



Actions of the inland transport sector to join the global fight against climate change

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

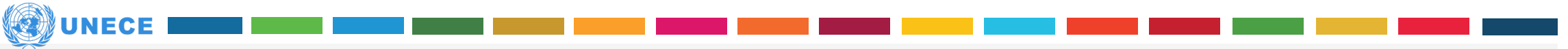


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Development of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport

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Decisions of ITC at its 85th annual session (Geneva, 21-24 February 2023, see report *ECE/TRANS/328, para. 60*):

On the basis of ECE/TRANS/2023/21, the Committee

- requested the secretariat, in close cooperation with the Committee's Bureau and relevant subsidiary bodies, **to develop an ambitious strategy document** for reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in inland transport based on international United Nations legal instruments under the Committee's purview with priority actions for the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and all its relevant subsidiary bodies, supported by a strong action plan with milestones, for consideration and possible adoption by the Committee at its 86th plenary session (2024)
- requested the secretariat to **report biennially** through **in-depth reports to the Committee on climate change and inland transport**, starting at the Committee's 86th session in 2024.



The 85th ITC session
Source: UNECE

(Continued) Decisions of ITC at its 85th annual session (see report *ECE/TRANS/328*, para. 60):

On the basis of ECE/TRANS/2023/21, the Committee also

- requested the relevant subsidiary bodies and treaty bodies to **accord priority to timely amendments to the UN inland transport legal instruments** under the Committee's purview to support safe and efficient achievement of the targets, commitments and solutions on climate change;
- requested its relevant subsidiary bodies to **continue efforts towards harmonization of performance requirements and intelligent transport systems related legal instruments directly contributing to reduction of GHG emissions** through improvement of fuel/energy use efficiency; efficient use of transport networks; shift from private cars to public transport when available; flexible load and storage resources for the power grid (electric cars) and automation;
- *Requested* its subsidiary bodies and treaty bodies to **intensify efforts towards digitalization of main United Nations inland transport conventions**
- *Invited* its relevant subsidiary bodies to **reflect on environmental and energy efficiency considerations.**

Draft Strategy Outline



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- I. Inland transport and climate
- II. ITC vision and mission for climate action
- III. Strategic objectives
- IV. ITC-administered instruments to assist in mitigating climate change
- V. Initial ITC Climate Action Plan with milestones – ITC to help deliver on climate goals and priorities
- VI. Resource mobilization for the delivery of this Strategy
- VII. Partnerships

Draft Strategy Content



■ Vision

- Taking action towards the aspirational goal of net zero GHG emissions from inland transport by 2050

■ Mission

- Contribution through enhanced regulatory support, intergovernmental policy dialogue and increased coordination and partnership
- Application of a broad decarbonization framework, drawing on avoid-shift-improve measures

■ Initial ITC Climate Action Plan with milestones

- Contains initial action items for ITC and its subsidiary bodies to drive the change towards achieving the vision, mission and strategic objectives for curbing GHG emissions from inland transport
- Joint and coordinated action among subsidiary bodies
- Indicative target years for implementation of each action
- **Living document:** Biennial reviews to allow for adjustments and additional actions proposed by subsidiary bodies and for removal of completed actions

Timeline



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May 2023:
**Letter from ITC
Chair & Director**
to Chairs of
subsidiary
bodies inviting
inputs &
feedback on
Strategy outline
and biennial
report

September 2023:
Presentation to
Chairs, IOs,
NGOs, partners
to gather views

**November
2023:**
Feedback
from the
ITC Bureau
on the
draft
strategy

**January-
February 2024:**
Consultations
with Member
States and
Submission of
draft Strategy
and Action Plan
for ITC session



**June
2023:**
Support
of
outline
and
timeline
by ITC
Bureau

**By 29 September
2023:** Inputs from
Chairs of
subsidiary bodies
to CC strategy and
biennial report on
CC and inland
transport.

**November –
December
2023:**
Consultations
with Member
States

20-23 Feb 2024:
Endorsement of
High-level
Statement of
Support
by Ministers/
HoD and
adoption of
Strategy by ITC-

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Development of the draft Strategy: Consultation process



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▪ **Zero Draft**

- Prepared by the Secretariat in close cooperation with the ITC Bureau and with input from ITC's subsidiary bodies, following ITC's request at its 85th annual session
- Circulated to ECE member States, Contracting Parties and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ITC's subsidiary bodies on 29 November 2023
- Deadline for comments: 22 December 2023

▪ **Draft 1**

- Incorporation of comments received
- Circulated for feedback on 10 January 2024
- Deadline for feedback on the comments: 26 January 2024

▪ **Draft 2**

- Secretariat is currently consolidating comments and working towards consensus
- To be circulated before the ITC session
- Possible adoption during the restricted session on 21 February 2024

▪ **High-level Statement of Support to the adoption of the Strategy**

- To be endorsed by Ministers and Heads of delegations at the end of the High-level segment of the 86th ITC session on 20 February 2024



Your contribution



Thank you in advance for providing your inputs:

- for the further development of the **ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport** for consideration and possible adoption by ITC at its 86th plenary session,
- in particular for the **Initial ITC Climate Action Plan with milestones**, e.g., *how to enhance the ongoing and planned activities of the Working Party, to ensure its effective contributions to the overall aspirational target of net zero emissions from the inland transport sector by 2050.*



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Thank you!