PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ON OUR COLLABORATION: THE UNFCCC, UITP AND UIC REPARTNER FOR COP24

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UITP is pleased to announce our partnership with the UNFCCC and the International Union of Railways (UIC) - to raise awareness of sustainable transport and climate action at COP24 (Katowice, 3-14 December 2018).

This will be the second year in a row that we will partner with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change during COP24 and beyond, to promote sustainable public transport options as one of the solutions to reducing emissions.

UITP and UIC are the only transport associations to partner in this way with the UNFCCC.

A promotional campaign, featuring hanging cards with a climate action message, will be placed on public transport modes in the city of Katowice during COP24.
The campaign, led by UITP, the Breathe Life initiative, a campaign of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and the city of Katowice, highlights the important role public transport plays in climate action and advancing urban mobility.

This agreement between the UNFCCC, UITP, UIC further enhances the credibility of the sustainable transport sector - by promoting sustainable transport as a solution.

“UITP is pleased to once again work with the UNFCCC and our colleagues at UIC to advocate for sustainable mobility and fight climate change. Public transport is the answer to reducing emissions and moving more people using less energy. UITP will continue to work with our members and the sector as a whole to develop and implement low carbon solutions with quality public transport. COP24 is the perfect platform to continue making the case for the role of public transport in climate action, and I look forward to the important role UITP and our members will play in Katowice this December. ”

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General

This is the second partnership for UITP during our actions on climate for COP24.

Earlier this month we announced our partnership with the Climate and Clean Air Coalition during our participation in the World Health Organisation’s First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health.

This collaboration, between UITP, CCAC and its partners, has now started and will materialise through the public awareness campaign at COP24, which hopefully can be scaled up in the coming years.

During COP24 the dedicated Transport Day, led by the European Commission’s CIVITAS Initiative, $LoCaT$ on behalf of the PPMC, UITP, Polis and Rupprecht Consult and is hosted and supported the City of Katowice.

This year’s Transport Day will highlight the strong role of cities in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality by implementing measures in the transport sector. It will showcase best practice examples from around the globe, with a range of presentation from various EU cities involved in the European Commission-funded CIVITAS Initiative.

Visit the dedicated UNFCCC COP24 website for all you need to know about the climate action activities in Katowice.

Our team will be live on the ground in Katowice where we will bring you rolling news on our LinkedIn blogs, social media feeds and UITP newsroom.
Note to Editors

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,500 member companies giving access to 16,000 contacts from 96 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website www.uitp.org / Follow us on Twitter: @UITPpress

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