

Transport, Climate and
Sustainability Global Status Report
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**Module:** 

Transport Pathways to Reach Global Climate and Sustainability Goals



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## Transport sector leads global CO<sub>2</sub> emission growth



Combustion sector with the fastest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions growth from 2010 to 2019: **18**% growth.

Accounting for **22% of global fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** in 2019.

**Biggest drop in transport CO<sub>2</sub>**in history **in 2020** due to pandemic.

Strongest rebound among all sectors in 2021.

### Changes in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector, 2010-2021





# International aviation is still recovering from the pandemic hit, while shipping remains stable



International aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions took a 45% hit in 2020, falling to pre-millennium levels.

From **2020 to 2021**, international aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by **15**%, still remaining **37**% below **2019**.

Despite the drastic pandemic impacts on global trade, international shipping CO<sub>2</sub> emissions only fell by 2% in 2020. By 2021, they were higher than pre-pandemic levels.





## Public transport, walking and cycling can yield multiplier impacts on health





Land traffic contributes 5% of the mortality from PM<sub>2.5</sub> globally.

→ 32% in North America



Indirect costs of fossil fuel subsidies (e.g. respiratory diseases, traffic crashes) are

10 times greater than direct financial costs.



Traffic crashes: Leading cause of death among 5-29 year-olds worldwide; 93% of them in LMICs

- → No reduction in traffic deaths for a decade despite ambitious targets.
- → Investment in **public transport** can reduce crashes by attracting private vehicle users.



1 in 4 adults and 4 in 5 adolescents are **not sufficiently active** due to **infrastructure that prioritises vehicles, not people**.



Post-pandemic horizon:

Emerging recognition of health benefits of active mobility and investments in cycle lanes and bike sharing schemes.



## The Russian invasion of Ukraine spiraled major existing crises and challenges



Significant, long-lasting climate impacts, in addition to wide-ranging humanitarian, social and economic impacts



100 million tonnes of **GHG emissions** released over the first seven months:

- Reconstruction of civilian infrastructure (50%)
- Fires (24.4%)
- Fossil fuel pipeline leakages (15%)
- Warfare (9.1%)
- Movement of refugees (1.4%)



**Longer-distance rerouting of flights** since 2022 due to air space closures that will result in higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

• Finnair: 40% longer flights from Finland to China

by aviation:

 British Airways: 20% longer flights from UK to China.



Rising energy costs, higher food prices and rerouting of supply chains, building upon It pandemic impacts on maritime transport

- Global oil production remained stable in 2022, but fuel prices and transport costs were twice as high in June 2022 as in July 2021 in many countries.
- Average fuel surcharge by container shipping lines rose nearly 50% from January to May 2022.





# Freight plays an increasing role in transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

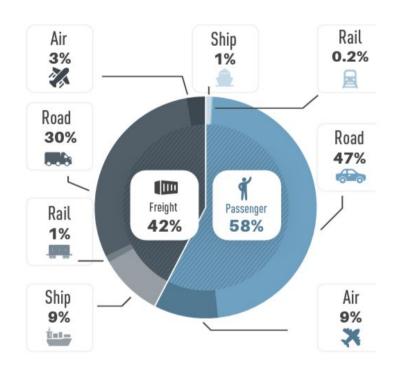
Road transport (passenger & freight) contributed more than three-quarters of transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2019.

## Freight emissions keep growing:

- → From 40% in 2018 to 42% in 2019.
- → Projected to be 22% higher in 2050 than in 2015.

Rising demand - longer supply chains - lack of scalable solutions - air freight.

### Transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by activity and mode, 2019



Source: Shell (2020), The Energy Transformation Scenarios, https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-energy-future/scenarios/the-energy-transformation-scenarios.html (accessed 20 August 2022)



## Shortening global supply chains is essential to decarbonise freight and reduce vulnerability



Approx. **70% of international trade involved global value chains** in 2021.

