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FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE: UITP AND UN-HABITAT SIGN NEW MOU

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Keeping up with our efforts to promote and foster the role of **urban mobility** and **public transport** in the global achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, **UITP** is pleased to have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **UN-Habitat**.

By entering into this MoU, UITP and **UN-Habitat** will **strengthen our cooperation** and **pursue joint efforts** to bring **support to urban areas** to develop mobility, with a focus on public transport.

Signed in the context of the **UN-Habitat Assembly**, both organisations have agreed to collaborate on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN-Habitat – The United Nations Human Settlement Programme - and UITP will jointly collaborate on advisory services, peer review, trainings and market dialogues to support sustainable urban mobility.

By doing so, will work together on **various mobility strategies** focused **towards decision makers** at relevant events, such as the World Urban Forum.

“UITP Members play a major role in advocating for sustainable urban mobility to achieve better quality of life. That outreach is elevated by working with key global players, such as UN-HABITAT. This MoU includes great collaboration projects and capacity building actions to transform our cities into engines of economic growth and development, leaving no one and no place behind. We stand with UN-HABITAT to implement the New Urban Agenda in order to advance the SDGs.”

Dionisio Gonzalez
UITP Director of Advocacy and Outreach

By including collaboration on “capacity building on public transport reporting linked to the SDGs” and the provision of recommendations to the UN Statistical Commission, as well as advocacy and knowledge publications linked to SDG 11

In the regard, we are delighted to announce our collaboration with [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\)](#) on the creation of a new policy paper on *Mobility and the SDGs*, which aims at raising awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals and their relevance to public transport.

This paper focuses particularly on SDG 11 as the lynchpin of the localisation process of the SDGs, “a strategic attempt to include the local dimension and perspective in all phases of the policymaking process”.

Recommendations include the integration of subnational perspectives into national SDG strategies and the need for the implementation of SDGs to be monitored and reported at the local level in order to improve the availability of data.

[Download our policy paper on Mobility and the SDGs here](#)

UN-Habitat As the coordinating agency within the United Nations System for human settlement activities working in collaboration with governments, UN-Habitat is responsible for promoting and consolidating collaboration with all partners – including local authorities and private and non-governmental organisations – in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

(UITP) The International Association of Public Transport works to enhance quality of life and economic well-being by supporting and promoting sustainable transport in urban areas worldwide. As a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility, UITP is internationally recognised for its work to advance the development of this critical policy agenda. With more than 1600 members in almost 100 countries, UITP has a long history to its name, and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes.

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