

United Nations Capacity-Building Workshop on Sustainable Transport

23 – 24 June 2025

Conference room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Programme

23 June 2025	
09:30 – 9:50	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Ms. Astra Bonini, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
9:50 – 11:00	Session 1: Sustainable transport for the SDGs to 2030 and beyond – building a shared vision <p><i>Introduction to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport and an overview of the annotated outline of the Implementation Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs Mr. Cloves Eduardo Benevides, Undersecretary for Sustainability, Ministry of Transport, Brazil Ms. Maruxa Cardama, Secretary General, SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport Mr. Tongzhou Bai, Director of the Center for International Conventions and Standard Rules, Global Sustainable Transport Innovation and Knowledge Center, Ministry of Transport, China Mr. Rodrigo Alonso Medina González, Head of National Planning of the Minister, Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, Chile

	<p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the role of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport and its associated Implementation Plan? What would a successful UN Decade of Sustainable Transport look like?</i> • <i>In what ways can the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport boost efforts towards more sustainable transport and support developing countries?</i> • <i>How can we further integrate and leverage transport within the broader SDG implementation efforts as a driver of progress? What are the key interlinkages?</i> • <i>What would a fully sustainable transport system (social, economic, environmental) look like in the future? What are the main elements of a shared vision for sustainable transport globally?</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: Addressing key policy areas (PART A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Senior Transport Advisor, Research and Evidence Directorate, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom • Mr. Anthony Muriu Muigai, Director of Planning, State Department of Transport, Kenya • Mr. Nhan Tran, Head, Safety and Mobility, World Health Organization • Ms. Sonal Shah, Executive Director, Urban Catalyst <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How can countries advance progress in key policy areas such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure access to sustainable transport for all</i> • <i>Make transport safe and secure</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:20	<p>Session 2: Addressing key policy areas (PART B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mark Major, Advisor on Climate, Kühne Foundation



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ulziijargal Baasgai, Senior Specialist, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Roads and Transportation, Mongolia • Mr. Jad Baba, Transport Lead, Knowledge and Data team, REN21 • Mr. Felix Eggert, Communications and Policy Advisor, Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <p>1. <i>How can countries advance progress in key policy areas such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Decarbonize transport and reduce its environmental impacts</i> • <i>Leverage science, technology and innovation for transformation toward sustainable transport</i> • <i>Improve efficiency and smarter transport systems</i>
15:20 – 15:30	<p>Presentation on the Transport Health and Environment Pan-European Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wiebke Unbehaun, Vice Chair of the Transport Health and Environment Pan European Programme, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure of Austria
15:30 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 17:00	<p>Session 2: Addressing key policy areas (PART C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philip Turner, Head of Sustainable Development, International Association of Public Transport (UITP) • Mr. Alamirew Getu Messele, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Transport and Logistics, Ethiopia • Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • Ms. Bronwen Thornton, CEO, Walk21 Foundation <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <p>1. <i>How can countries best advance progress in key policy areas such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shape people-centered urban mobility and livable cities</i> • <i>Enhance sustainable connectivity and freight</i> • <i>Build resilient infrastructure and transport systems</i>

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9:30 – 10:45	<p>Session 3: What is needed to make action possible – how to get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. James Leather, Director of the Transport Sector Group, Asian Development Bank • Mr. Nurmat Musabekov, Head of the Transport Policy Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Kyrgyz Republic • Ms. Shokrane Minovi, Partnership Specialist, Transport Global Practice, World Bank • Ms. Lucie Anderton, Ms. Lucie Anderton, Head of Sustainability and North America Coordinator, International Union of Railways (UIC) <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are the key partnerships, investment and funding needs, capacity and technology needs and other foundations for supporting progress toward sustainable transport at global, regional, national and local levels?</i> 2. <i>What kind of innovative financing options, public-private partnerships, and regional collaborations can support sustainable transport?</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 4: Assessing Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Holger Dalkman, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sustain 2030 • Ms. Magdalena Olczak-Rancitelli, Manager, International Transport Forum, OECD <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are some of the main challenges for establishing baselines and monitoring progress towards sustainable transport at global, regional, national and local levels? How can these be addressed? What tools exist for setting relevant goals and targets at all levels?</i> 2. <i>What are some of the key existing initiatives countries can benefit from for relevant metrics for monitoring progress? How can these</i>



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	<i>initiatives contribute to the activities of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport?</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 5: Breakout groups – filling the gaps in policies and support</p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>To what extent does global and regional policy support for sustainable transport reflect the realities and needs at the national and local levels? What key policy areas deserve more focus and attention?</i> 2. <i>What activities and resources during the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport would best support and enable the implementation efforts of countries? What actors should be mobilized to make this happen?</i> <p>Chair of Group A: Member State representative</p> <p>Chair of Group B: Member State representative</p>
15:30 – 16:45	Report back from the breakout groups and a discussion
16:45 – 17:00	Next steps and closing