

PRESS RELEASE

Beginning her term following the UITP Global Summit: UITP welcomes Renée Amilcar as our new President



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It's a special moment for UITP when a new President is voted into office...

Every two years, the candidate(s) for UITP President put themselves forward to face a vote at our association's General Assembly.

During their tenure, they advocate for public transport through a wide range of activities and opportunities, working alongside the Executive Board, the Secretariat and our global membership, every step of the way.

The role of President requires leadership, experience, and an ability to listen and learn.

And this year, during the [2023 UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#) (Barcelona, 4-7 June), that honour has fallen to **Renée Amilcar**, General Manager of OC TRANSPO in Ottawa, Canada, who has officially been voted into office as UITP's first female President in the association's 138-year history.

As General Manager of OC TRANSPO from 2021, Renée has 20 years of experience across public transport, and is a respected figure among our membership.

Introducing Renée Amilcar, as our first female President

Beginning her career in Montreal, spending almost two decades with the Societe de Transport de Montreal, in a variety of leadership positions, Renée made the move to Ottawa to lead the city's public transit endeavours.

Educated at the Polytechnique Montreal and the University of Sherbrooke, Renée was awarded the Leadership Femme d'exception from the Quebec Chambre of Commerce in 2018.

An active Executive Board member of UITP since 2019 representing the bus industry, Renée has also been the Chair of the UITP Bus Assembly, sharing her extensive knowledge of the sector with our members.

"I am delighted to have been chosen as the next President of UITP. I have always valued my connection to the association, and I take on this new role with excitement, enthusiasm, and a desire to help advance UITP in any way that I can. I will do my very best to represent the association with merit, and to engage with as many of the international membership as possible. I thank the Executive Board for putting their trust in me, and I cannot wait to get started!"

Renée Amilcar
UITP President

An active two-year term awaits the new President, as UITP works towards implementing our strategy to bring our first Annual Summit to Hamburg in 2025.

As the first female President of UITP, Renée holds the topics of diversity and inclusion and a better gender balance within the sector close to her heart.

She will work alongside our staff and members to shine a further spotlight on what needs to be done to bring more women into public transport as valued workers across all levels.

The new President played an active role in our 2023 output for International Women's Day (8 March) and will be working closely with UITP to further that message through our overarching focus on Women in Leadership.

"It is always a special moment for UITP and our global membership when a new President is voted into office. In Renée, our association has a passionate advocate of public transport, who will listen to their viewpoints and help to advance UITP well into the future. As Renée begins her tenure following our Global Summit, I wish her well in her new role, and I look forward to working closely with her across the next two years and beyond."

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General

Renée and OC TRANSPO will be familiar faces to our international audience due to the huge success of our record-breaking series "The Way We Move", produced for UITP by BBC StoryWorks.

The story of Daniel has touched the hearts of millions of our viewers in which he speaks about his daily journeys across Ottawa with OC TRANSPO and the role public transit played in helping him to rebuild his life, by allowing better ease of access for those with disabilities.

And now UITP is delighted to welcome Renée Amilcar to her new role as President, where we know that she will lead our association to many more successes along the way!

Changes in the Presidency, with a handover between leaders...

With the inauguration of a new President, comes the departure of the current one – a man who has travelled extensively for UITP, representing our association, and leading our delegations with esteem.

For the past two years, that honour has fallen to Khalid ALHOGAIL, CEO and Managing Director of SAPTCO, the Saudi Arabia Public Transport Company.

The President's tenure officially came to an end when the UITP Global Public Transport Summit concluded on 7 June 2023, allowing the Amilcar era to begin on 8 June.

A passionate advocate of putting our global membership first, the President was true to his word by engaging with, collaborating alongside, and meeting our members at every opportunity.

But the President has not just spent his time engaging with our members – he has been at the forefront of many high-level events and meetings on the international stage.

A long-time UITP member himself, Khalid ALHOGAIL travelled, addressed, and represented our association around the world across 24 months.

Thank you to President ALHOGAIL for his time, his tenure, and two years of action and activity!

A new era begins, for our international association...

With the election of our new President, a significant role within the structure of our association established in 1885, a new era begins.

The new President will work closely with the UITP Secretariat, led by our Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani, to achieve our vision for the coming years.

Congratulations Madam President!

FOR EDITORS

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