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### GLORIA HUTT HESSE, TRANSPORT MINISTER FOR CHILE TO GIVE UITP INTERNATIONAL BUS CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEECH



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Working alongside decision makers and influencers, including ministers and mayors, is a great way to bring about lasting change in the public transport sector.

When the bus industry gathers for the 2019 [UITP International Bus Conference](#) (Brussels, 21-23 October) one of those leading voices will take to the stage as UITP is delighted to announce **Gloria Hutt Hesse, Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Chile** as our **keynote speaker**.

A civil engineer by trade, Ms. Hutt Hesse became Chile's Transport and Telecommunications Minister in March 2018, having previously served as Undersecretary of Transport.

Minister Hutt Hesse will bring her experience, having conducted **multiple public transport studies** and consultancies in various parts of the world, to our event.

Minister Hutt Hesse has coordinated the creation of the National Transportation Policy and developed **master plans for public transportation** during her time in office - proposing **a long-term vision for Chilean transportation**.

UITP believes that the bus is now firmly in the spotlight – making the **the time of the bus right now!**

In July, we launched the [“Story of the Bus”](#) detailing our plans to promote five key UITP bus publications and our **‘100 day countdown’** to our Bus Conference, held in conjunction with [Busworld](#),

Our Bus Transport Unit Leader Arno Kerkhof has described the bus as [“having been resurrected”](#) due to the latest energy and technological developments and the advancements of the e-bus around the world.

*“It’s great to see the attention turn to the bus in recent years...new services and policies, alongside political drive, have bolstered the sector to its rightful place at the forefront of public transport. Having Minister Hutt Hesse, a member of our Mobility Champions Forum, address our audience at the International Bus Conference will further confirm the great strides we’re taking and I know that our audience will look forward to hearing the Minister speak. I’m confident she will play a great role in our 2019 edition.”*

**Arno Kerkhof**

**UITP Bus Transport Unit Leader**

With **Chile** as one of the **world’s leading countries** when it comes to the **deployment of ebuses**, the voice of **Minister Hutt Hesse** is the **perfect fit** for the 2019 **International Bus Conference**.

The role of public transport in lowering emissions and helping to fight climate change will be part of the transportation thematic days during the next [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#) – held in Santiago, Chile (2-13 Dec 2019).

*“I’m delighted to join many leading voices in public transport as we gather to not only consider the many advancements made so far, but also the important steps still to be taken. Chile has among the highest number of electric buses in service and I look forward to bringing the viewpoint of Chile to the event. I’m also interested in hearing more from others on how the bus sector is progressing around the world.”*

**Gloria Hutt Hesse**

**Minister for Transport and Telecommunications**

**Chile**

With Minister Hutt Hesse taking to the stage in Brussels next month, the timing is perfect to discuss the electric bus, electromobility and clean transport solutions.

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