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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

General presentation

January 2026

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Overview

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- Who is the SDC?
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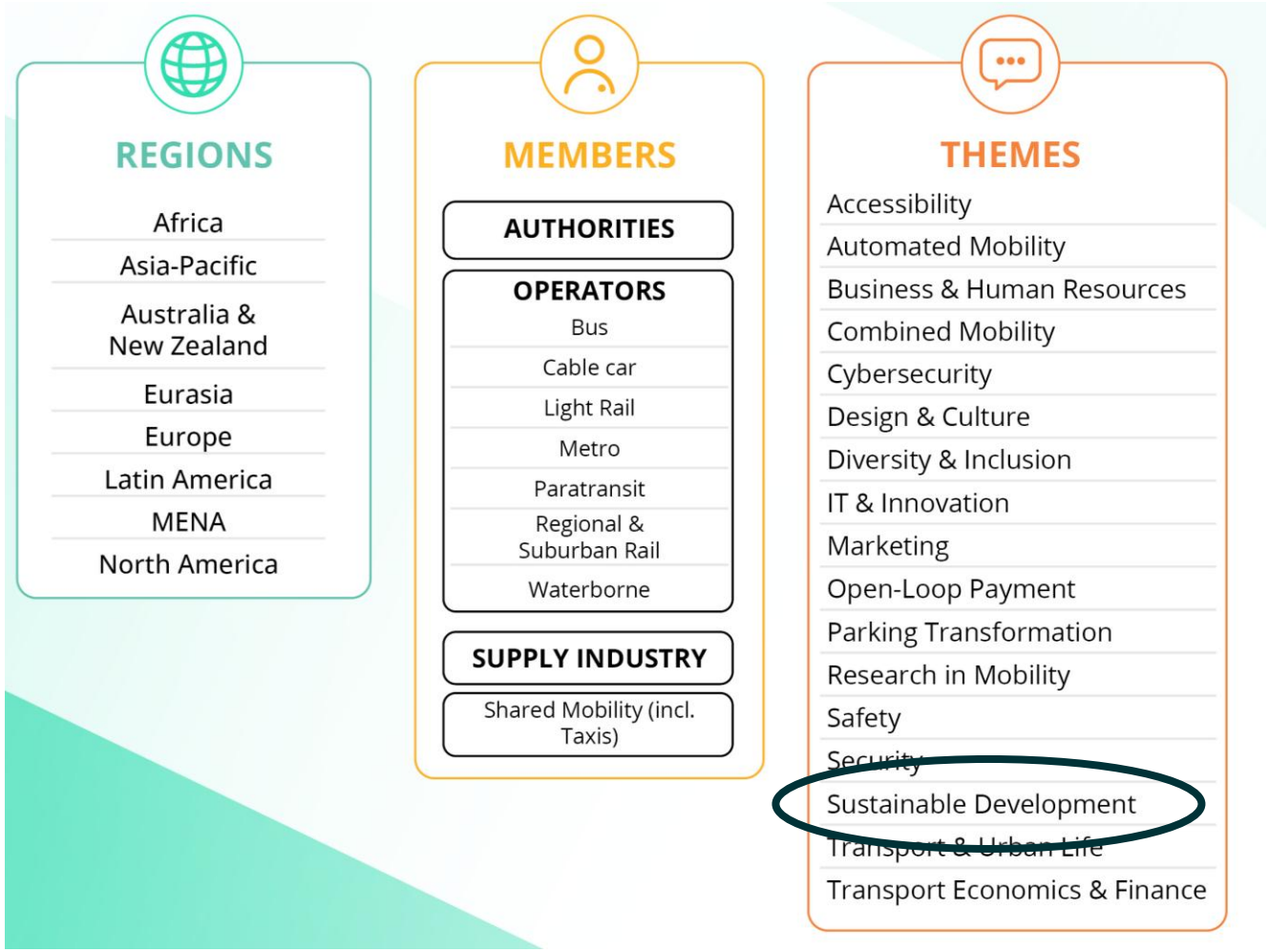
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What is the SDC