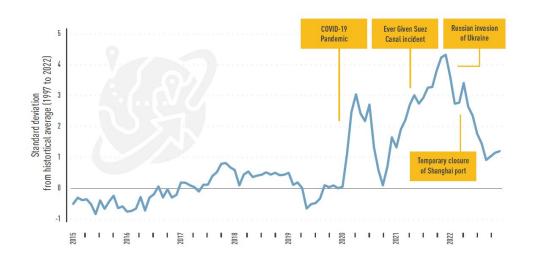
**Supply shortages** due to 2020/22 events:

- → Global Supply Chain Pressure Index at all-time high.
- → Showed fragility of global supply and logistics chains and their international dependencies.

## Gap between science and policy:

Long-term Climate Strategies submitted to UNFCCC by the top five economies do not mention supply chains shortening or freight movements reductions.

Global supply chain pressure index (higher value means higher pressure), 2015 to 2022



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2023), "Global Supply Chain Pressure Index", https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/policy/gscpi#/interactive, (accessed 14 June)



## Asia continues to spearhead emissions growth



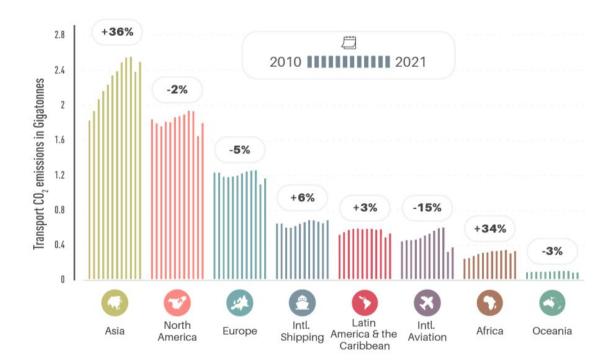
Transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, by region and for international shipping and aviation, 2010-2021

With its blooming population and economy, Asia continued to record the highest emissions growth among regions:

36% growth from 2010 to 2021.

Followed closely by **Africa: 34% growth** during that period.

North America, Europe and Oceania experienced emission reductions during that period.





## Major needs for sustainable, low-carbon transport prevail in Small Island Development States





High vulnerability to climate change impacts, despite being a small global CO<sub>2</sub> and transport CO<sub>2</sub> emitter (only 1% and 0.5% respectively)



**High fossil fuels dependency** for electricity and transport: **22.7% of total imports** in 2019.



**High dependency on cars** due to poor planning; limited incentives for sustainable transport, and inexpensive second-hand imported vehicles.



Maritime and air transport as main transport modes; though road transport is the dominant mode for fuel use.



**High transport costs** and **limited access** to markets and services due to the small and dispersed nature of island communities.



Transport infrastructure often in poor condition and subject to the "build-neglect-rebuild" paradigm.









Natural hazards cause **USD 15 billion direct** damage annually to transport systems worldwide; **USD 8 billion in LMICs.** 

- → 2022 floods in Pakistan: USD 3.3+ billion.
- → EU average 1998-2010: USD 2.7 billion annually.



**27% of road and rail assets** worldwide are exposed to at least one cyclone, earthquake or flooding hazard per year.



**86% of ports** worldwide are exposed to three or more hazards per year.

Monetary impacts of transport disruptions far exceed physical damages to assets:

USD 107 billion annual losses to businesses in LMICs



# Reductions of transport emissions are urgently required to achieve decarbonised pathways



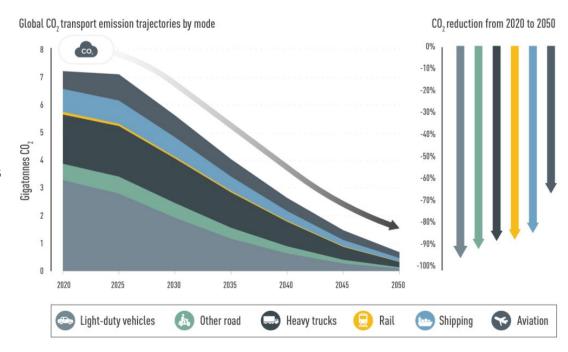
Global transport CO<sub>2</sub> emission trajectories by mode, 2020 to 2050

Transport pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot will require a 59% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transport by 2050, compared to 2020 levels.

