

# PRESS RELEASE

## One Planet, One Plan

### The Climate Campaign decision makers need



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#### **The planet is facing a climate crisis.**

Many different people, from many different walks of life are looking for solutions to the emergency the world is facing.

It will only be through **collective thinking** that we **determine the road ahead**.

**UITP** is calling on all **decision makers** to place **public transport** at the heart of **their agenda**.

Did you know that public transport plays a crucial role in helping to lower local air pollution?

**We know this.** Global leaders and **decision makers also know this.**

Now UITP is launching our **Climate Action Campaign** with a **full manifesto** and **four stage plan** on how **public transport** can play its part in **fighting climate change**.

Our actions on climate also include an [educational and light-hearted video](#) looking at the health of our planet – through its own eyes! As well as sustainable – and *plantable* – goodies to drive our message home.

In 2020, when national governments are expected to resubmit new climate action plans, there should be no exception: **public transport MUST appear on EVERY plan**.

Cities have proven time and again that when restricting private cars, local emissions can be reduced by 50%.<sup>1</sup> You cannot successfully fight climate change, or reach national targets, without addressing local emissions at the same time<sup>2</sup>

*“Transport represent 40% of CO2 emissions in our cities. We all know which mode of transport emits the most in our streets and we certainly all know that public transport together with walking and cycling is THE most efficient combination to fight against the climate crisis. Decision makers need to take ambitious decisions to reduce individual car use in our communities and invest into cleaner and less-energy consuming solutions for their citizens.”*

**Mohamed Mezghani**  
**UITP Secretary General**

In order to do their part, more than 40 public transport organisation executives from 23 countries pledged their support during our recent Public Transport Leader's Forum (Barcelona, 6 September 2019) [Read their pledge to fight against climate change now](#).

If decision makers are serious about tackling air pollution and climate change, then UITP's **detailed Climate Action Manifesto** encouraging a **modal shift to public transport** and sustainable urban mobility modes, is the only plan they need.

**The time to act is now.**

**Join us.**

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**(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 1700 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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<sup>1</sup> Euractiv <https://bit.ly/2MGp3o0>

<sup>2</sup> Climate & Clean Air Coalition- the main driver of climate change—fossil fuel combustion— contributes about two-thirds of outdoor air pollution <https://bit.ly/32KlsyL>

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