Context & mission



THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS ONE OF UITP's WORKING BODIES



Mission

Operators, authorities, industries, universities and associations cooperate within UITP on **all issues related to urban transport and sustainable development** to support the **positive contribution public transport** makes to sustainable development goals and to support members **in adopting sustainable business practices.**

Activities include:

- Knowledge development on issues related to urban transport and sustainable development to support the positive contribution public transport makes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Awareness raising and providing guidance on Environmental Social Governance (ESG), with a focus on of corporate sustainability reporting (CSR) and;
- Support to UITP's advocacy & outreach activities and knowledge linked to the SDGs and climate change.

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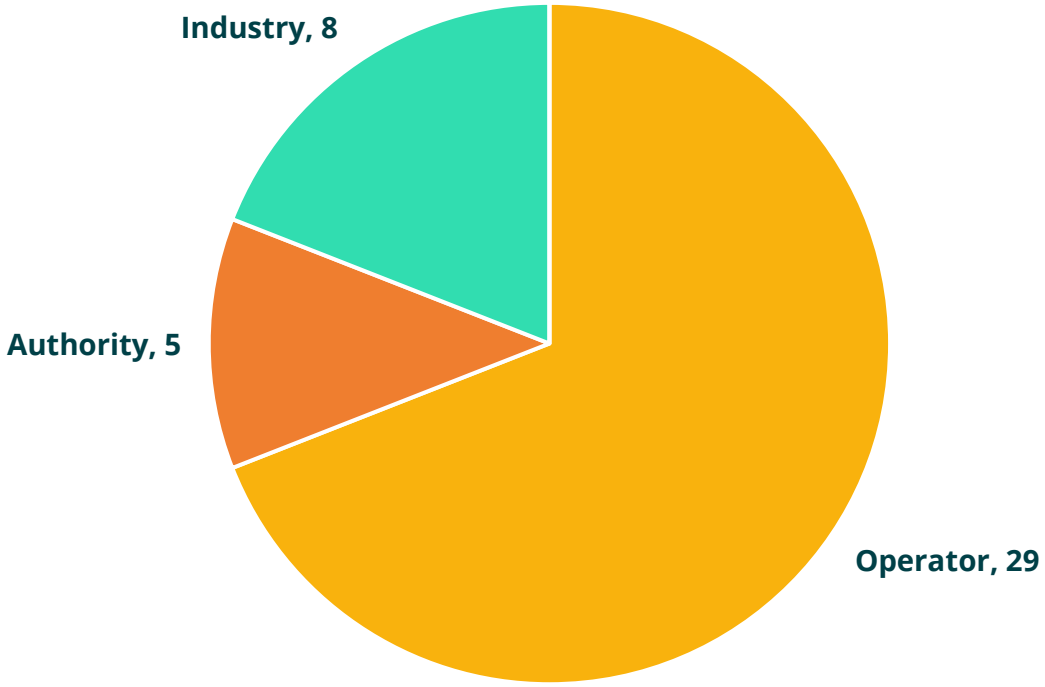
Who are members of the SDC

SDC Membership



The role of SDC members

43 organisations members



4 observers' organisations:

- From other UITP Working Bodies (IT&I, VEI)
- A national Public transport organisation
- An investment Bank

