



Strengthening Capacity of ESCAP Member States to Implement Low Carbon and Resilient Transport Action Plans

Project Overview

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Introduction

- **Project Timeline:** 2025 – 2028
- **Implementing Entity (Lead):** United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- **Jointly Implementing DA Entities:** United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- **Other Collaborating Entities:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Resident Coordinator Offices (RCOs), United Nations country teams (UNCTs) of the four target countries, GIZ, and the NDC Partnership, ADB, and ATO
- **Target Countries:** Fiji, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Tajikistan

Project Objectives

- Strengthen the capacity of countries in Asia and the Pacific to implement low carbon and resilient transport action plans to accelerate climate action through transport.
- Close technical, institutional and financial gaps in the transition to low or zero carbon transport.
- Support target countries to implement low carbon and resilient transport strategies, policies or roadmaps, while determining appropriate transport targets and implementation timelines for the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Project Background

- The Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026) includes a specific activity to **“establish a regional cooperation mechanism to promote low carbon transport, including a shift to electric mobility and clean energy technologies to contribute to transport emissions reductions”**
- To help ESCAP member States identify and develop policies for low carbon mobility, clean energy technologies and logistics.
- Deepen regional collaboration through the sharing of experiences, information and best practice knowledge, and identifying common interests and policy priorities
- Provide a platform for multi-stakeholder engagement, discussion and beyond
- Enhance regional dialogue on transport and climate change



Subregional and Regional Meetings on Low Carbon Transport (2022 – 2024)

Subregional Meetings:

- South and Southwest Asia and Southeast Asia (Dec 2022)
- Pacific (April 2023)
- North and Central Asia; East and Northeast Asia (June 2023)

Regional Meetings:

- Regional Cooperation Mechanism on Low Carbon Transport (Nov 2023)
- Climate Finance for Low Carbon Transport (May 2024)
- Development of Low Carbon Transport Targets and Timelines (July 2024)
- Establishment of Green Transport Corridors (September 2024)



Project Outcomes

- Low carbon and resilient transport strategies and roadmaps are transformed to action
- Targets and timelines are determined and aligned with target countries' NDCs to accelerate climate action through transport
- Low carbon and resilient transport action plan is implemented

Project Outcomes and Key Outputs



Outcome 1: Improved national capacity of target countries to develop and implement low carbon and resilient transport policies, strategies and roadmaps for their NDCs

- Organize national consultations with cross-sectoral policy makers to collect relevant information (2025)
- Develop policy scenarios and transport carbon emission reduction targets and incorporate the results into each country's revised NDCs (2025)
- Conduct one multistakeholder policy dialogue and one technical training workshop in each target country (2026)



Outcome 2: Strengthened capacity of transport policymakers to implement low carbon and resilient transport policies, strategies and roadmaps

- Develop one implementation action plan for each target country (2026)
- Publish one report on low carbon and resilient transport implementation action plan for each target country (2027)
- Create a knowledge bank on transport, climate change and gender equality (2027)
- Develop one regional action plan for low carbon and resilient transport (2027)
- Organize one inter-regional capacity building meeting (2027 or 2028)

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