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UITP WELCOMES UN HIGH-LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP'S TEN-POINT PLAN TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

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The United Nations High-Level Advisory Group, of which UITP (the International Association of Public Transport) is a member, recommends in a new report that **greener, more efficient and sustainable transport can save trillions and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.**

Greater investment in greener, more sustainable transport systems is essential for propelling the economic and social development that is vital to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, according to an [expert panel report](#) delivered to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York on Friday.

Finding that global, national and local transport systems are **held back by inefficiencies and a lack of sustainable investment**, the panel's report provides ten recommendations on how governments, businesses and civil society should **re-direct resources in the transport sector to advance sustainable development**. The report recognises the avoid-shift-improve approach as a useful framework for taking action on sustainable transport, which public transport forms the foundation of.

The experts, including representatives from public transport, automotive, aviation, rail and maritime industries, found that a transformational change to sustainable transport can be achieved through current 'business as usual'. The report shows that there is a global consensus on what needs to be achieved: moving away from individual motorised transport to providing access through a combination of multi-modal, collective shared mobility solutions and sustainable transport systems, notably through expanding public transport.

Investment in sustainable transport, the experts found, could lead to **fuel savings** and **lower operational costs, decreased congestion, reduced air pollution** and **savings of up to US\$70 trillion** by 2050.

UN Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon** noted that sustainable transport was essential to efforts to fight climate change, reduce air pollution and improve road safety: "Sustainable transport supports inclusive growth, job creation, poverty reduction, access to markets, the empowerment of women, and the well-being of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups."



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The panel's recommendations highlight:

- The importance of an integrated approach to policy, investments and institutional strengthening and the benefits of engaging a wide range of stakeholders and funding sources
- The promotion of sustainable transport technologies, cleaner fuels and the increase of international development funding.
- The need to put particular weight on the needs, challenges and opportunities in developing countries

NOTE TO EDITORS

High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport -in August 2014, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed members of a High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport to provide recommendations on sustainable transport actionable at global, national, local and sector levels. The Advisory Group, established for a period of three years, will work with Governments, transport providers (aviation, marine, ferry, rail, road, and urban public transport), businesses, financial institutions, civil society and other stakeholders to promote sustainable transport systems and their integration into development strategies and policies, including in climate action. For more information on the report and the members of the High-Level Advisory Group, click [here](#).

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