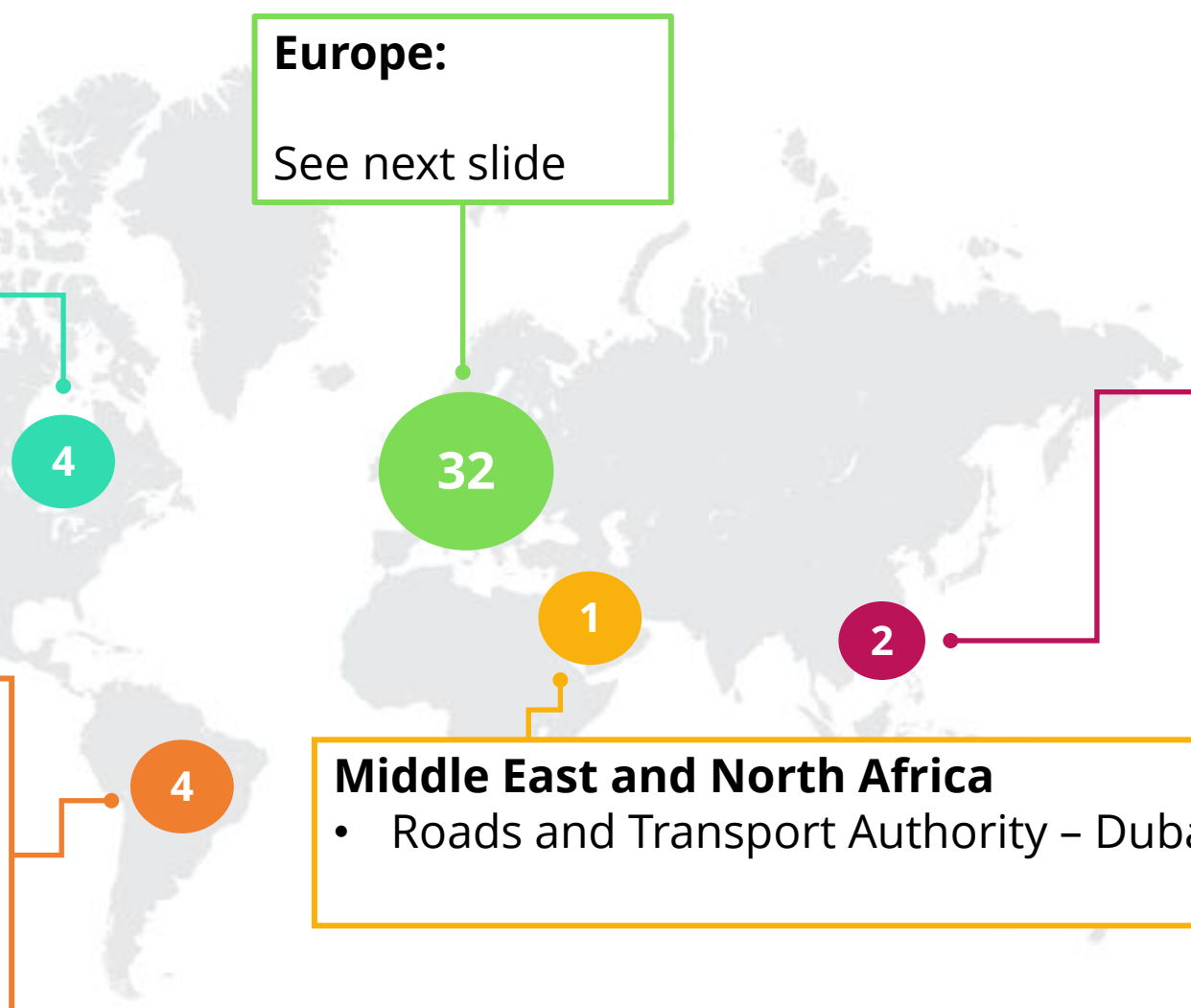
SDC members and observers

North America:
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Jacksonville (USA)
- Metropolitan Transit Agency - New York City (USA)
- Société de Transport de Montreal (Canada)
- TransLink South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (Canada)

Europe:

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Asia-Pacific:
- MTR Corporation Hong-Kong (SAR China)
- EAST Japan Railway (Japan)



Latin America:
- CCR Group (Brazil)
- Green4T -Scipopulis (Brazil)
- Emova Movilidad, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Metro Rio (Brazil)

Middle East and North Africa
- Roads and Transport Authority – Dubai (UAE)

**Observer*

Zoom on European members

SDC European Members:

