

PRESS RELEASE

A NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINS: MOHAMED MEZGHANI REAPPOINTED AS UITP SECRETARY GENERAL



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Secretary General's mandate is renewed by UITP Executive Board

UITP is pleased to announce that Mohamed Mezghani has been reappointed as the association's Secretary General to begin a new five-year term in January 2023.

The UITP Executive Board confirmed the reappointment during their meeting in May 2022, for the new term beginning this month.

Mohamed has been the Secretary General of UITP since 2018, when he began his first term in January of that year.

With a 30-year career in public transport, Mohamed has held a variety of positions within the association, serving as Deputy Secretary General before being selected to lead the Secretariat.

During the past five years, UITP has developed into a stronger and more sustainable association under Mohamed's leadership, with an impressive number of achievements realised.

“I’m proud of the accomplishments of the association in the past five years, which would not have been possible without the excellent collaborations between our diligent staff and engaged members. In my coming mandate, I will aim to enhance the membership experience, ensure staff wellbeing, and make the association more resilient while continuing to advocate for public transport and sustainable mobility.”

MOHAMED MEZGHANI
UITP Secretary General*

As Secretary General, Mohamed has made it a priority to widen the scope of public transport beyond mass transport.

His vision was to embrace on-demand and shared mobility solutions, to offer door-to-door transport to the end consumer. This has been well appreciated and adopted by the sector.

With a focus on showing the importance of people versus technology and engineering solutions, Mohamed has elevated the conversation on the role of passengers and employees as crucial to the future of public transport. The implementation of Mohamed's vision is one of the many significant achievements UITP has accomplished – including a new all-time high for the association's global membership, strengthening UITP's advocacy messages on behalf of the sector, and being involved in more third party funded projects than ever before.

Throughout the past five years, Mohamed's presence in the international media and on the global events stage has seen UITP become a more visible and recognisable association.

With thousands of appearances in the global press, alongside as many speaking opportunities around the world, Mohamed has advocated for our members and the public transport sector on a daily basis.

“I’m pleased that Mohamed has been re-appointed as Secretary General of UITP for the coming five years. The past mandate has proven that under his leadership, UITP is in good hands. I’m hopeful that the association will continue to reinforce itself as the international association for all urban transport related matters – growing its global membership and reach in the process.”

KHALID ALHOGAIL
UITP President

A snapshot of achievements...from Mohamed's tenure as Secretary General

People First Strategy:

UITP's new strategy does exactly what it promises: puts people first. [See more on this ambitious new strategy here.](#)

COVID-19 Response:

Throughout the pandemic, UITP was steadfast in its approach to showing how essential public transport is to our cities. With critical knowledge sharing, UITP played an important role in ensuring that the sector was as prepared as possible and [recognised public transport workers as the Guardians of Mobility.](#)

Gender Balance:

Under Mohamed's leadership, UITP has focused on bringing a better gender balance to our

activities and organisation, including on UITP's Boards. [Discover our focus on Women in Leadership here!](#)

New products launched:

Peer reviews, webinars, digital events – UITP continues to adapt to the changing circumstances and ensures stakeholders can benefit from the improved offerings.

Growing the UITP Academy:

Delivering a wide range of training programmes for all public transport and urban mobility stakeholders worldwide, the Academy recently won the prestigious award for Best *Association Training Initiative* from the EU association awards.

Internal developments:

UITP has been working hard behind the scenes to professionalise its internal structure and modernise its digital tools. A twenty-first century association for a twenty-first century world.

UITP Summit 2019:

Our [Global Public Transport in Stockholm, Sweden in 2019](#) was the most successful Summit in UITP's history, with record registrations, finance results, media coverage and exhibitor numbers.

Sustainable Finance Model for UITP:

Balanced books, for a future-proofed association: Making UITP stronger for generations to come.

With multiple activities and events already planned for the coming years under Mohamed's leadership, UITP is working hard to advance public transport alongside our international membership.

The [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#) will take place in Barcelona, 4-7 June 2023, with the world of urban mobility coming together to share ideas for the future of our sector.

UITP and public transport have many positive times ahead...
we wish our Secretary General another successful five years.

FOR EDITORS

**Acting on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani SARL*

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