

## PRESS RELEASE

### Putting sustainable wellbeing and mobility on the right track: The MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition 2024 concludes



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### Concluding our MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition 2024... a three-day event with record numbers

In a constantly-developing world where innovation is key, Dubai is a city that shines...

Moving into the future, where redefinition must align with sustainable wellbeing, how will the public transport sector and our international cities develop?

As the largest event of its kind in the region dedicated to urban mobility, **the MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition** (28 Feb-1 Mar, Dubai), brought together the biggest names with the brightest ideas to determine that future.

Jointly organised and hosted by UITP and **the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)**, MTCE 2024 focused on 'sustainable mobility and wellbeing' and reflected public transport's unwavering dedication to creating a greener future for urban mobility through cutting-edge technologies, effective policies, and industry best practices.

Led by UITP President Renée Amilcar, our delegation worked to advance the agenda of our members, with an international Exhibition, global Congress programme and networking opportunities across all three days.

The World Trade Centre Dubai was full of energy as delegates, exhibitors and attendees worked together to build a brighter future for public transport.

*"In a constantly developing world, the MENA region is experiencing a paradigm shift towards more and better sustainable mobility. With impressive investments in public transport infrastructure, Dubai is at the forefront of that success across the region. The public transport sector knows the importance of creating a sustainable future, and it was my pleasure to lead the UITP delegation to determine a future we can achieve together."*

**Renée Amilcar**  
**UITP President**

### **The MENA Congress and Exhibition...By the Numbers**

Our three-day event began with our Opening Ceremony featuring UITP President Renee Amilcar, UITP Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani, UITP MENA Chairman, Member of the Board of Executive Directors at RTA Mohammad Obaid Al Mulla, and a brilliant speech on 'senseable mobility' from **our keynote speaker Professor Carlo Ratti**.

With the event underway, officially under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, it was inaugurated by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Featuring eight themed sessions and five main sessions, with key topics such as decarbonising mobility and innovation and wellbeing, a special plenary session on growing the image of public transport was moderated by UITP President Renee Amilcar featuring panellists Rumaih AL-Rumaih Vice Minister of Transport and Logistic Services of Saudi Arabia and Senator Anjes Tjarks Minister for Transport and Mobility Transition of Hamburg.

UITP Secretary General Mohamed Mezghani also led the discussion on shaping the future of urban planning in our cities with a brilliant panel featuring Muna Al Osaimi of RTA, Hanan Sami Alhashmi of Dubai Municipality, Riyadh Mohammad Al Kharabsheh of GAM Amman, and Adam Giambrone of HDR Inc.

### **A focus on the future...together in Dubai**

The 2024 edition also saw many other special moments in Dubai, such as the importance of the MENA region within the UITP landscape, with a special ceremony held to welcome new local members to our association as we work towards the UITP Summit in Dubai.

A huge thank you to our event sponsors and partners for their brilliant support and thanks to everyone who exhibited, presented, attended, and contributed to making the 2024 edition a great success!

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