Alsa Grupo S.L.U., Madrid (Spain)	Keolis SA, Paris (France)	The Norwegian Railway Directorate, Oslo (Norway)
Alstom Transport SA, Saint-Ouen (France)	KONE, Helsinki (Finland)	Transdev Group, Issy-Les-Moulineaux (France)
Dopravni Podnik Hlm Praha AS (DP PRAHA) (Czech Republic)	Metropolitano De Lisboa, Lisbon (Portugal)	Transport for London (United Kingdom)
Empresa Municipal de Transportes de Madrid SA (EMT), Madrid (Spain)	Metro Bilbao, Bilbao (Spain)	Trenitalia S.p.A, Rome (Italy)
European Investment Bank (Luxemburg)*	RATP Dev, Paris (France)	Västtrafik AB (Sweden)
Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Barcelona (Spain)	Region Stockholm, Stockholm (Sweden)	Verband Deutscher Verkehrsunternehmen (Germany)*
Nordcom, Milano (Italy)	RUTER AS, Oslo (Norway)	Verkehrsbetriebe Karlsruhe GmbH (VBK) (Germany)
Hamburger Hochbahn AG, Hamburg (Germany)	Siemens Mobility, Berlin (Germany)	Vlaamse Vervoermaatschappij VVM DE LIJN (Belgium)
Iberdrola, S.A. (Spain)	Société Des Transports Intercommunaux De Bruxelles, Brussels (Belgium)	Volvo Bus Corporation, Goteborg (Sweden)
Iveco (France)*	Société des Grands Projets (France)	Wiener Linien GMBH & CO KG, Vienna (Austria)

**Observer*

SDC Steering Board 2025 – 2027



Chair:

Gonzalo Fernandez Sanchez, Director of infrastructure - EMT Madrid, Spain



Vice-Chair

Sam Longman, Head of Sustainability and Corporate Environment, Transport for London

Rights and duties of sdc members

Who can be a member?

- Advantage and Premium companies in UITP membership
- Authorities, operators and industries

What is expected from full members?

- Participation to Committee meetings in-person
- Involvement in the Committee's activities: surveys, Working Groups…
- Members may be invited to host a SDC meeting

Committee members rights

- Voting rights
- Access to meeting files, members' list…

More information in the Terms of Reference

Other categories of members

Substitute:

- Representative invited to attend meetings on behalf of a full member
- On an exceptional basis

Observers:

- For specific cases (e.g. observers from another Committee, partner organisation with a MoU with UITP)
- Mandate of 2 years, renewable once

Friends:

- For organisations which cannot commit to rights and duties of full members
- Not able to participate in-person, may be invited to join meetings online
- Included in contact list for some communications(e.g. meeting files after Committee meetings, contribution to surveys, opportunities shared with members…)

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What the SDC does

Activities



Type of meetings

Committee meetings

- **Aim:** decision-making, information sharing and discussion space
- Twice a year
- In-person participation encouraged

Working Group meetings

- **Aim:** support knowledge production
- Online
- For WG members (smaller group)
- Possible organisation of webinars (open to a wide audience)

SDC Showcase Sessions

- **Aim:** to discuss about Topics of interest
- Online 1hr meeting, once a quarter
- Organised by a SDC member, with support of Secretariat

Internal coordination of Committee

- Bi-weekly calls between UITP Secretariat & SDC Chair
- Monthly calls between UITP Secretariat, SDC Chair and Vice-Chairs

Committee meetings – format

In-person & hybrid: Twice a year

Recurrent meeting items:

- Host presentation + local partners
- Reporting from UITP Boards and Working Groups
- Thematic debate, based on the Aspen Institute methodology (2hrs)
- 1 session with a presentation and discussions on one the Committee's topics of interest
- Roundtable: update from members



Working Group meetings

Online Working Group meetings:

- Frequency: according to needs
- Aim: coordinate production of knowledge on a topic between Working Group members

Webinar organised in the framework of a Working Group:

- Open to a wider audience (Committee and possibly UITP members)
- To support the Working Group
    - To frame the topic
    - To develop content
    - To disseminate results
- Frequency: according to needs

SDC Showcase sessions

Sessions to put one the Committee's topics of interest and members' projects in the spotlight.

