

# Climate change: The role of sustainable inland transport in emissions reduction and adaptation

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We are committed to help  
achieve the Paris climate goals

- Long-term transition
- Short-term quick wins



# IRU decarbonisation vision



## Our five principles

1. Vehicle technologies
2. Alternative fuels
3. Operational measures
4. Collective transport
5. Driver behaviour

# Long-term transition

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a fuel nozzle. The nozzle has a green trigger gun and a silver metal tip. The hand is positioned as if about to use the nozzle. The background is a plain, light gray.

The right fuel, for the right job, in the right place -  
to reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions quickly and effectively





Quick wins



## Upgrade public transport on our roads

Fast, cheap and flexible investments to reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, up to 70% for long distance coach, over 95% for urban bus



An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway curving through a green, wooded landscape. A long, single-file line of semi-trucks is stuck in traffic on the right side of the road. The trucks are of various colors, including white, blue, and yellow. Some have company names visible on their cabs, such as 'Stobart', 'CARRIER', and 'NITROVÁ'. The left side of the highway is empty, with clear lane markings and a metal guardrail. A blue semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the top left, and another larger blue semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the bottom left. A blue logo is in the top right corner.

Quick wins



## Ease traffic at borders

Accede to and fully implement the TIR Convention, to reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions

Quick wins

Encourage higher  
capacity trucks

Harmonise international standards to  
reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, by up to 40%







Quick wins



## Train and certify drivers

Well trained drivers can reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, by up to 15%



# Collaboration

