



UN DECADE OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT 2026 – 2035

Closed consultation on the draft outline of the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade at the International Transport Forum Summit 2025

Friday 23 May 2025, 13:00 - 14:00, Leipzig, Germany

In 2023, the United Nations General Assembly declared the first ever [United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport](#) to start in 2026. Through the General Assembly resolution [A/78/148](#) titled “Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals” the Member States also requested the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) 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 UN Decade of Sustainable Transport will be an opportunity to highlight transport’s critical role in achieving sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals, rally existing and new actors behind a shared vision for more sustainable transport globally, foster and initiate new projects, initiatives and partnerships, and enhance coordination within the UN and across the transport sector.

The Implementation Plan of the UN Decade is expected to be launched on 26 November 2025 on the World Sustainable Transport Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event will also celebrate the start of the UN Decade.

Throughout 2024 and 2025, DESA has conducted extensive consultations with the Member States, the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders. First Member State consultations were held on 1 October 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. [Dedicated online consultations with stakeholders](#) resulted in inputs from 113 organizations across 45 countries, and the United Nations system has provided written inputs through [a separate call](#). Further inputs have been received at dedicated deliberations on the UN Decade at different key events around the world, such as a [side event](#) held at the 2024 High-level Political Forum on sustainable development, [UNFCCC COP 29 SDG Pavilion](#) during the Sustainable Transport Day, the 16th Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia, and a [workshop for the landlocked developing countries](#) held in Addis Ababa.

As the process moves from consultations to the drafting phase, the closed consultation at the ITF Summit will be an invaluable moment for DESA and the UN Regional Commissions to receive initial feedback from Member States, UN system and other stakeholders on the draft elements of the outline of the Implementation Plan which will be shared with participants prior to the meeting. The meeting will bring together a mix of stakeholders representing the UN member States, UN system, multilateral development banks, civil society, academia and others. The meeting will be by invitation only and informal in nature. The meeting will be conducted in English only.

PROGRAMME

13:00 – 14:00

High-level opening remarks

- H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Muñoz, Minister of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile

Welcome remarks

- Mr. Young Tae Kim, Secretary-General, International Transport Forum

Update on the Implementation Plan process

- Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Reflections on the regional consultations for the Implementation Plan

- Ms. Miryam Saade Hazin, Officer in charge, Infrastructure Services Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Reflections on the draft outline of the Implementation Plan from stakeholders

- Ms. Tjitske Ijpma, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management of the Netherlands
- Mr. James Leather, Director of the Transport Sector Group, Asian Development Bank
- Mr. Philip Turner - Head of Sustainable Development, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

Open discussion