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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SECTOR DEMONSTRATES WILL TO ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT NEW YORK SUMMIT

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The public transport sector demonstrated in front of international governments yesterday (23 September), at the UN Climate Summit in New York, that it has both the will and the means to act on climate change.

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) presented its initiative to double the market share of public transport worldwide by 2025. Meeting the doubling objective would spare the emission of **550 million tonnes of CO₂** equivalent and support of the objectives of international climate negotiations, in developed and developing countries, despite the overall rise in trips made in urban areas.

Due to urbanisation (54% of the world's population now lives in cities) and economic growth, transport is expected to be *the* major driving force behind a growing world demand for energy, with energy use and greenhouse gas emissions predicted to rise by nearly **50% by 2030** in a 'business as usual' scenario.

UITP also presented pledges, commitments and actions from over 110 of its members to reduce emissions in public transport to the UN yesterday as part of a wider initiative from governments, transport companies and associations, private sector players and civil society organisations to **expand public transport**, provide **more efficient rail transport** and accelerate **the introduction of urban electric transport**.

"The future of cities around the world looks bleak if we do not start taking action on climate change," said **Alain Flausch**, UITP Secretary General. "It's not an impossible task and civil society and the public transport sector are ready to help governments meet the Kyoto objectives on the ground".

To view the joint transport sector press release, press kit and other related documents please visit: <http://www.slocat.net/media>

NOTE TO EDITORS

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,300 member companies giving access to 14,000 contacts from 92 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website www.uitp.org. Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpressoffice](https://twitter.com/UITPpressoffice)



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