

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT - UITP DECLARATION ON CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

1. Climate change is occurring and tackling climate change represents one of the biggest economic opportunities of the 21st century.
2. Reducing the impacts from extreme weather events and insurance costs for cities in the developed and developing world is of crucial importance. The cost of inaction is too high.
3. Cities' response is fundamental to address climate change. In an increasingly urbanised world, the future of urban transport is profoundly coupled with the sustainable development of our cities.
4. Current urban mobility habits marked by the dominance of private motorised modes results in increasing congestion, pollution and rapidly increasing local and global GHG emissions and energy consumption.
5. Public transport offers cost-effective mobility solutions that benefit everyone, protect the environment and ensure that all cities and regions can grow, work and prosper and make life in them better for all.

Our responsibility to act

6. The UITP confirms its responsibility to demonstrate our leadership position at the UN Climate Summit 2014 by highlighting our member's efforts that will help build competitive cities, hugely improving the quality of people's lives while stimulating a low carbon economy.
7. The responsibility of all to achieve a doubling in the market share of public transport worldwide by 2025 falls to every city government, every organization and every person with the capacity to do so, both individually and collectively.

Our commitment to be Climate Leaders

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9. In supporting this Declaration, a signatory commits to demonstrating climate leadership through actions that embrace clean energy, boost efficiency, and limit GHG emissions of our business operations and in our cities through a modal shift to public transport.
10. We can support our cities to enhance, accelerate and ensure the efficiency of urban mobility:
 - ▶ by planning for long-term improvements in our public transport systems to bring about a modal shift within cities to low carbon public transport;
 - ▶ by supporting cities to design public policies that limit urban sprawl and allow integrated public transport systems to expand in parallel with urban development;
 - ▶ by continuously engaging stakeholders to continue to offer a quality public transport service that is valued by our customers; and
 - ▶ by supporting the development and use of technological innovations in the public transport sector that lay the foundations for the sustainable 'smart city'.
11. We commit to accelerate and intensify our efforts to prepare for and adapt to the intensifying impacts of climate change, and to further develop and implement policies, strategies and legislative frameworks, with support where necessary, to climate-proof our essential physical infrastructure, and ensure climate-resilient sustainable development for present and future generations.