



Dear COP29 Leaders and Delegates,

We, a community of dedicated professionals, practitioners, policy-makers, thought-leaders, change-makers, advocates, activists and other passionate people from 108 countries working in the transport sector, recognise that the gap between ambitious goals and sectoral implementation must be narrowed in order to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. As a transport community, we are sending this message to COP29 to draw attention to strengthening climate action in our sector.

Transport accounts for a quarter of energy-related CO₂ emissions. In the transition to zero-emission transport systems that contribute to a liveable and just future, we, as individuals who are part of the global transport community, encourage COP29 delegates, leaders and policymakers to consider the following guiding principles:

1. **Ambitious, science-based transport targets** in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and comprehensive net-zero strategies can guide the sector. Prioritise zero-emission vehicles powered by renewable energy and foster alignment between all levels of government, civil society and the private sector, including the informal sector. National and international cooperation can strengthen resource mobilisation through effective partnerships.
2. **The Avoid-Shift-Improve framework should guide** all transport policies and targets. While electrification (Improve) is crucial, it must be complemented by strategies to avoid unnecessary travel and to shift to sustainable modes for both passenger and freight transport. This requires mixed-use land use planning and robust investment in public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure, as well as internalising the external costs of private car use.
3. **Promote employability and mobility equity with a gender balanced approach**, ensuring equal recruitment, training and access to opportunities. For an equitable transition, include informal transport systems, especially in the Global South, as key components of the transport ecosystem. Disaggregated data and gender-responsive planning are essential for informed decision-making.
4. **To leave no one behind**, we need to invest in transport systems for equitable, safe and sustainable mobility for all, to improve social and economic conditions, access to education and healthcare, and recreational activities. We must also ensure economic access for all by bridging the gap between rural and urban transport infrastructure.
5. **Capacity building is a prerequisite**. Governments and local institutions need to build capacity and learn from each other's successes and challenges. National and international cooperation is essential to develop tailored solutions appropriate to different local contexts.

Achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement will not be possible without the transport sector. The transport community participating in Transport Week 2024 is ready to engage and act.



Insights from 12 Transport Week Sessions

During Transport and Climate Change Week 2024, we have come together to 'connect the dots' by identifying and linking regional and local successes that can activate the global transformation of our sector. By sharing these results and insights, we aim to foster innovation and contribute to the scaling up and replication of proven solutions. We invite COP29 delegates and leaders to take advantage of these insights identified by the transport community in 12 sessions:

1. Do not wait for a broad consensus to act, because it will be too late. Do not wait, but try to build it.
2. Keep honest dialogues open to seek understanding, for which community groups are important to work with.
3. When planning cycle-friendly cities, we do not just provide cycle lanes, we also create space for people to meet and improve the quality of life.
4. We need to look closely at gender issues in relation to women's employability in the sector. Data is essential to overcome barriers.
5. Policies take time to implement and international exchange allows us to identify the steps to be taken to be efficient.
6. Adaptation requires wider coordination with other sectors and appropriate participation. A step-by-step approach is key to manage uncertainty.
7. Thinking about 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) is difficult, but cooperation between stakeholders is necessary, as is the provision of funding to adapt infrastructure.
8. The decarbonisation of trucks has the potential for transformative sustainable development, it can have an environmental, economic but also social impact.
9. It is about bringing a whole of society approach into an ambition loop. This means that governments set the policy framework, but businesses, civil society and cities take action and implement measures.
10. An integrated Avoid-Shift-Improve approach is key to providing a comprehensive perspective on NDC ambition setting and implementation.
11. We need to motivate different actors to develop reliable, high quality transparency systems in the transport sector. This is not just about technical systems, but also about human cooperation.
12. Sustainable transport in Africa is a shared investment effort. African countries and international partners have the opportunity to develop public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and local vehicle manufacturing.



The process

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The guiding principles have been created in a two-step process during the Global Community Sessions of Monday and Thursday, firstly gathering and clustering key words and secondly, formulating the principles in a write-shop format. The 12 insights are the direct output of all Transport and Climate Change Week 2024 sessions, except for the regional exchanges.

This message is a compilation of the views and opinions expressed by the participants of Transport and Climate Change Week and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of any entities they represent.

Thank you for your collaboration and commitment to making #TransportWeek24 a success! We look forward to seeing the positive impact of your efforts.

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