



UITP Charter on Sustainable Development

The UITP, the International Association of Public Transport, and its members are committed to sustainable development. This Charter acknowledges the work UITP members have already done and its signatories commit to ensure that the three principles of sustainable development, social, economic and environmental, are embedded into their activities and the development of the public transport sector remains sustainable in terms of its social, economic and environmental impact.

UITP members may sign the full Charter or the Pledge.

Full Charter Members

Members signing the full charter have already recognised this commitment by their actions and have a policy for the furthering of the introduction of sustainable practices into their businesses.

Full charter members have fulfilled the following actions:

- The social, environmental and economic principles of sustainability are recognised as a strategic objective in their organisation as set out in the UITP Charter Guidelines;
- A system is in place for regular reporting, internal and/or external, on the implementation of sustainable development principles within the organisation and its activities.

Pledge Members

All those who sign the pledge agree to achieve, and be able to report on, the above actions between UITP's World Congresses in Madrid (May 2003) and Rome (May 2005) when they can become Charter Members.

Associations who sign either the charter or pledge, commit to equivalent but different criteria, as set out in the guidelines.

UITP and Charter Members Commit to:-

- 1) Foster leadership on sustainable development through dialogue and exchange of best practises with all stakeholders.
- 2) Influence international and Government policy to develop a responsible balance between social, environmental and business¹ considerations.
- 3) Facilitate training and mentoring through activities and forums focused on sustainable development practices.
- 4) Adhere to a process of regular reporting on sustainable development practices.

UITP will:-

- Promote and develop a framework to help member organisations include sustainable development considerations in corporate decision-making at all appropriate levels;
- Provide appropriate training and awareness on sustainable development and
- Produce a representative sectorial report on sustainable development reporting for international distribution.

¹ *Business considerations do not necessarily mean activities for commercial profit, but efficient, ethical and economically sound business practices.*