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## UITP and RTA Announce Programme Launch for UITP Summit 2026 in Dubai



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**UITP, the International Association of Public Transport and Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), today announce the official launch of the full Programme for the UITP Summit in Dubai (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026).**

As the world's largest event dedicated to urban mobility, [the UITP Summit](#) will welcome the global public transport community in Dubai for three days of high-level dialogue, innovation, and collaboration.

Returning to Dubai for the first time in 15 years, the Summit will mark its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a 2026 edition that builds on the strong momentum of Hamburg's 2025 edition – with the full programme now available for all delegates.

Press registration is now open, inviting international media to gain exclusive access to global mobility leaders, and a tailored programme of activities.

**[Register now via the official press link](#)**

## UITP Summit

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### ***A Landmark Edition for Global Urban Mobility***

Jointly hosted by UITP and Dubai's RTA, the 2026 Summit is a historic milestone for the sector:

- For the first time in 15 years, the UITP Summit returns to Dubai.
- The first Summit held outside Europe under UITP's new annual format.
- The Summit's 140th anniversary, marking nearly a century and a half of bringing together the global transport sector.

The Summit programme features Congress sessions, a global exhibition, technical visits, high-level networking events, and media-exclusive opportunities, all designed to advance public transport through close collaboration and expert exchange.

### ***Six Summit Tracks Shaping the Programme***

The full programme is structured around six core Summit Tracks, reflecting the sector's most critical themes for today and tomorrow:

**Shared Mobility, The Human Factor, Innovation in Bus Systems, The Future of Rail, Funding and Financing and Smart Technologies and Data.**

These tracks frame more than 40 sessions delivered by speakers from over 35 countries, including operators, authorities, policymakers, and sector partners, among others.

Sessions will explore how cities are approaching AI in mobility systems, strengthening passenger safety and cybersecurity, advancing automation, modernising ticketing, and integrating public transport within wider urban planning frameworks, and more.

### ***Dubai: A Global Hub for the Future of Mobility***

Dubai offers a powerful backdrop for the Summit, standing at the forefront of mobility innovation with its world-class public transport systems, ambitious infrastructure projects, and strong commitment to sustainability.

Significant investment across the MENA region underscores a clear paradigm shift toward public transport, positioning Dubai as a natural host for this global gathering.

RTA reaffirmed that Hosting the UITP Summit in 2026 marks a defining chapter in Dubai's urban development story.

*"It is a proud testament of our relentless efforts to reimagine mobility—not merely as a network of roads and rails, but as a dynamic, people-centred ecosystem that enhances quality of life. Building on the legacy of that landmark inaugural edition, this summit will once again position Dubai as a global platform for transformative dialogue. It is here that the world's leading decision-makers, innovators, and industry experts will converge to forge the partnerships and pioneering innovations that will define the next generation of sustainable and smart urban mobility systems."* said RTA.

### ***Media registration is now open***

Press registration for the 2026 UITP Summit is easy to apply for, and includes access to a tailor-made media programme.



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No discount code is required; accreditation is available exclusively to members of the media.

Journalists are encouraged to secure their place early and join the global conversation on the future of urban mobility.

## UITP Summit 2026 Programme is live

### About the UITP Summit

The UITP Summit is the world's leading event for public transport and sustainable urban mobility. Organised by UITP, it brings together the full mobility ecosystem to exchange ideas, showcase innovation, and accelerate the transition to better mobility systems worldwide. Beginning in 1886, it will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2026, under its various incarnations.

### About UITP

UITP, the International Association of Public Transport works to enhance quality of life and economic well-being by supporting and promoting sustainable transport in urban areas worldwide. As a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility, UITP is internationally recognised for its work to advance the development of this critical policy agenda. With more than **2000 members in 100 countries**, UITP has a long history to its name, and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. Visit our website [uitp.org](http://uitp.org)

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