



SSATP 2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Strengthened Governance for Safe, Sustainable and Decarbonized Transport in Africa

Enhancing Institutional Capacity through Regional Collaboration

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The Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) is a longstanding partnership between 42 African member countries, regional economic communities (RECs), development partners, and global and continental institutions, including the African Union Commission (AUC), United Nations Economic Commission of Africa (UNECA), European Commission (EC), Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO), Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and World Bank (WB). As a policy development and capacity building program, SSATP provides thought leadership and technical expertise to help African countries address transport-related challenges and align their transport policies with broader development goals. Under its Fourth Development Plan (DP4) for 2022-2026, SSATP focuses on leveraging digitalization and advancing the decarbonization of the transport sector across four thematic pillars:

- 1. Regional Connectivity and Economic Integration (RCEI):** Addressing barriers to cross-border trade and transport to foster economic integration and growth.
- 2. Sustainable Urban Mobility and Accessibility (SUMA):** Promoting equitable and efficient mobility in rapidly urbanizing areas to improve access to opportunities and services.
- 3. Road Safety (RS):** Reducing road traffic injuries through evidence-based policies and interventions grounded in the Safe System approach.
- 4. Resilient Road Asset Management (RRAM):** Strengthening the resilience of road networks to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Widely recognized as SSATP's flagship event, the 2025 AGM will be the first to be held since the launch of the DP4 in July 2022. This AGM comes at a critical junction as the SSATP DP4 nears its mid-term review.

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Objective:



The objective of the 2025 SSATP AGM is to share the knowledge products generated since the launch of the DP4. During the AGM, participants will have an opportunity to review the DP4's work progress and identify priorities to ensure the successful delivery of the DP4's main objective. More specifically, the AGM will:

- Review and assess the progress of DP4 implementation.
- Strengthen partnerships, foster collaboration and facilitate networking among key stakeholders.
- Share best practices, lessons learned and innovative solutions across thematic areas.
- Plan future activities in alignment with Africa's emerging transport priorities and challenges.

Event Overview:



The 2025 SSATP AGM will focus on the theme "Strengthened Governance for Safe, Sustainable and Decarbonized Transport in Africa: Enhancing Institutional Capacity through Regional Collaboration." Scheduled for March 24-27, 2025, the four-day event will include a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, ministerial roundtables on thematic priorities, panels with knowledge partners, technical deep-dive discussions, and the SSATP General Assembly.

The AGM will report on SSATP-led activities aimed at strengthening governance, including (i) the development and deployment of targeted capacity-building training programs, and (ii) the establishment of continent-level associations as platforms for exchanging knowledge and sharing practical experiences under the DP4 pillars: Urban Mobility, Regional Integration, and Road Safety. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore initiatives focused on improving the efficiency of Africa's transport corridors through digitalization, reforming and professionalizing the paratransit sector for integration into urban transport systems and enhancing road safety management across the continent.

Beyond thematic discussions, the AGM will provide ample opportunities for networking, enabling participants to build partnerships and explore avenues for future collaboration. Many sessions will focus on sharing and discussing the key findings and insights from a range of knowledge products, case studies and technical support programs.

The event will conclude with the SSATP General Assembly, where participants will review progress made towards implementing the DP4, discuss strategic directions, and make critical decisions for the upcoming year.

Target Audience:



Serving as SSATP's principal forum for high-level policy dialogue and collaboration in Africa's transport sector, the AGM will convene approximately 250 participants, including transport ministers and senior government officials from SSATP's 42 member countries, regional economic communities (RECs), Africa transport sector associations, development partners, private sector leaders, civil society representatives, transport practitioners, academics, and technical experts.

Event Outcomes:



By convening a wide range of high-level transport stakeholders, the AGM aims to strengthen transport governance, foster partnerships, and facilitate the development of sound policies for improving Africa's transport systems. The event will foster collaboration and capacity building among Africa's transport stakeholders.

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