

PRESS RELEASE

UITP and Moscow Directorate of Transport Services join forces: Urban Leaders Council to be first major step



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Since 2014, UITP has been collaborating with the [Department of Transport in Moscow](#) to advance urban mobility through shared thinking.

This week, during the [International Bus Conference](#) (Brussels, 21-23 October), held in conjunction with [Busworld Europe](#), UITP and the [Moscow Directorate of Transport Services](#) signed an **agreement of cooperation** to create **new opportunities** between the two bodies.

Next year, MDTS will host the **Leaders in Urban Transportation Council** (May 2020) with the support of UITP, and create further opportunities for collaboration using the experience and knowledge base of UITP's global reach.

The agreement was signed during a **special ceremony** at the International Bus Conference by **UITP Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani** and **Director General of MDTS Nikolay Asaul**, alongside **UITP Senior Director Kaan Yıldızgöz** and a visiting Russian delegation led by **Head of UITP Moscow and Astana Offices, Yussup Khassiev**.

“UITP is pleased to have agreed to co-host the Leaders in Urban Transportation Council in 2020 alongside the Moscow Directorate of Transport Services. By joining forces we can to discuss the prospects for the development of public transport and build stronger relations that will see knowledge and information shared. The first major steps will be witnessed next year when we bring together top-level decision makers from the Eurasia region.”

Yussup Khassiev
Head of Moscow and Astana Offices
UITP

The event is scheduled for 14-17 May 2020.

Moscow has decided to organize a **Council of Leaders in the field of urban transport development**. UITP expects to establish a high-level partnership with MDTS, to create and support the Council, as a leading international event attracting participants from the mobility sector at the highest level.

“I invite everyone to join us in Moscow next May to take part in the Council, which promises to be an excellent platform for transport leaders to discuss the sector’s next steps.”

Nikolay Asaul
Director General of MDTS

For the past five years UITP has been cooperating with the Department of Transport in Moscow by participating in the organisation of events held by the Government of Moscow, in particular, the International Expert Council on transport issues under the government of Moscow (2014-2018), and the Leaders In Urban Transportation Summit (2019).

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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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(MDTS) The Moscow Directorate of Transport Services.

The autonomous non-profit organisation "Moscow Directorate of transport services" was established in accordance with the order of the Mayor of Moscow to improve transport services given to the population and to organization engaged in entertainment, cultural, sports events, as well as providing transport facilities for mass events in Moscow. The government of Moscow represented by the Department of transport and development of road transport infrastructure of the city of Moscow is executing the powers of the sole founder of the organization on behalf of the city of Moscow.