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One year on, transport climate coalition welcomes three new countries and publishes its first annual report at COP31

Bolivia, Grenada and Panama join the Ministerial Declaration on resilient, low-emission transport. First tracking results reveal progress towards 2035 goals, but highlight the need to accelerate action.

Antalya, Türkiye, 16 November 2026 – One year after its launch at COP30, the coalition behind the Ministerial Declaration "Towards Resilient and Low-Emission Transport Systems for People, Development and the Planet" published its first annual report at COP31 on Saturday and welcomed Bolivia, Grenada and Panama as new members, bringing the coalition to 14 countries.

Eleven countries launched the Declaration in Belém, Brazil, on 14 November 2025. At its heart is the Global Transport Effort: by 2035, a 25% cut in transport energy demand compared with 2022, and a one-third share of renewables and sustainable biofuels. Each country contributes in line with its national circumstances. Transport sector accounts for more than one fifth of global energy-related CO_2 emissions, underscoring the importance of accelerating its transition.

First annual report. Presented by the Dominican Republic, which chairs the coalition, the report is the first public account of the coalition's progress since Belém.

The first tracking results, covering 2022 to 2024, show that the transition is underway, but not yet at the pace needed to reach the 2035 goals. Transport's final energy consumption rose from 119.8 to 125.2 exajoules, exceeding the 113.1 EJ level projected for that year. Meanwhile, renewables and sustainable biofuels still supply less than 5% of it, far below the one-third target set by 2035. The report identifies electrification of road and rail as the single most powerful lever to get back on track, which links the Effort directly to the "35 by 35" electrification goal announced by the COP31 Presidency.

The report also shows that countries are already acting. It presents one good practice from each founding signatory, drawn from their Biennial Transparency Reports, from Austria's Klimaticket and Chile's electromobility strategy to Brazil's RenovaBio biofuels policy. During COP31, Brazil, founding signatory and host of COP30, highlighted public transport as a matter of urban justice, and the need to act on both mitigation and adaptation.

In its first year, the coalition also agreed a governance structure and a work plan to 2028. In March 2026, the Dominican Republic, through its National Council for Climate Change and Carbon Market, assumed the Global South co-chair role following Chile's leadership of the

initiative. A joint Secretariat was also established between the SLOCAT Partnership and GIZ, through its E-Motion Programme, to support the coalition's implementation and coordination.

New members. Bolivia, Grenada and Panama strengthen the coalition's presence in Latin America and the Caribbean. Speaking at the press conference, Grenada and Bolivia both stressed the value of international cooperation, capacity building and the exchange of experience between countries.

Tracking the effort. Looking ahead, the coalition will continue monitoring progress through annual tracking and reports in 2027 and 2028, supported by an online dashboard on the Transport Data Commons website. These efforts aim to provide consistent and comparable data to inform the second Global Stocktake in 2028 and strengthen the recognition of transport within the global climate agenda. The Declaration remains open to new countries willing to join this collective effort.

"One year ago, eleven countries made a commitment in Belém. We are now fourteen, and this first annual report gives us an honest baseline: we are moving, but not yet fast enough. Decarbonising transport cannot be an isolated effort, which is why every new country counts."

– Dr. Max Puig, Executive Vice President, National Council for Climate Change and Carbon Market, Dominican Republic, chair of the coalition (draft quote)

"For a small island state like Grenada, cleaner transport is about energy resilience and energy sovereignty as much as emissions. Joining this coalition gives us partners to learn from and the capacity building we need to deliver."

– Titus Antoine, Director of Climate Resilience, Grenada (draft quote)

"Transport is closely tied to our economy and our sovereignty. Bolivia's latest NDC supports the Global Transport Effort, and we have joined to share experience and learn from other countries."

– Carlos Mauricio Fernández Mavrich, Deputy Head of the Delegation of Bolivia to COP31 (draft quote)

"This is the first year of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, and it has to be about delivery alongside ambition. As joint Secretariat for the Global Transport Effort with E-Motion, our job is to help countries turn their commitments into action: sharing what works, strengthening the data and evidence base, and reflecting transport's importance in the Global Stocktake 2".

– Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Secretary General, SLOCAT Partnership (draft quote)

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Notes to editors

The Declaration: launched at COP30 in Belém on 14 November 2025 by Austria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. Bolivia, Grenada and Panama joined in 2026. [Link to Declaration]

First annual report: Annual Report 2026 – Declaration "Towards Resilient and Low-Emissions Transport Systems for People, Development and the Planet": https://changing-transport.org/wp-content/uploads/First-Annual-Report-GTE.pdf
The tracking methodology is published in "Tracking Global Progress on Cleaner Transport" (GIZ Changing Transport, 2026): changing-transport.org/publications/tracking-global-progress-on-cleaner-transport

SLOCAT Partnership: a multi-stakeholder partnership of more than 100 organisations working on sustainable, low-carbon transport; with GIZ, through the E-Motion Programme, it forms the coalition's joint Secretariat. slocat.net

E-Motion: E-Mobility and Low Carbon Transportation is a Green Climate Fund project that promotes electric and public transport in ten Latin American countries. Technical assistance is implemented by GIZ.

Transport Data Commons Initiative (TDCI): an initiative of more than 30 international partners that makes transport data easier to find, share and use for sustainable transport. transport-data.org

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