

**Africa Regional Forum for Action -
Inclusive & Active Mobility in a Changing Climate
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**An introduction to the Pan African Action Plan
for Active Mobility (PAAPAM) process**



1. Introduction

More than a billion people walk or cycle for more than 55 minutes every day in Africa - to reach work, home, school, and other essential services. Yet, 95% of roads in Africa fail to provide an acceptable level of service for people that walk and 93% fail to provide an acceptable level of service for cyclists—this is the lowest in the world.

In many African cities, active mobility infrastructure, for example footpaths, bicycle lanes, safe crossings and secure bike parking, remains underfunded, but this approach is slowly shifting

Walking and cycling are low-carbon and low-cost modes of transport; investment in them can help achieve many social, economic, and environmental goals, including improved access to jobs and education; reduction in local pollution; avoidance of fatalities and injuries from traffic crashes; increased climate and pandemic resilience; and reduced cost of urban infrastructure.

2. Regional commitments and local action

UNEP is spearheading an effort to develop a Pan-African Action Plan for Active Mobility (PAAPAM) which will be done in full partnership with African governments.

Several partners, including UN-Habitat, the University of Cape Town (UCT), Walk21 Foundation, BYCS (at a global level) and Ochenuel Mobility (West/Central Africa), the SADC Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (Southern Africa) and the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (Northern and East Africa) will support the process for the different regions.

National and city governments will join the initiative to guide the creation of the Action Plan and take the regional commitment back to their countries to deliver on at a local level.

3. Objectives

PAAPAM aims to accomplish the following:

- Raise the profile of active mobility, highlighting the role of active mobility in addressing regional, national and city priorities.
- Define common priorities related to walking and cycling for Africa and build a community of champions.
- Catalyse walking and cycling investments by national and city governments and by bilateral and multilateral development banks.
- Spur dialogue and knowledge sharing among governments and grow the capacity and expertise of governments across the Africa region.
- Identify key performance indicators to enable governments to track progress over time.

PAAPAM covering the 5 sub-regions (West, Central, North, Southern and East Africa) — will include commitments that:

- Enhance the quality of pedestrian and cycle infrastructure
- Changing cultural norms around active mobility;
- Support inclusion of active mobility in existing global and regional processes e.g climate process; road safety, etc.
- Improving government capacity to plan and manage the walking and cycling environment;
- Strengthen inclusivity of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups in the planning process;

4. The PAAPAM Process

The process will gather data and engage with stakeholders (via surveys, interactive workshops, focus groups, and 1:1 consultation) as we develop the Action Plan as follows:

2022	
June	Initial consultation - with governments and stakeholders as part of the Kigali forum - consensus on the process and ideas on the commitments.
June - July	Project scoping - identify key stakeholders, map out existing frameworks., desj based research and surveys.
July - August	Action plan drafting - further consultation, draft the action plan,
August - September	Consultation - circulate draft action plans for comment
September - October	Building commitment- revision of action plan based on feedback , consultation to start building commitment (to continue into 2023)
November	COP27 - Launch of PAAPAM process in Egypt (along with launch of Egypt Active Mobility Policy)
2023	
January - December	Ongoing consultation and sign up to PAAPAM Target; Dec 2023 all 54 African countries have signed up (<i>minimum - Ministries of Transport but also open to other Ministries , city government and other stakeholders</i>)