

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT (UITP) DECLARATION FOR SCALING UP CLIMATE AMBITION

As we start to take stock of collective efforts on climate action, this is an opportunity to make Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) fit for the Paris Agreement and engage the public transport sector on climate action. In supporting this effort, we commit the public transport sector to be climate leaders and pledge solutions needed to scale up climate ambition with public transport.

Building on the UITP Declaration on Climate Leadership and UITP Talanoa Dialogues held in Dakar and Milan in 2018, it is clear that:

- 1. The transport sector will be key to achieve the Paris Climate Agreement.** It is one of the only sectors where emissions are still rising even in developed countries. Shared transport accounts up to 80 percent of all public transport in the world's emerging economies so any meaningful solution for sustainable urban mobility on a global scale must take into account the hundreds of millions of people worldwide who rely on shared modes of transport alongside formal modes of public transport.
- 2. Public transport is part of the solution for transport especially in cities where space is scarce, congestion and other negative externalities is already costing up to 10% of GDP.** Public transport generates benefits well beyond the mobility sphere and supports a wide range of urban policies. Public transport offers cost effective mobility solutions that benefit everyone. By contributing to the competitiveness of cities, public transport creates value, for individuals, businesses, and public authorities. It allows people access to what they need contributing to healthy, active and fulfilled lives ensuring that no one is left behind.
- 3. We need to take an ambitious, proactive approach to scaling up efforts on public transport in NDCs because it brings emissions down in three ways** – it reduces emissions per kilometre; reduces congestion and congestion related emissions across the entire transport network; and creates communities where walking, bicycling and public transport become more viable; these communities are also compact and carbon efficient. In doing so, we can significantly reduce urban emissions while saving USD\$3 trillion in infrastructure capital costs over the next 15 years.
- 4. We pledge to strengthen the UITP Declaration on Climate Leadership, by scaling up actions that reduce organisational carbon footprints and supporting a shift to public transport.** By supporting a more sustainable balance of transport modes, it would

lock us into a low carbon development path which would make it cheaper and easier to decarbonise the transport sector in the long-term. Added to which, low and zero emissions technology and solutions are already on the market – meaning we can already make significant progress in decarbonising urban transport emissions with public transport.

5. **Parties should use the spirit of the Talanoa Dialogue as a means to affirm their commitment to enhance NDCs through exchanges and partnerships with public transport actors.** By actively communicating climate friendly initiatives undertaken by our organisations in 2019 and beyond, they can be included in NDC's to make them more ambitious. The international financing community should also use this opportunity to review their funding strategies to ensure delivery of the NDCs and Sustainable Development Goals which has a target to expand public transport.

6. **By working in collaboration, UITP can help the provision of partnership development, technology transfer and capacity building support which can achieve significant progress in quick start NDC implementation.** This collaborative multi-stakeholder approach, bringing partnership and collaboration with decision makers together through initiatives like the UITP and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Mobility Champions Community, will ensure that public transport interventions are of quality, helping to raise the level of climate ambition which will spur new climate action in areas of untapped potential.

The international public transport community joins together to unify our efforts in decarbonising urban transport, delivering excellence in customer service, improving cost efficiency and funding while making cities public transport oriented, making the most of digitilisation and lastly, attracting the best talents and enhancing skills in the sector.



UITP is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes, including the transport business supply industry. UITP has over 1,500 members in 96 countries and represents the key players needed for low carbon urban mobility.