

## **ACT Implementation Plan Comments**

UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

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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? In what ways can the Implementation Plan enhance multi-stakeholder collaboration across the UN system, Member States and all other stakeholders?

Global adoption of Transportation Demand Management (TDM), the use of strategies to inform and encourage travelers to maximize the efficiency of our transportation systems leading to improved mobility, reduced congestion, and lower vehicle emissions, is key to advancing sustainable transport worldwide. UN Decade of Sustainable Transport can promote TDM strategies that enhance active transport, public transit, and carpooling through collaborations among governments, the private sector, and NGOs. These stakeholders can advocate for funding and capacity-building for TDM strategies in low-and middle-income countries. Investing in multi-modal systems in these places will connect diverse transport modes and reduce single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) use, advancing SDGs 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Please share one policy recommendation that should be highlighted in the Implementation Plan? Please, indicate the level most aligned with the policy recommendation (global, regional, national, subnational and local, or other)

## Level: Global

Embedding TDM in nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement will create international cohesion on the reduction of carbon emissions and advancement toward climate goals. This action encourages TDM adoption within national climate plans and enhances communication surrounding its deployment, allowing for the collection of key metrics and measurable impact. As a result, countries will become more aligned surrounding emissions reduction strategies, improvement in air quality, and the promotion of equitable economic opportunities. This worldwide collaboration is needed to support innovation, promote the exchange of best practices and expertise, and uplift sustainable transport's many benefits for our climate, communities, and economies.

## Please share an example of a concrete initiative, ideally involving a partnership of multiple stakeholders, that can contribute to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026 – 2035

Creating an international framework that provides transport oversight and monitors key sustainability benchmarks is a necessary step for the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport. Through coordination at a global level, stakeholders can establish strong international standards and track the progress of sustainability objectives. To best tackle carbon reduction goals, this framework would also encourage the adoption of TDM programs through marketing and promotional programs, funding guidance, and stakeholder engagement, particularly in low-income and middle-income countries and communities. By fostering continued collaboration, resource-sharing, and investment in TDM strategies, this guidance would lead to a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment.

Please finish the below with a catchy one-line sentence: To advance sustainable transport around the world and to maximize its positive contributions to SDG implementation, we need: "......"

to implement TDM strategies at local, national, and global levels to create a better future and quality of life for all.