

## **ADVANCING METROPOLITAN AREAS TOGETHER: UITP AND METROPOLIS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Developing sustainable, competitive and inclusive metropolitan areas is key to improving the quality of life for urban citizens.**

By working together through advocacy actions, **UITP** is pleased to announce the signing of an **MoU** with [Metropolis](#), the World Association of the Major Metropolises.

By combining efforts, the global reach of both UITP and Metropolis will allow for **cooperation** in the field of **sustainable mobility** by exchanging information on **urban transportation policies, planning, management and operations**.

Working with **key decision makers** in our cities is vital to **advancing urban life** and this agreement will allow UITP and Metropolis to advance on advocacy and outreach initiatives such as the [Mobility Champions Community](#).

*"Metropolis plays a key role in raising the voices of metropolitan areas on to the global agenda, in order to advance urban life around the world. The work UITP and Metropolis will do together on sustainable mobility is an important part of this progress. UITP is delighted to welcome Metropolis as an official supporting partner of the Mobility Champions Community, moving closer to achieving our objectives."*

**Dionisio Gonzalez**

**UITP Director of Advocacy and Outreach**

As an official supporting partner of the **Mobility Champions Community**, Metropolis and its members understand the need to advance transport and mobility issues by promoting the **health, social inclusion/gender, innovation** and **economic benefits** of sustainable mobility in metropolitan areas.

*"Mobility is at the heart of sound structured metropolitan spaces. This MoU will strengthen the work both organisations are carrying out in order to improve the quality of life of citizens."*

**Octavi De La Varga**

**Metropolis Secretary General**

More than **30 global Mayors** have joined the Mobility Champions Community and **three clusters and topics** have been identified as priority areas: **health, social inclusion/diversity and innovation**.

These topics, and their contributions through mobility policies to localise Sustainable Development Goals, will be addressed by the Members of the Mobility Champions Community during the opening and various high-level sessions of the next [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#) (Stockholm, 9-12 June 2019).

UITP's [working bodies](#) will also produce several **policy papers** and **recommendations** during **2019-2021** on key topics for metropolitan areas (*such as health, accessibility, Mobility as a Service, e-buses, and more*).

Metropolis members will be invited to enrich those papers with the point of view of decision-makers.

For more information on UITP's **Advocacy and Outreach** work please visit the [dedicated page](#).

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### **ABOUT METROPOLIS**

Metropolis, World Association of the Major Metropolises is the global network of major cities and metropolitan areas that brings together the governments of 139 urban agglomerations worldwide. With 33 years of history, today the association is the focal point of expertise on metropolitan governance. Raising the voices of metropolises to the global agenda and building capacity to deliver public policies and services, Metropolis contributes to finding common answers to the challenges of metropolisation.

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### **ABOUT UITP**

UITP is the largest international association of urban public transportation that is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes, representing operators, suppliers and transport authorities from both public and private sectors, with current membership from more than 1600 member companies in almost 100 countries.

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