The **IEA** net-zero emission scenario will require a 90% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transport by 2050, compared to 2020 levels.

## Different modes will require different decarbonisation levels

i.e. road vehicles contribute more than rail, shipping and aviation.





## Avoid measures show biggest potential towards oil independence, followed by Shift and Improve measures



Reduced million barrels of oil per day in advanced economies

As of 2020, **fossil fuels provide 95.9% of energy** for transport, renewables only 4.1%.

IEA's 10-point plan to cut oil use in advanced economies:2.9 million barrels of oil per day could be saved in the transport sector.



### Actions to reduce oil dependency in transport, through Avoid-Shift-Improve measures

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	Work from home up to three days a week		. . . . .			
Avoid	Implement car-free Sundays in cities	• •				. . .
9	Alternate car access to roads in large cities					
	Reduce business air travel		• • •			
Shift	Incentivise public transport, micro-mobility, walking and cycling	ı			1111	
	Increase car sharing and adopt practices to reduce fuel use				11111	
	Use high-speed and night trains instead of planes				10	.   .   .
Improve	Reduce speed limits on highways by at least 10 km/h					
<b>(</b>	Promote efficient driving for freight trucks and delivery of goods	3				100
	Reinforce the adoption of electric and more efficient vehicles					

Source: SLOCAT analysis based on IEA (2022), A 10-Point Plan to Cut Oil Use, https://www.iea.org/reports/a-10-point-plan-to-cut-oil-use

More about Avoid-Shift-Improve at www.slocat.net/asi



# National climate strategies are not ambitious enough to meet Paris Agreement target and SDGs



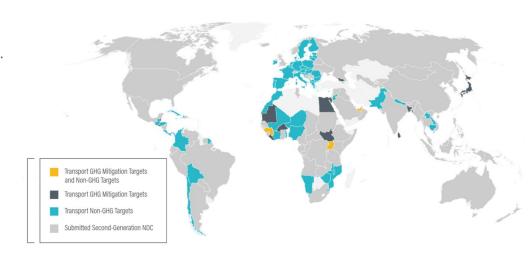
## Nationally Determined Contributions\* under the Paris Agreement:

- → With pledged targets, transport GHG emissions will still increase 11% by 2030.
- → Only 16% NDCs feature transport GHG targets (compared to 8% in first-generation NDCs of 2015/16).
- → Transport adaptation and freight are still neglected.

### **Voluntary National Reviews of the SDGs:**

- → 86% of 2022 VNRs had transport references, slightly down from previous years.
- → 21% of 2022 VNRs included transport targets; the majority were short- to medium-term, very few long-term for 2050.
- → Most 2022 VNRs mainly described adverse impacts of ongoing crises instead of presenting concrete measures, and systemic transformations..

Transport targets, by type, in second-generation NDCs



Source: SLOCAT (2022), "Climate Strategies for Transport: An Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions and Long-Term Strategies", www.slocat.net/ndcs

<sup>\*</sup> Submitted as of 23 September 2022



## Emerging climate leadership from businesses, though greater ambition and deeper commitment are needed





Approx. **100 companies contributed 71% of global GHG emissions**from 1998 to 2015.



Emerging innovations in hard-to-decarbonise sub-sectors:

Zero emission trucks, ships and planes; low-carbon fuels; batteries technology.



**Gap remains between ambition and climate transition planning** - Lack of action and funding.



Many transport companies under-perform on social aspects of climate and sustainability.

### 4 A's of Climate Leadership by the We Mean Business Coalition





#### Ambition

Commit to net zero and set science-based targets in line with Paris Agreement goals and a just transition



#### Action

Take concrete action across the business value chain and involve employees, suppliers, and customers



### Advocacy

Speak up to secure wider change through ambitious government policy and aligned trade associations



### Accountability

Disclose emissions, progress against targets and plans, risk management, policy engagement, and governance



Involvement of wide range of businesses needed:

Original transport manufacturers, public & freight transport service providers, companies that use transport.

Source: We Mean Business Coalition (n.d.), "The 4 A's of Climate Leadership", https://www.wemeanbusinesscoalition.org/business, accessed 25 February 2023.



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