Format:

- 1 hour online session
- 1 to 2 presenters, with Q&A

Responsibility to organise: 1 SDC member (volunteer), supported by UITP Secretariat

Session recorded and short summary produced after the session

Want to be volunteer for leading a session? Contact us by email

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What is the SDC working on

SDC Work Programme



SDC Strategic objectives

4 strategic objectives for knowledge development, in line with the mission of the Committee.

Engagement → Raise awareness to public transport stakeholders on certain sustainability-related issues that should be better addressed by the sector

Technical → Provide technical support to sustainability experts

Financing → Demonstrate to decision-makers and investors the importance of investing in public transport to support the sustainability agenda

Embedding → Demonstrating to public transport stakeholders the importance of embedding sustainability in the day to day of organisations

Developing knowledge in practice

How is the SDC developing knowledge? => **Working Groups**

What does it allow?

- More efficient process to develop knowledge
- Relying on a smaller group, constituted of people with expertise on the topic
- Possibility to gather expertise beyond Committee members and from specific stakeholders

Functioning of WGs

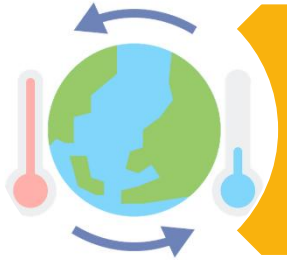
- Identify interested contributors and nominate leader
- Definition a clear objective and outcomes
- Definition of a plan to deliver the outcome
- Identify roles, responsibilities and production processes
- Independent from the Committee but reporting advances during Committee meetings

Working Groups 2025-2027



Sustainability reporting and public transport

Aim: supporting the sector to comply with reporting requirements and harvest related opportunities



Making a business case for climate change adaptation

Aim: harvest data and correlate incidents and performance with weather conditions



Harvesting financing opportunities for sustainability

Aim: supporting members to set-up their projects to harvest sustainable finance opportunities

Other topics of discussions

- Communication: benefits and impacts of PT on communities and territories
- Tendering & procurement integrating sustainability
- Reducing the impact of PT on the environment
- Resilient and green infrastructures (Envision, BREEAM, ...?)
- Mitigating Climate Change (Carbon Footprint, comparable?)
- Renewable energy & infrastructures (generation, storage, distribution, charging infrastructure)
- Collaboration with social organizations

These topics are discussed in SDC meetings and SDC Showcase Sessions.

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What the SDC did in the past

SDC Previous works



Renewable energy

Aim: provide guidance, recommendations and showcase examples on how public transport undertakings can achieve a successful energy transition towards their decarbonisation goals.

2 documents:

