

Press Release:  
**Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA)**  
**urges countries, cities and companies to act now to decarbonise transport**

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**Transport a central focus in the climate debate**

At the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit, the Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA) is playing a key role in bringing together the '3Cs' – countries, cities, and companies – to speed up transformation towards net zero mobility systems.

Transport is responsible for 28% of energy related GHG emissions. If we continue with business as usual scenarios, emissions will double by 2050. The challenge therefore is daunting: catering to the fast-growing demand for mobility and transport, while slashing GHG emissions, increasing climate resilience and promoting social and economic development. Climate stabilisation requires an active, decarbonised transport sector.

The Action towards Climate-friendly Transport (ACT) initiative, which will be presented on stage in the General Assembly Hall during the Summit, brings together a wide coalition of national, regional, and local governments, international organisations, the private sector, and others towards transforming transport and moving the world closer to our Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals.

The TDA, together with EV100, CALSTART/Drive to Zero, and many other partners, is focused on exploring all sustainable alternatives, and closing the gap between demand and supply of zero emission freight vehicles with the **Call to Action on Zero Emission Freight Vehicles**. This is a central component of the ACT.

**The TDA and the call for zero emission freight vehicles**

Within the TDA, we work directly with the private sector to ensure meaningful cooperation in the fight against climate change. As a result, the Netherlands has spearheaded a worldwide TDA call to action on zero emission freight vehicles. This call seeks to break the chicken and egg dilemma, where vehicle manufacturers claim there simply is not enough demand for clean vehicles, and buyers of these vehicles claim the costs are too high. By bringing together freight vehicle fleet owners and manufacturers, the TDA has provided key market signals - with well over 144,000 zero emission freight vehicles of varying sizes and capacities now being requested by key fleet owners - from governments to the private sector, and still counting.

The TDA gathers leading countries, cities and companies to catalyse the decarbonisation of the transport sector. The Netherlands is the new chair of the TDA for the next 2 years.

*"The transport sector accounts for almost 30 per cent of global carbon emissions. It's up to us to bring down that figure - a major challenge, especially in emerging economies and fast growing cities. For freight-transport alone, experts are expecting a growth of 400% till 2050! I'm happy to*

*see many citizens, cities and companies are ready to take the lead to reduce emissions in transport. It's my ambition to bring action together; let's do it".*

**Stientje van Veldhoven, Minister for the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Chair of the Transport Decarbonisation Alliance**

The TDA accelerates action by **facilitating** discussion on decarbonisation in the context of global, regional, national, local and corporate policy processes; leading by example by **demonstrating** that decarbonisation is technically feasible, economically attractive, and brings broad social and environmental benefits by sharing experiences and best practices. Finally, TDA Members take all opportunities to **advocate** for accelerated decarbonisation and to engage a growing number of actors.

*"More mobility for more people with less impact is what is at stake for today and for tomorrow. Innovating in ecosystem is key: in that perspective TDA is a way to put together countries, cities and citizens on a wide range of issues such as urban freight."*

**Florent Menegaux – CEO, Michelin**

*"Now is the time to take action. We must scale up and accelerate the transition towards low-emission and equitable urban mobility. Networks are key to pioneering innovative solutions and sharing knowledge. With the ambition of becoming the bicycle capital of Africa, and as a member of ICLEI's EcoMobility Alliance, the Transport Decarbonization Alliance and the TUMI Network of High Ambition Leaders, I support ACT and its vision."*

**Manuel De Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique and ICLEI Global Executive Committee**

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