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IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICIES FOR URBAN TRANSPORT TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AT ITF SUMMIT

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The importance of national transport policies in achieving sustainable development goals in cities will be highlighted at a side-event co-organised by UITP (the International Association of Public Transport) during the 2014 International Transport Forum's Summit in Leipzig (21-23 May).

UITP will take part in a discussion that will examine how national policies can provide support to urban transport planning, how such policies can spur better coordination of urban transport services and how to optimise urban transport funds.

"National policy frameworks can play a key role in the successful delivery of urban transport, notably in giving local bodies the necessary competences such as being able to raise funding at the local level," said UITP Secretary General, **Alain Flausch**, who will speak at the event along with UITP President, **Sir Peter Hendy**.

Colin Hughes from the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) will present how various urban transport projects have been financed while Urda Eichhorst from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) will give a summary of both Chinese and international experience in urban transport finance. The event will also feature speakers from Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia.

The side event 'National urban transport policy: enabling more sustainable development in a changing world' will take place at the ITF Summit in Leipzig, 9:00-10:30 on 23 May, MPA 3, Level 0

NOTE TO EDITORS

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