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DEFINING THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY: AS THE UITP MENA TRANSPORT CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION SHINES



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Our cities are being redefined in a constantly developing world:
and Dubai is a city where innovation shines.

What will the role of **public transport be in our cities** moving forward? And what's next for urban mobility?

The [UITP MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition](#) (Dubai, 6-8 February 2022) set out to find those answers with **a hugely successful edition**, held as **a full in-person event**.

Jointly organised and hosted by UITP and [the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority \(RTA\)](#), as **the leading urban mobility gathering in the region**, the event is a vital component within **the conversation on the future of public transport**.

Across the three days, **the World Trade Centre Dubai was full of energy** as delegates and attendees understood the task ahead: **working together to build a brighter future for public transport**.

A full in-person event...in numbers and statistics

1000 participants from 48 countries	73 speakers from 19 countries
60 students from 21 universities	40 exhibitors from 19 countries
8 Themed sessions	5 Ministers 5 Main Sessions
3 Awards Ceremonies	3 Technical Visits

Our three-day event was full of inspiring activity and interesting engagement, beginning with our Opening Ceremony featuring **UITP President Khalid ALHOGAIL, UITP MENA Chairman, Member of the Board of Executive Directors at RTA Dubai Mohammad Obaid Al Mulla, keynote speaker Sustainable Adventurer Wiebe Wakker** and the **UITP Awards** ceremony.

With the event underway, the Exhibition was **officially inaugurated Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Chairman of the Dubai Council for Media.

"The MENA region is experiencing a paradigm shift towards more and better sustainable mobility. With impressive investments in public transport infrastructure, the region is leading the way. The MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition was a great success, and the perfect occasion to show what the future of our sector can look like if we all work together to achieve it."

Khalid ALHOGAIL
UITP President

Building the Future of Mobility...together in Dubai

Our Conference began with **eight themed sessions and five main sessions**, featuring **Cities of Tomorrow, Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS), AI and Big Data, Safety and Security** and more, led by more than **70 expert speakers** from almost **20 countries**.

The future was the topic of the roundtable discussion during our Closing Ceremony: **Women Leaders in public transport**.

Moderated by our Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani*, **Sahar Aloul, Roslyn Zobel, Muna Al Osaimi, Dr Saeeda Jaffar** and **Lieutenant Khadija Al Hammadi** spoke about paving the way in our sector and the hope they feel for **making public transport better for women as workers and passengers**.

The event was **also a huge success in the international media...**

In the words of our great keynote speaker Wiebe Wakker: **"Taking the plane changes your day, taking the train changes your life!"**

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UITP is internationally recognised for its work to advance the development of this critical policy agenda. With more than **1800 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 the [newsroom](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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