- A technical report
- A document for executives: Action Points

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Climate change adaptation

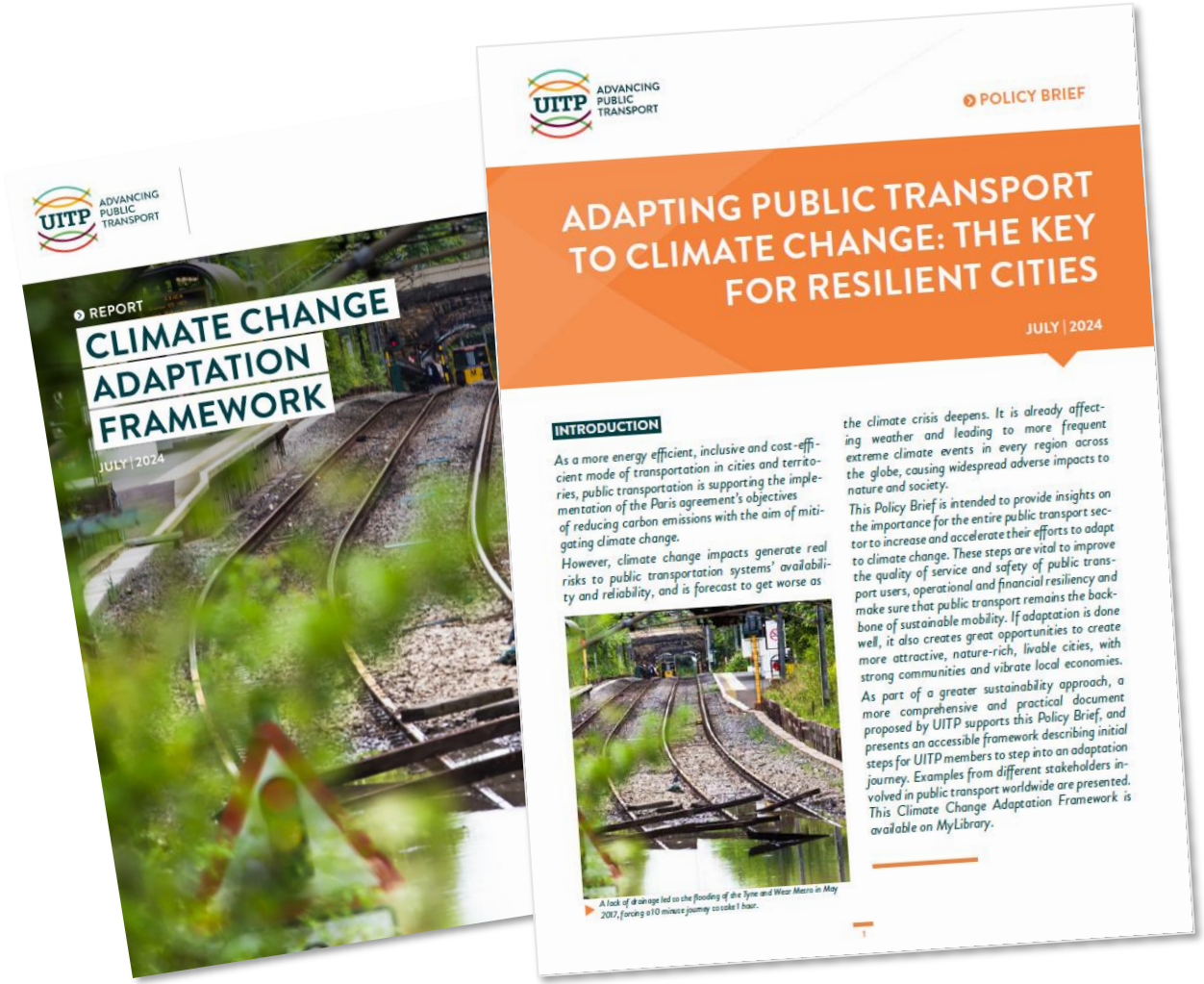
A Climate change adaptation Framework

- To provide guidance to PT organisations
- To provide case studies from PT sector

A Policy Brief

- To identify actions and recommendations to adapt public transport sector and improve resilience
- To raise awareness on climate adaptation and profile of the issue

