



## UN Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026-2035)

Call for inputs from the United Nations system

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

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Responding organization: UNEP Sustainable Mobility Unit

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### Questions

- 1. How can the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport best boost sustainable transport around the world and increase its contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals? What kind of a shared vision of sustainable transport should the UN advocate for in the Implementation Plan?**

There is an urgent need to develop a roadmap for an inclusive transition to zero emissions mobility.

Zero emissions = walking & cycling and electric vehicles

Inclusive = a transition in all regions/ countries - north and south, and benefiting all – rich and poor

The roadmap should highlight the benefits in terms of air quality/ health, climate and economy/ jobs

The road map should include issues such as road safety, access, gender equality, circularity, etc.

- 2. What are some of the key impediments to sustainable transport and how can the UN Decade strategically address these?**

Awareness

Many countries and cities are not aware of the options they have to introduce zero emissions mobility. For example, they underestimate the possible active transport road users. Or they underestimate the relevance and costs of electric mobility. They underestimate the economic benefits (renewable power use, green jobs generation, etc)

#### Policy

Many countries and cities lack policies for switching to zero emissions mobility. They have not developed roadmaps and targets. Technical standards are lacking and delaying progress. Disincentives, like fossil fuel subsidies, are still in place. They lack supply side regulations that will make the transition a public-private shared action.

#### Technology

Many countries lack access to affordable zero emissions mobility technologies. For example, many African cities are introducing bus rapid transit systems using diesel busses as no suitable and affordable electric busses technologies are available.

#### Finance

There is much demand to help finance the transition to zero emissions mobility. But financing available does not meet the requirements (time frames, amounts, conditions, recipients, etc). there is too little financing available, and most importantly, a mismatch between finance demand and supply.

**3. Please share up to five (5) main policy recommendations that should be included in the Implementation Plan? If applicable, indicate the level most aligned with the policy recommendation (global, regional, national, subnational and local, or other).**

- 1- All cities, countries, (sub)regions should set roadmaps to phase out ICCE vehicles in favor of zero emissions vehicles (2&3 wheelers, cars, busses and trucks)
- 2- All countries should have an active mobility policy & action plan. All cities should put in place a policy that will require that active transport facilities are included in any new road they build or road they upgrade.
- 3- Financing institutions, both public and private, and at global and national level, should develop financing products that meets the requirements of partners in the global south to support the transition to zero emissions mobility. For electric mobility and for active transport
- 4- All global roadmap should be developed for a global transition to zero emissions electric mobility. Countries should sign this.
- 5- All new public transport programs should only include zero emissions vehicles. Or at least a roadmap should be developed to achieve this. Cities and countries should develop and adopt this.

**4. How can the implementation of the plan be effectively monitored, and what methods can be used to track its progress across Member States? Please share most relevant existing monitoring frameworks and indicators?**

We are already monitoring the policies and roadmaps adopted by countries worldwide to switch to electric mobility. This can be extended into a shared database.

A set of key global parameters should be developed that will be used to measure the transition to zero emissions sustainable mobility.

I don't there is need to develop monitoring frameworks and indicators, just to agree on a small set of shared indicators and bring existing monitoring together.

**5. Please share up to three (3) examples of concrete initiatives, projects or programmes that your entity is engaged in that can contribute to the success of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport? Please, make sure to include relevant links.**

UNEP implements a leading global programme to support the global south with switching to electric mobility, supporting more than 50 country projects in all regions. There is a need for better coordination at global, regional and national level, between organizations support the transition to electric mobility.

UNEP implements a leading global programme to support the introducing of active transport policies and facilities in Africa, working in more than ten countries. There is a need for similar programs in other regions.

UNEP is supporting a global programme to introduce minimum quality standards for the export and import of used vehicles, both for road safety and environmental reasons.

There is a need for exporters and importers to agree to global quality standards.

**6. Please provide up to five (5) main reports or other publications that the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade should draw upon. Please, make sure to include relevant links**