

At COP27: Global transport alliance unveils Call to Action to focus international community on the urgent need for active mobility

The Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA) calls for \$100 million to train 10,000 mobility professionals in planning and deployment of more biking and walking worldwide

UNFCCC Conference 2022, COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh – Today, 17th November at the event “Shifting Gear: Accelerating Active Mobility for Future Generations” representatives of the Transport Decarbonisation Alliance [called](#) on all parties to the UNFCCC, global financial institutions, cities, regions and companies to invest \$100 million U.S. dollars in the training of 10 000 mobility professionals in the planning, design, operations and promotion of walking and cycling.

The Call to Action aligns with the Egyptian COP27 Presidency’s objectives to scale up climate finance. Countries, cities and regions across the globe have identified improving Active Mobility as part of climate action, COVID-19 pandemic response or general sustainable development. But there is a global lack of capacity to develop and implement these projects.

“This Call directly supports PATH, the Partnership for Active Travel and Health campaign, calling on governments and cities to make a real commitment to walking and cycling as a key solution to the climate, health and equity challenges we face,” said TDA President and California Air Resources Board Chair Liane Randolph. “It provides a healthy alternative to using a vehicle for many around the world – rich and poor, young and old.”

“Active mobility projects are cost-effective, ready to go, and can deliver real, measurable emissions reductions quickly,” said Mr. Manuel de Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique. “But we need to make sure they are safe and offer attractive alternatives to using a vehicle. Training 10,000 Active Mobility specialists around the world will ensure a sufficient pipeline of well-designed Active Mobility projects that are eminently suitable for financing right now, and over the next decades.”

"If cities around the world are serious about a net zero transport sector in 2050, we are going to need a lot more people walking and cycling. They are the most equitable, sustainable and efficient transport modes. Delivering the infrastructure for this to happen requires special skills. Skills that are currently not available enough for countries, regions and cities, particularly in the Global South Investing now in a global capacity-building effort is the only way of being able to deliver the infrastructure required to actually reach a more sustainable transport sector. Committing money is one thing, delivering the projects is something else. Delivering requires a lot of highly skilled people. Training them takes time. We should start today." Lennart Nout, Lead of the Active Mobility Call to Action and Manager of International Strategy of Mobycon, Netherlands remarked.

Improving capacity for active mobility will rapidly provide multiple benefits including optimising the impact of investments in infrastructure, accelerate the quality and volume of projects in the pipeline, and will ensure that investments in Active Mobility are held to the highest standards. It will also generate a virtuous circle of induced demand for Active Mobility: experience worldwide has demonstrated that visible and successful safe active mobility projects drive demand for additional active mobility projects. In turn, this reduces dependence on cars and contributes to an efficient and equitable net zero transport sector.

Countries, cities, regions and companies who wish to amplify this call to action can join the UNEP, World Resources Institute and others by [signing on](#) at the TDA website.

About the Transport Decarbonisation Alliance:

Launched in 2018, the TDA was one of 12 commitments made the [One Planet Summit](#) hosted by President Emmanuel Macron in Paris, France in December 2017. The TDA's core contribution to this needed transformation is to foster cooperation among countries, cities, regions and companies toward carbon-free transport and accelerate the worldwide transformation of the transport sector towards a net-zero emission mobility system before 2050.

Current members of the TDA include [Alstom](#), [Brisa](#), [British Columbia](#), [California](#) (which [assumed](#) the presidency of the TDA last year at COP 26 in Glasgow), [Cape Verde](#), [CEiiA](#), [Costa Rica](#), [EDP](#), [France](#), [Gaia](#), [Itaipu](#), [Lisbon](#), [Lille Metropole](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Maputo](#), [Matosinhos](#), [Michelin](#), [Mobycon](#), [Porto](#), [Portugal](#), [Quelimane](#), [Rotterdam](#), [Scotland](#), [The Netherlands](#), [TEVVA](#) and [Uruguay](#). You can learn more about TDA [here](#).