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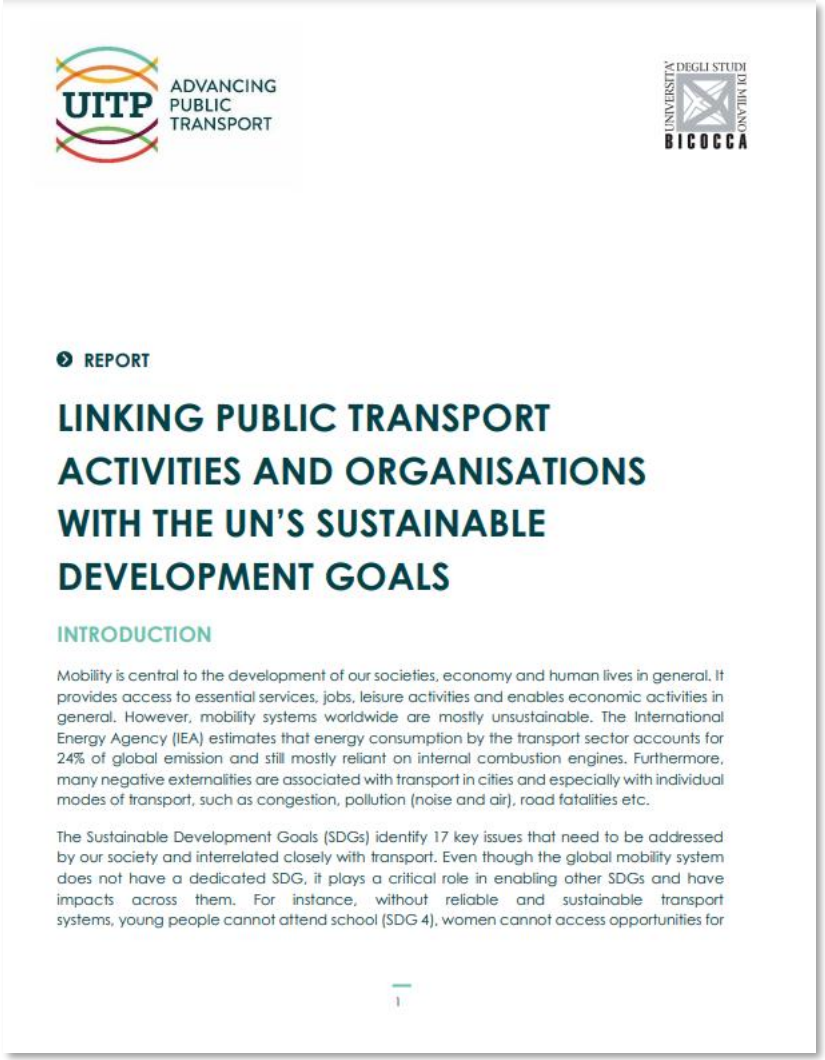


Public transport & SDGs

[Linking public transport activities and organisations with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals]

Aim: provide examples of contribution of PT to SDGs and raise awareness on how SDGs can be harnessed to support organisation's strategic objectives

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REPORT

LINKING PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS WITH THE UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

INTRODUCTION

Mobility is central to the development of our societies, economy and human lives in general. It provides access to essential services, jobs, leisure activities and enables economic activities in general. However, mobility systems worldwide are mostly unsustainable. The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that energy consumption by the transport sector accounts for 24% of global emission and still mostly reliant on internal combustion engines. Furthermore, many negative externalities are associated with transport in cities and especially with individual modes of transport, such as congestion, pollution (noise and air), road fatalities etc.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identify 17 key issues that need to be addressed by our society and interrelated closely with transport. Even though the global mobility system does not have a dedicated SDG, it plays a critical role in enabling other SDGs and have impacts across them. For instance, without reliable and sustainable transport systems, young people cannot attend school (SDG 4), women cannot access opportunities for

Latest deliverables

Latest deliverables of the Sustainable Development Committee (SDC):

- Report: Linking public transport activities and organisations with the UN's sustainable goals
- Policy Brief: Adapting public transport to climate change: the key to resilient cities, 2024
- Report: UITP Climate Change Adaptation Framework, 2024
- Action Points: How should the public transport sector transition to renewable energy, 2023
- Report: The road to sustainability. Transition to renewable energy in public transport, 2023
- UITP Sustainable Development Survey 2022 Results, 2022
- Policy brief: A smooth ride to renewable energy: 7 actions for public transport to address emissions and air pollution by advancing renewables 2021 (with REN21)
- Report - UITP Declaration on climate leadership: update on implementation 2020
- Report: Promoting safe and sustainable cities with public transport for the SDGs, 2020
- Report: Safe and accessible public transport for all: making SDGs 11.2 a reality, 2019
- Report: Mobility and the SDGS: A safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport system for all, 2019