

Joint Declaration

Africa E-Mobility Week & Forum 2026

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Today we're closing the 2026 edition of the Africa E-Mobility Forum & Week.

This year's Africa E-Mobility Week & Forum (AEWF2026) has again shown the diversity, knowledge and depth of the African e-mobility community bring together stakeholders from international organizations, government, private sector, finance, the academia and civil society. The AEWF2026 is jointly organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the Africa E-Mobility Alliance (AfEMA).

AEWF2026 also takes place at the outset of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035). Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, the Decade recognizes transport as a critical enabler of the Sustainable Development Goals and provides an important framework for advancing Africa's e-mobility priorities through coordinated aligning policy, infrastructure, investment finance, technology, data and partnerships across all modes of transport. Electric mobility is therefore integral to the Decade's implementation on the continent and to ensuring that Africa's transport transition is locally driven, equitable and responsive to its development priorities.

Electric mobility is witnessing great momentum on the continent. The African Union has adopted a Continental Framework on Electric Mobility, sub-regional bodies such as the East African Community (EAC), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have started to work on regional e-mobility strategies, and many countries are working on putting in place comprehensive e-mobility policy and strategic frameworks. Thus, informing this year's AEWF2026 theme **"The African E-Mobility Strategy: From Policy to Action"**.

The e-mobility market is picking up. The number of electric vehicles on African roads is rising. Yet this progress remains far too slow to meet the continent's climate, health and economic needs.

Local EV companies manufacturing/assembling e-motorcycles, e-three-wheelers and e-buses face high demand for their products. But they still lack the capital to scale up their activities.

This is despite the fact that electric motorcycles and electric buses are the most economic option to reduce the use of expensive, most often imported petroleum fuels, and to mitigate air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

It is in this spirit that participants agree to the following recommendations.

The participants to the Africa E-Mobility Forum & Week 2026:

- 1.) *Welcome* the opportunities to create local value chains in EV ecosystem which includes manufacturing and assembly, battery materials extraction, refining and processing that creates jobs for our youth and women;
- 2.) *Call for* improved access to affordable financing to enable African businesses to scale-up investment in the EV ecosystem;
- 3.) *Support* the further development and expansion of Zero-Emission Mobility projects and programmes across the continent – with particular focus on: (i) enhanced infrastructure development for EV charging; (ii) increased integration of local renewable power in the e-mobility sector; (iii) EV battery end-of-life management; (iv) progressively increasing the share of zero emissions vehicles; (v) Sustainable and clean energy development, grid infrastructure readiness and integrated long-term energy planning; and (vi) a just transition advancing gender equality in the transport value chain and promoting opportunities for young people and lower income groups;
- 4.) *Underscore* the importance of regional and sub-regional EV market integration through harmonized strategies, policies, regulations and standards, and call on SADC, the EAC, ECOWAS and other regional economic communities to accelerate this work;
- 5.) *Agree* to work towards the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to reduce trade barriers, increase in the value chains in the EV ecosystems and foster cross-border cooperation;
- 6.) *Commit* to collaborate to establish an Africa-wide e-mobility database to track progress and monitor the impact of electric mobility on energy use, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and creation of jobs;
- 7.) *Look forward* to the 32nd Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which will take place in November 2027 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and call for the promotion of electric mobility in Africa to be a top priority on its agenda for reduction of expensive importation of fossil fuel into the continent and substitute with the potential renewable energy.