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## UITP AND UCLG ANNOUNCE GLOBAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) to help develop new sustainable cities.

In recent months, the two organisations have collaborated on several initiatives, notably on the PT4ME Campaign which was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, in the context of the International Women's Day, to help provide safer and more accessible public transport environments to all.

This new partnership will combine the two organisations' efforts in advancing the sustainable urban agenda through, among others, policy building, advocacy actions, best practice dissemination, capacity building and peer learning.

As a first concrete step in this new collaboration, UITP and UCLG are launching the Mobility Champions Community to support local governments all across the world in their journey to provide more liveable, competitive, sustainable and inclusive cities.

*"Public Transport actors have always been actively working with cities' leaders to build more sustainable, inclusive and competitive urban areas, but this new Global Strategic Partnership will provide UITP and UCLG's members with the right tools to move a step closer in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals"*

Mohamed Mezghani  
Secretary General, UITP



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*“The 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an opportunity for us to demonstrate that it is in cities, regions and territories that development must become tangible, and equality, prosperity and environmental sustainability realised. Our Global Strategic Partnership will enable us to advance in the development of a mobility policy agenda from the bottom up, sharing a powerful global voice as well as an innovative platform for common urban action. ”*

Emilia Saiz

Secretary General, UCLG

#### NOTE TO EDITORS

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,500 member companies giving access to 18,000 contacts from 96 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website [www.uitp.org](http://www.uitp.org). Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpress](https://twitter.com/UITPpress)

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is the world organization of local and regional governments and their associations, representing and defending their interests on the world stage. UCLG's network of members represents 70% of the world's total population and is present in all world regions: Africa, Asia - Pacific, Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, the Middle East and West Asia, and North America; organized into 7 regional sections, 1 metropolitan section and 1 Forum of regions. This network includes over 240,000 towns, cities, regions and metropolises, and over 175 associations of local and regional governments in 140 countries. Among UCLG's key areas of political interest are: local democracy, climate change and environmental protection, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, local finance, urban development and city diplomacy in peace building.

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