



Background and objectives:

This special session, hosted by ESCWA, UN-HABITAT and UN Women Egypt, focuses on inclusive transport policies, innovative mobility solutions, and regional cooperation that advance universal accessibility, gender equality, and the right to safe mobility for all. It aims to highlight challenges and opportunities in the Arab region, showcase promising approaches, and accelerate alignment with the UN Decade's Transport Implementation Plan (2026-2035).

Session objectives:

- Highlight the centrality of inclusive and safe transport for achieving gender equality, disability inclusion, and sustainable urban development.
- Present regional evidence—including the intersectional challenges affecting women and girls with disabilities—and identify priority gaps in existing transport systems.
- Showcase national, municipal and regional practices promoting accessible, safe and gender-responsive mobility.
- Identify policy options and scalable models aligned with the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport Implementation Plan (2026-2035).

Questions to be addressed:

- What does inclusive transport look like and what steps need to be taken? Where can we find good practices?
- What are the most pressing barriers affecting women and girls—especially those with disabilities—in accessing safe and reliable transport in the Arab region?
- How can Arab States leverage the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport Implementation Plan (2026-2035) to accelerate national and local reforms?
- Which partnerships (governmental, municipal, CSOs, OPDs, private sector) are essential for scaling inclusive transport solutions?

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