



## Briefing Paper

# Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA)

*A unique collaboration to accelerate the worldwide transformation of the transport sector towards a net-zero emission mobility system before 2050*

### Background – the need for action on Transport and Climate Change

The 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change **requires ambitious action on behalf of all economic sectors, including all transport sub-sectors:** land transport, aviation and maritime transport to meet the targets set by the Paris Agreement.

The Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA) has been initiated in 2017 by a small group of countries (Costa Rica, France, Netherlands, Portugal) and companies (Alstom, Itaipu Binacional and Michelin) and the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate that recognized the need for leadership and accelerated action on transport. The TDA was established at the Bonn Climate Conference (COP23) in November 2017 and is also part of the global commitments made at the One Planet Summit hosted by President Macron in Paris in December 2017.

### The Transport Decarbonisation Alliance (TDA) – a coalition of the willing to decarbonise transport

The TDA brings together countries, cities/regions and companies, the “3 Cs”, as the major drivers in sustainable, low carbon mobility, who want to form a **“coalition of the willing” to accelerate the worldwide transformation of the transport sector towards a net-zero emission mobility system before 2050**. The TDA has the ambition to become the most visible and influential forum for public and private cooperation and to be the game changer that will ensure the transport sectors contribution to the Paris Agreement’s objectives.

The TDA builds on the commitments and the stated ambition of Heads of States, Mayors and CEOs to decarbonize transport **before 2050**, targeting emissions from all modes of passenger mobility and freight transportation, including land transport, aviation and maritime transport. Building on the specific “3 Cs” momentum for accelerating a transformation of the sector towards net-zero emission mobility, the valued-added of the TDA will contribute towards:

1. **Substantiated scaled-up ambition for the transport sector: designing a common vision for “front runners”** to decarbonise transport by crafting a realistic “fast track” pathway towards an accelerated transformation (by identifying the building blocks,

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the technical, policy and or financial bottlenecks and the required framework of investments and public policies);

2. **Tangible action: setting up “3 Cs Communities of Interest”** in order to facilitate action on specific topics (e.g. freight in the city, urban passenger mobility, public procurement, etc....), by sharing experiences and best practices, and working together on innovative/pilots and identifying actionable solutions to decarbonise transport;
3. **Effective advocacy: influencing political decision makers** in key international fora on climate change (e.g. UNFCCC), sustainable development (e.g. UN High Level Political Forum – SDGs); international political processes (e.g. EU, G7, G20, B20...) and through bilateral dialogues; major transport policy making conferences and processes (e.g. International Transport Forum, Sustainable Mobility for All); by demonstrating, on the basis of concrete examples and solutions, that decarbonisation is technically feasible, economically attractive, and brings broad social and environmental benefits.

## Membership – TDA consists of actively engaged Members

TDA members sign the TDA charter and commit to:

- a. Make a public commitment to **accelerate action** to decarbonise transport to meet a “zero net emissions” sector as soon as possible and ahead of the Paris Agreement 2050 target, with formulated ambitious short (2020); medium (2030); and long term (2040-2050) strategies and actions;
- b. Share regular **up-to-date information** about their objectives, actions, progress and experiences in decarbonising transport;
- c. **Promote strategic direction**, action guidelines and tools provided by the TDA ecosystem. For example, make use of the Global Macro-Roadmap: An Actionable Vision on Decarbonized and Resilient Transport developed by the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate (PPMC)<sup>1</sup>
- d. **Contribute actively to the promotion of the TDA objectives** (as a TDA Ambassadors).

The TDA intends to make optimal use of all knowledge and experience on decarbonising transport and is inviting organisations that have specific relevant experience to join the TDA as supporting organisations.

## Governance

For 2018, the founding members of the TDA have agreed on an interim governance arrangement, which reflects the collaborative – 3 Cs – character of the TDA. The interim Steering Committee consists of 9 members providing an equal representation of Countries, Cities and Companies and 2 members representing supporting organizations. The Steering Committee is chaired by José Mendes, Vice Minister of Environment of Portugal, and has one Vice Chair for Cities and one Vice Chair for Companies. It also includes the two co-founders of the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate (PPMC)

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<sup>(1)</sup> The “Global Macro-Roadmap: An Actionable Vision on Decarbonized and Resilient Transport” was developed by PPMC following COP 21 to provide an actionable vision towards decarbonized, resilient transport. The GMR has been endorsed at COP 22 by UNFCCC as a solid basis to give guidance for implementing the Paris Agreement on climate change in the transport sector. <http://www.ppmc-transport.org/global-macro-roadmap/>

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as non-voting members<sup>2</sup>. The TDA interim Secretariat is hosted by the Sustainable Low Carbon Transport Partnership (SLoCaT) in close coordination with PPMC. These interim governance arrangements will be reviewed after the first year.

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<sup>2</sup> The PPMC was created in 2015 in the lead-up to COP21 as a Transport Coalition of non-state actors. The PPMC brings together more than 150 organisations, networks and initiatives that support ambitious, transformative action on transport and climate change. Read more about PPMC at [www.ppmc-transport.org](http://www.ppmc-transport.org)