will be a critical tool in steering global efforts towards sustainable, inclusive, and resilient transportation systems. By fostering collaboration, mobilizing resources, and ensuring effective monitoring, the plan can shine a light on the critical importance of sustainable transport, contribute significantly to its achievement and to the attainment of several of the SDGs.

To ensure meaningful and substantive engagement of stakeholders in the preparations for the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, stakeholders are invited to contribute their views, comments and inputs to the implementation plan of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport through a [Global Online Stakeholder Consultation \(4 November 2024 - 10 January 2025\)](#).

In 2023, the General Assembly ([A/RES/77/286](#)) also decided to declare 26 November as the [World Sustainable Transport Day](#). The Assembly invited stakeholders to mark World Sustainable Transport Day annually by means of education and the holding of events aimed at enhancing the knowledge of the public

on sustainable transport issues, in particular enhancing intermodal transport connectivity, promoting environmentally friendly transportation, developing socially inclusive transport infrastructure and other aspects of transport sustainability.

UN Decade of Sustainable Transport Multi-Stakeholder Webinar

The multi-stakeholder virtual webinar will be held on **26 November 2024, from 9:30 – 10:45 (EST)**. The webinar aims to share updated information about the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport and its associated Implementation Plan.

The webinar will take place on [World Sustainable Transport Day](#), providing a global opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable transport, in line with the General Assembly resolution [A/RES/77/286](#). In addition, the webinar will be an opportunity to seek the views of stakeholders on the Implementation Plan, and to respond to questions from participants. It will complement and feed into other on-going processes for stakeholder participation, including the [Global Online Stakeholder Consultation on the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport](#) (see above).

DESA/DSDG will prepare a summary of the webinar and will publish the recording, presentations and relevant information on the official website (<https://sdgs.un.org/un-decade-sustainable-transport-2026-2035>). More information about the webinar can be found here: <https://bit.ly/SustainableTransportWebinar26Nov>.

The registration for the webinar is open to everyone here: <https://bit.ly/Zoom26Nov>.

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 09:40	<p><u>Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review</u></p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Astra Bonini - Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, DSDG, DESA • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin - Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE <p>Moderator: Ms. Naiara Costa - Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for SDGs, DESA</p>
09:40 – 09:45	<p><u>Message on the World Sustainable Transport Day by the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Road Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean Todt - Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Road Safety (video remarks)
09:45 – 09:50	<p><u>Message from the High-level meeting on Sustainable Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Asha DeSuza - Team Leader for Sustainable Development and Financing for Development, Office of the President of the General Assembly

09:50 – 10:00	<p>The UN Decade of Sustainable Transport – overview of the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Astra Bonini - Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, DSDG, DESA
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Stakeholder inputs to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Naiara Costa - Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for SDGs, DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maruxa Cardama - SLOCAT's Secretary General • Mr. Mohammed Ali Loutfy - Director for Capacity Building and Advocacy, G3ict - Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs • Ms. Clare Hart - Vice-President for International Affairs and European Cooperation, Municipal Councilor for International Relations, Montpellier, France • Mr. Habib Turki - Chief Development Officer, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) • Ms. Maria Lehman - GHD's Infrastructure Market Leader for the United States
10:30 – 10:40	<p>Q&A</p> <p>UN DESA/DSDG to moderate.</p>
10:40 – 10:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p>

*The programme is subject to last-minute changes.