



United Nations
**Sustainable
Transport
Conference**

14-16
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Beijing



MEDIA ADVISORY

Ahead of COP26 in Glasgow, UN to raise ambition for a transport revolution that can help tackle the climate emergency

With the transport sector contributing approximately 25% of all direct greenhouse gas emissions, there is a renewed sense of urgency for achieving sustainable transport globally—transport that is safe, green, efficient and accessible. As we head towards COP26 in November, the UN Sustainable Transport Conference, hosted by the People’s Republic of China from 14 to 16 October, is an opportunity to highlight concrete solutions for developing transport systems that will effectively respond to the climate crisis.

In addition to its impact on the environment, the transport sector has also contributed to 1.35 million deaths every year in traffic accidents worldwide. Over 1 billion people globally still lack adequate access to an all-weather road and in many cities, public transport remains unsustainable, unsafe, inefficient, inaccessible or unaffordable – a situation that is particularly affecting people living in poverty.

The UN Sustainable Transport Conference

The UN Sustainable Transport Conference will provide a roadmap for achieving transport systems that are designed to help protect the environment, while opening economic opportunities and improving health and well-being. The Conference will focus on the opportunities and challenges for all modes of transport – road, rail, aviation and waterborne – and provide concrete solutions for achieving sustainable transport worldwide.

The 3-day Conference will be hybrid and will consist of plenary sessions, a Ministers’ Forum, a Business Forum and a Science, Engineering and Technology Forum. At the heart of discussions will be the links between achieving sustainable transport and economic recovery, climate mitigation and other issues.

Who: Ministers, business leaders, transport experts

Where: Beijing, China

When: 14 to 16 October

Follow live: [UN WebTV](#)

Website, including programme: <https://www.un.org/transport2021>

Hashtag: #SustainableTransport

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Curtain Raiser Press Conference (12 October, Beijing)

What: The curtain raiser press conference will provide journalists with an opportunity to learn more about the significance of the UN Sustainable Transport Conference and what the Conference is expected to achieve.

Who:

- Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Conference Secretary-General
- Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Resident Coordinator in China
- Alex Trepelkov, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Where: Large Conference Room, UN Compound, No.2 Liangmahenan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing

Note: In alignment with the health protocol of Beijing, all participants will be required to present the health kit green code and travel card green arrow when entering the UN Compound

When: Tuesday 12 October, 2021, 9:00 am BJT

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://undp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_diLTu-lmRIGW5M15i_wi5g

Briefing on the UN InterAgency Report on Sustainable Transport (12 October, New York)

What: The Inter-Agency Report on Sustainable Transport “**Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Development**” stresses the role of sustainable transport — with its objectives of universal access, enhanced safety, reduced environmental and climate impact, improved resilience, and greater efficiency — as critical to achieving sustainable development. The report provides a snapshot of advances that have been made in sustainable transport and provides recommendations so that the transition to sustainable development takes place at the scale and speed required.

Who:

- Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Nancy L. Vandycke, Economic Advisor, Transport Global Practice and Program Manager, SuM4All, World Bank
- Jan Hoffman, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Where: UNHQ Press Conference Room, Rm S-237

When: Tuesday 12 October, 2021, 12:30 pm EDT

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