

2025 SSATP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

*“Strengthened Governance for Safe, Sustainable and Decarbonized Transport in Africa:
Enhancing Institutional Capacity through Regional Collaboration”*

MARCH 24-27, 2025 • COTONOU, BENIN
Palais de Congrès

Day 1: Monday, March 24, 2025

Technical Plenary Sessions	
9:00-9:30	Welcoming Remarks: AGM Rationale and Objectives
9:30-10:30	Keynote Speech: Strengthened Governance for Safe, Sustainable, and Decarbonized Transport in Africa
10:30-10:45	Coffee
10:45-12:15	<p>Breaking Silos: Theme 1 – Leveraging Digital and Data Solutions for Sustainable Transport</p> <p>This session will explore approaches and key conditions for unlocking the benefits of digital technologies, which have become critical enablers of sustainable transport. Discussions will focus on governance and regulatory challenges, the role of data in policy development, and lessons learned from successful applications of data and digital solutions in the transport sector. Participants will gain insights into how digital technologies can transform transport systems, along with actionable strategies to inform policy and decision-making.</p>
12:15-13:45	Lunch
13:45-15:15	<p>Breaking Silos: Theme 2 – Optimizing Movements for People and Goods</p> <p>This session will explore strategies to optimize the movement of people and goods in the context of Africa’s rapid population growth and developing transport infrastructure. Discussions will focus on achieving a balanced coexistence of these movements across time and space, emphasizing the need to shift away from car-centric development. The session advocates for a more balanced approach that prioritizes public space, multimodal transportation, and active mobility.</p>
15:15-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00	<p>Breaking Silos: Theme 3 – Providing Safe, Adequate, and Efficient Vehicles for Africa</p> <p>This session will explore the challenges and opportunities in modernizing Africa’s vehicle fleet, with a focus on enhancing safety and security standards and reducing pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. Discussions will also address the prospects and barriers to electric vehicle (EV) adoption across the continent. Participants will gain insights into the importance of considering the entire vehicle ecosystem—including sourcing, inspection, maintenance, spare parts, fuel quality, charging infrastructure, and end-of-life recycling—to inform policy development.</p>
17:00-17:15	Wrap-up Session and Next-Day Orientation

Day 2: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Technical Working Group Discussions	
8:30-17:30	<p>Breakout Sessions: Led by SSATP Pillar Leads</p> <p>The main objective of the parallel sessions is to review the work progress of the SSATP Fourth Development Plan (DP4) and identify priorities to ensure its successful delivery. Participants will discuss the SSATP knowledge products generated in each thematic area since the launch of the DP4 in June 2022, ways of enhancing their dissemination and uptake at country level. The sessions will also identify priority activities in alignment with Africa’s emerging transport sector strategy. Parallel session 4 will be dedicated to re-launching the Resilient Road Asset Management thematic area by taking stock of the most recent development in this area and identifying key priority activities to pursue in the next three years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakout/Parallel session 1: Regional Integration Work Program 2. Breakout/Parallel session 2: Urban Mobility Work Program 3. Breakout/Parallel session 3: Road Safety Work Program 4. Breakout/Parallel session 4: Resilient Road Asset Management

Day 3 : Wednesday, March 26, 2025

2025 AGM Official Launch <i>Master of Ceremony/Facilitator</i>	
9:00-10:00	Official Opening
10:00-10:30	Overview of SSATP DP4 Work Progress
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30	Takeaways from Day 1 & Day 2
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p>Ministerial Panel Discussion</p> <p>Breaking Silos: Theme 4 – Governance and Institutions</p> <p>This session will explore the challenges and opportunities in establishing and sustaining effective governance institutions across transport sub-sectors. It will examine approaches and key conditions for advocating the creation of such institutions, strategies to strengthen their capacity, and the defining characteristics of capable institutions, with a focus on financing, human resources, and sustainability. The session will also provide a platform to share lessons learned and experiences in managing governance institutions across different transport contexts.</p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee
16:15-17:15	Launch of African Road Safety Lead Agencies Association
17:15-17:30	Closing Remarks

Day 4 : Thursday, March 27, 2025

SSATP General Assembly <i>Master of Ceremony/Facilitator</i>	
9:00-10:30	<p>Benin Transport Sector: Achievements, Challenges, and Priorities</p> <p>This session will focus on key developments in Benin’s transport sector. Discussions will cover major initiatives such as the Abidjan-Lagos Transport Corridor and the Grand Nokoué Sustainable Urban Mobility Project, currently in preparation. The session will also explore other critical areas of urban mobility, including the role of digital applications in improving efficiency, initiatives to enhance motorcycle safety, and the challenges and opportunities associated with urban transport decarbonization and the development of river-lagoon transport systems.</p>
10:30-11:15	<p>SSATP-PPIAF Call for Papers Winners</p> <p>Early-career academics from eight African countries will bring fresh perspectives on leveraging technology to improve paratransit services. This session will feature preliminary findings from five comparative research projects exploring themes such as artificial intelligence for operational efficiency, electric mobility solutions, and the digitization of paratransit systems. Presented in a dynamic PechaKucha format, these insights aim to inform strategies for modernizing and professionalizing paratransit in Africa’s rapidly growing cities.</p>
11:15-11:30	Coffee
11:30-13:00	<p><i>Ministerial Panel Discussion</i> Insights and Reflections on Two Years of DP4 Implementation</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	SSATP General Assembly Matters
15:45-16:00	Coffee
16:00-17:00	Closing Session: Lessons Learned, Main Takeaways and Conclusions