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## DRIVING THE DEBATE ON WOMEN IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT: UITP SIGNS MOU WITH WORLD BANK

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**UITP is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Bank to collaborate on the safety and security of women in public transport – and to advance the achievement of common objectives.**

UITP and the [World Bank](#) (collectively the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development “IBRD” and the International Development Association “IDA”) will work together through advocacy actions, best practice dissemination, project development, technical assistance, capacity building and training.

The areas UITP and the World Bank envisage cooperation include advancing gender equality in the public transport sector – providing safe access and safe use of public transport for women, enhancing the female labour market in the transport sector and illustrating the wider positives impacts of facilitating women's mobility, to name but a few.

The areas of cooperation are intended to cover all urban transport modes and related policy agenda.

Advancing sustainable urban mobility and promoting gender inclusive transportation are vitally important issues in the public transport sector today:

*“Both teams (UITP and World Bank) have done their best to further develop this great initiative in order to achieve real and lasting impact by mainstreaming gender considerations in the development and implementation of urban transport projects.”*

Mohamed Mezghani, UITP Secretary General



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UITP Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani was also pleased to participate in the plenary session ["Gender: Transport is not Gender Neutral"](#) (Friday 12 Jan, Washington, DC) alongside notable figures such as Juan Jose Mendez, Secretary of Transport of the City of Buenos Aires and ElsaMarie D'Silva, Founder and CEO of Red Dot Foundation (Safecity), India. This session marked the first occasion where gender issues were addressed at a Transforming Transportation plenary and UITP was honoured to be part of the discussion.

#### **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 1,400 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](http://www.uitp.org). Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpressoffice](https://twitter.com/UITPpressoffice)

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