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SuM4All launches the Global Roadmap of Action Toward Sustainable Mobility to guide the future of mobility

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2019 — The Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative launched today the *Global Roadmap* of Action toward Sustainable Mobility (GRA), a tool to guide country decision-makers on "how to" achieve mobility that is efficient, accessible, safe and green. The event brought together global leaders in the sector to discuss country and city actions for achieving greener, safer, more efficient, and equitable mobility. The GRA follows the 2017 launch of Global Mobility Report, the first-ever global assessment of the transport sector across all modes.

With growing urbanisation, increasing world trade and new technologies, the global mobility system is stressed. More than one billion people, or one-third of the global rural population, lacks access to all-weather roads and transport services—a major barrier to social and economic advancement (GMR, 2017). The GRA will help tackle this urgency by taking a holistic approach of sustainability and offering concrete policy solutions countries can adapt and adopt to achieve sustainable mobility. As a tool, the GRA helps countries identify gaps, crucial steps, and appropriate policies to ensure that transport contributes to attain the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and improve the sustainability of their transport system.

According to the GRA, globally, **one billion more people would be connected to education, health and jobs** if we close the transport access gap in rural areas; improvements in border administration, transport and communication infrastructure **could increase global GDP by up to US\$2.6 trillion**; and **an additional 1.6 billion people would breathe cleaner air** if transport pollution was halved.

"Alongside our global membership, UITP actively works on advancing public transport to help make our cities more sustainable. The Global Roadmap of Action Toward Sustainable Mobility is an ambitious and impressive effort to identify the most relevant and impactful policy measures to advance the sector and decarbonise transport. UITP was proud to co-lead the urban access pillar of the GRA and we're pleased to join other players in accelerating progress. Lasting change can only be achieved through collaboration and we invite all actors to join this effort," said Mohamed Mezghani, Secretary General of UITP. The GRA report is the outcome of more than 18 months of work by 55 influential organizations, 180 experts, and consultations with 50 public decision makers and 25 private corporations. SuM4All is an umbrella platform supported by 55 public and private organizations with a shared ambition to transform the future of mobility.

For more information, please visit: <u>http://www.sum4all.org/GRA</u> and <u>http://www.sum4all.org/online-tool</u>

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(UITP) The International Association of Public Transport works to enhance quality of life and economic wellbeing 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 1700 members in almost 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.