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## UITP UNVEILS WORLD METRO FIGURES IN NEW STATISTICS BRIEF

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UITP is pleased to announce the release of the new Statistics Brief on **metro systems around the world.**

Metros are of critical importance to our cities for **mobility** and **urbanisation** - with new statistics showing that **168 million passengers** use metros in **182 cities** within **56 countries** every day.

For this new Statistics Brief, UITP has collected extensive data for a series of key indicators for all metros in the world including **ridership, number of lines, network length, numbers of stations** and – new for the 2018 edition (*last issued in 2014*) – **fleet size.**

### What new statistics can you learn from UITP?

**World metro ridership has increased by 19.5% over the past six years.**

**The highest growth has been in the MENA region - with an increase of 58%**

**Nineteen new cities are equipped with metros since the end of 2014.**

**The world's longest system is in Shanghai at 639km.**

*“New metro developments have never been as intense as in the last five years, with the opening of no less than 103 new lines. On average, 1,400km of new metros will enter revenue service each year over the next five years. This, together with brownfield modernisation projects, offer robust business opportunities for a supply chain in deep reorganisation.”*

Laurent Dauby  
UITP Director of Rail



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The world metro landscape now consists of **640 lines** in **182 cities** in **56 countries** covering **13,811km** arriving at **11,043 stations**.

UITP predicts that an average of **1400km of metro line** will be added every year from **2018-2022**.

**Where can you hear a detailed presentation from UITP?**

The latest world metro statistics will be presented at a [dedicated side event](#) during UITP's participation at InnoTrans (Berlin, 19 September 2018 at 14:30).

The statistics will also be presented outside of Europe during the [UITP Metro Assembly](#) taking place in Los Angeles (10-12 October 2018).

This Statistics Brief is based on a full report, containing detailed analysis, as well as an editable dataset, available upon request from UITP.

To view the Statistics Brief in full [please click here](#).

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