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EVENT CONCEPT NOTE**Transforming the Way We Move: Building a Low-Carbon Mobility Future in the Region in the Next Round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).**

19 November

Organised by the Secretariat of Union of the Mediterranean (UfM) in collaboration with the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), the International Union for Railways (UIC) and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT).



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**1. Objectives**

If we are to meet our climate pledges and commitments, emissions in the transport sector must be immediately reversed, especially in our cities.

Based on integrated sustainable urban mobility planning and strong governance, the rail and public transport sector will be a key player in driving the new and strengthening multimodal transport development strategies in the region.

From mega-rail projects to e-bus deployments and the implementation of first- and last-mile solutions, major investments in public transport show that the Mediterranean region is witnessing a clear paradigm shift towards more sustainable transport, in line with the SDGs.

The event will highlight potentials for the sector, success stories and available opportunities needed to enhance the contribution of public transport and urban mobility in the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), including the commitment to its financing, strengthen countries' efforts, help raise the level of ambition and improve the quality of daily life for all while reversing rising transport emissions, reducing their operational carbon footprint and transforming cities.

About the revised NDCs

The 2025 NDC updates should include a range of public transport policies and measures, supported by an ambitious vision for public transport-centric cities. They should outline specific commitments, finance, and ambitious targets for modal shift towards low- and zero-emissions public transport.

Given that climate finance is key to implementing the plans, NDCs should also detail a financing strategy and, where necessary, set out their capacity building needs.

NDCs are an important lever for advancing and financing public transport and, likewise, public transport solutions can help deliver more ambitious NDCs. They can have a catalytic effect for greater multilevel collaboration, drive policy alignment and enable decarbonization.

2. Date and Venue

Tuesday 19 November 2024, 14:25 – 15:15 | The Mediterranean Pavilion, Blue Zone, F1B - COP 29.



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3. Panel discussions / Event showflow

- **Welcome opening & Key note**
- **Scene setting presentation**
- **Fireside chat and interactive discussion**
To facilitate discussion with the panelists on key takeaways, after each question, audience members will be invited to share their views on what has been discussed.
- **Final remarks with panel and conclusions**
Final remarks summarizing the main ideas discussed during the event will encourage continued dialogue and collaboration and call for climate action.

4. Agenda

Time	
14:25 – 14:35 <i>(10 minutes)</i>	Welcome opening & Key note How the UfM Urban Transport Agenda for the Mediterranean region can scale up transport action on climate change Mr. Francesc Carbonell , <i>Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat</i>
14:35 – 14:40 <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Scene setting presentation The NDC opportunity for Public Transport Mr. Philip Turner , <i>Head of Sustainable Development, UITP</i>
14:40 – 15:10 <i>(30 minutes)</i>	Fireside chat and interactive discussion <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Francesc Carbonell, <i>UfM Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat</i> ▪ Ms. Joo Hyun Ha, <i>Sustainability Strategy & International Partnerships Senior Advisor, UIC</i> ▪ Ms. Angel Cortez, <i>Project Officer - Analysis, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)</i> <u>Discussion questions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we assess the current level of ambition in NDCs and how can their transport targets be increased? - How can long-term, stable funding and financing for high quality public transport be ensured? - As we look forwards COP30, what are our key recommendations to raise the level of climate ambition in the transport sector?
15:10 – 15:15 <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Final remarks with panel and conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Francesc Carbonell, <i>UfM Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat</i> ▪ Ms. Joo Hyun Ha, <i>Sustainability Strategy & International Partnerships Senior Advisor, UIC</i> ▪ Ms. Angel Cortez, <i>Project Officer - Analysis, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)</i>

Key Note speaker will be using PPT. All speakers will participate in person.

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5. Bios of speakers

Francesc CARBONELL, UfM Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat



Francesc is Head of Sector for Transport at the Union for the Mediterranean, where he manages policy dialogue between its 43 member states, and is responsible for assisting and advising the appraisal, preparation, financing and implementation of regional projects and initiatives in the field of transport. Previously, he was Senior Consultant and Director of Research & Innovation at the Indra Group, in charge of international transport projects. Among these projects, he has coordinated the development and implementation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, participated in the development of financing strategies for public transport authorities, market analyses and business plans for urban transport and railway infrastructure investors and operators, studies for public transport ticketing and tariff systems, as well as long-term training programmes on transport planning and operations. His client references include intergovernmental organizations (European Commission and UNECE), international financial institutions (EIB, WB and IADB), as well as local authorities, national ministries, private investors and academia. An international expert with professional experience in Europe, the Mediterranean region and East Asia, Francesc holds an MSc. in Civil Engineering, including Majors in Transport and Urban Planning, from Barcelona TECH.

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Joo Hyun HA, Sustainability Strategy & International Partnerships Senior Advisor, UIC



Joo Hyun is Sustainability Strategy & International Partnerships Senior Advisor at the International Union for Railways (UIC), working with climate action in railways - building partnerships, sharing knowledge and finding solutions for cities, countries and regions towards a Paris-compliant 2050. She holds a Master in Public Administration, with a concentration in Urban and Social Policy from SIPA, Columbia University.

Formerly, Joo Hyun was Buildings and Cities Policy Officer at UN Environment Programme and International Relations manager at the Sao Paulo City Hall.

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Philip TURNER, Head of Sustainable Development, UITP



Philip is Head of Sustainable Development at the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), where he is leading the organization's efforts to address climate change and sustainable development policy. UITP is committed to making public transport a central part of the solution to climate change. Increasing the modal share of public transport is seen as the most cost-efficient way to decarbonize daily mobility. UITP aims to decarbonize the sector through collaborative knowledge sharing and advocacy, and engages local stakeholders by bringing members together to exchange ideas, share best practices, and forge partnerships. Philip is inspired by the opportunities to accelerate the transformations of the transport and energy sectors, with almost all public transport vehicles today able to run on renewables. Philip is also Director of Advocacy at the SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport. Previously, he was Sustainability Policy Advisor at Transport for London where he was in charge corporate sustainability reporting and performance management.

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Angel CORTEZ, Project Officer - Analysis at Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT)



Angel is NDC-TIA project manager and the officer of analysis at the SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport.

SLOCAT is the international, multi-stakeholder partnership powering systemic transformations and a just transition towards equitable, healthy, green and resilient transport and mobility systems for the people and the planet. The multi-sectoral partnership delivers on its mission through co-creation, co-leadership and co-delivery across knowledge, advocacy and dialogue activities in the intersection between transport, climate change and sustainability. Its engages an inclusive ecosystem across transport associations, NGOs, academia, governments, multilateral organisations, philanthropy and business; as well as a large community of world-class experts and change-makers.

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