



Press release

Statements for the event on 5th November 2017 in Bonn

Presentation of the CleanShuttle for the world climate conference:

Statement by Jürgen Fenske, President of the Association of German Transport Companies (VDV):

"Buses and trains are already at the vanguard of climate protection and air pollution control, and this is also evidenced by the organisation and implementation of the CleanShuttle. Transport companies have also been investing for years in innovative propulsion technologies and attractive services. To create the much talked-about transport revolution, public transport needs to be expanded and modernised continuously. Transport companies and local authorities are unable to do this on their own. Instead, they need financial support from the federal and local government. This is why we are calling on the new federal government to set up a local public transport programme."

Statement by Anja Wenmakers, Managing Director of SWB Bus und Bahn:

"Bonn, as the base of the United Nations' Climate Secretariat, takes its special responsibility for protecting the environment and implementing specific climate protection measures seriously. The use of innovative CO₂-neutral battery-powered buses on scheduled services also makes a major contribution towards this. To mark the world climate conference, we are therefore joining forces with the VDV to organise an emissions-free shuttle service for congress delegates in order to send a message to say that local public transport can play an even more sustainable role in the future when it comes to achieving the climate protection goals we have set."

Statement by Dr Klaus Bonhoff, Managing Director of Nationale Organisation Wasserstoff- und Brennstoffzellentechnologie GmbH (NOW):

"We need electro-mobility with batteries and fuel cells. These two technologies complement each other. On larger vehicles with longer range requirements especially, hydrogen mobility is frequently a good alternative. Integrated into the MULTITALENTED HYDROGEN information campaign on the subject of hydrogen and fuel cell technology, the CleanShuttle demonstrates how these technologies can work alongside each other in local public transport. To support the market launch of both of these technologies, we are consistently working as a national programme company for the Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure on the implementation of the corresponding federal government funding programmes."

Inauguration of the new "Bonn UN Campus" stop:

Statement by Ashok Sridharan, Mayor of the City of Bonn:

"Immediately after Bonn was announced as the venue for the conference, the city began working hard to get the stop ready for COP 23. These efforts have paid off thanks to Nahverkehr Rheinland and Deutsche Bahn, and I am very grateful! We are able to offer the 25,000 expected visitors the ideal connection to the conference grounds. More than 44,000 people working in the area will also benefit from the new stop, such as the employees of Deutsche Telekom, the Deutsche Post DHL Group, the United Nations and Deutsche Welle. And not least, we will be offering Bonn's around 20,000 inhabitants who live in the surrounding residential areas an eco-friendly transport connection."





Statement by Dr Norbert Reinkober, Managing Director of Nahverkehr Rheinland:

"I'm delighted that we have been able to find a solution in a very short space of time and despite the tremendous time pressure. Now we will be able to offer the many conference delegates from all over the world an enjoyable arrival by rail right into the heart of the region. This will also help to relieve the road traffic situation around the WCCB."

Statement by Werner Lübberink, Group Authorised Signatory at Deutsche Bahn for NRW:

"This new stop provides a convenient connection right into the local area. It is thanks to the NVR that we are able to jointly celebrate the opening of the station before the timetable change in December. During the climate conference, four local regional railway lines will run to the UN campus. After all, taking the train means protecting the environment. We are already the most environmentally friendly form of transport. And we are extending this lead all the time. We are also upgrading Bonn's main railway station in a project worth Euro 13 million EUR. All in all, we are investing over Euro 1 billion in the upgrading of 150 stations across NRW by 2023. This will mean that more and more stations will become modern business cards (that leaves a lasting impression) for their city."

TramTrain special journey from Karlsruhe to Bonn:

Statement by Dr Alexander Pischon, Chairman of the Management Board of Albtal-Verkehrsgesellschaft (AVG):

"The 'Karlsruhe model' has earned itself tremendous reputation primarily because we have been able to offer our passengers attractive, direct connections from suburban areas to the city for over a quarter of a century. Now, with a look at the coming decades and our efforts to safeguard the 'Karlsruhe model', we need to set our course correctly. The world climate conference is a welcome opportunity to present our twin-system railways to a wider audience."

Statement by Ascan Egerer, Technical Director at Albtal-Verkehrsgesellschaft (AVG):

"Since 2016, all of AVG's metropolitan railway fleet has been running on green power. Our passengers are therefore not only making climate-neutral journeys en route to the world climate conference, but also on a daily basis across the entire AVG network. The use of green power could avoid several thousand tonnes of climate-harming emissions each year."

