



# TRANSPORT

## Joint Action Statement

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## **Action Statement**

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP); The International Union of Railways (UIC); and The United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN-Habitat), joined by a range of partners, are responding to the invitation of Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to deliver ambitious action to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions from land transport. Taken together these actions, for delivery at the UN 2014 Climate Summit will result in persons and companies opting for low carbon transport options and scale up the introduction of proven low carbon transport technologies.

Transport contributed about one quarter of energy-related global GHG emissions and about one fifth of energy use in 2009, under a 'Business as Usual' scenario, energy use and GHG emissions are projected to rise by nearly 50% by 2030 and by more than 80% by 2050 (from 2009).

The proposed actions on transport, outlined in this Joint Statement by Governments, transport companies and associations, other private sector players and civil society organizations to scale up public transport and make it the number one choice for travel, greater use of more efficient rail and public transport and an accelerated introduction of urban electric transport will reduce the carbon footprint of at least half of all the passenger and freight trips made by 2025. These actions will leverage wider action on low carbon transport, both within the scope of the UN 2014 Climate Summit and outside, and these actions can result in savings of \$70 trillion by 2050 as less money would need to be invested in vehicles, fuel and transport infrastructure. The actions proposed will also directly contribute to economic and social development.

Progress in the delivery of actions will be supported by a robust system of monitoring and verification. UITP, UIC and UN-Habitat commit to regular reporting on the commitments under the Transport Action Area in collaboration with the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport.

### **The Urban Electric Mobility Vehicles Initiative (UEMI):**

- Increase the market share of electric vehicles in cities to least 30%, of all new vehicles (incl. cars and motorized 2-3 wheelers) sold on annual basis by 2030 while simultaneously developing the enabling infrastructure for their effective use;
- Through increased use of electric mobility for passenger transport (both private and public) as well as freight transport combined with measures to reduce the need for individualized motorized transport and increased use of public and non-motorized transport achieve a 30% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in urban areas by 2030.

UN-Habitat is the United Nations programme working towards a better urban future. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all. <http://www.unhabitat.org>

### **The International Railway Association (UIC) Low-Carbon Sustainable Rail Transport Challenge:**

- 50% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from train operations by 2030, and 75% reduction by 2050 (specific average CO<sub>2</sub> relative to a 1990 baseline – ie. reduction of emissions per

passenger/km + tonne/km)

- 50% reduction in energy consumption from train operations by 2030, and 60% reduction by 2050 (specific final energy relative to a 1990 baseline)
- 50% increase in rail's share of passenger transportation by 2030 and doubling by 2050 (2010 baseline)
- rail freight activity equal to that of road by 2030, and exceeding road freight volumes 50% by 2050

UIC, the international railway association founded in 1922, counts over 240 members across 6 continents (railway companies, infrastructure managers, rail-related transport operators). <http://www.uic.org>

**The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) Declaration on Climate Leadership:**

- UITP confirms public transport's leadership in climate action and brings around 350 commitments and actions from 110 public transport undertakings.
- Actions aimed at giving a greater role to public transport in mobility help decrease the regions carbon footprint. For example every additional tonne due to more public transport in New York and Rio, delivers a reduction of up to 7 tonnes of wider CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Actions will also help organisations meet their emissions reduction targets, such as London's public transport stretch target to cut emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> per passenger km by 40% by 2025 and Montreal's GHG emissions intensity (g CO<sub>2</sub>e/passenger-km) reduction targets by 20% by 2020
- These actions will also support UITP's goal to double the market share of public transport by 2025, which would prevent half a billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent in 2025.

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) represents 1,300 public transport organisations, from both public and private sectors, in 92 countries. <http://www.uitp.org>

We will partner with the world's eight largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) who made a joint and voluntary Commitment to Sustainable Transport at the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and who express support for our actions and confirm their willingness to consider providing lending and non-lending support for such activities, if requested by their developing member countries.