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The International Union of Railways UIC will highlight rail as a part of the solution to climate change at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP22 in Marrakesh:

After the unprecedented commitment of a large number of Railways last year at the occasion of COP21, the signature of Railway Climate Responsibility Pledge by 70 UIC Members representing the majority of railway activity, and the Paris agreement recently coming into force, several events in Marrakesh will allow UIC to continue to highlight rail as a resilient, low carbon, energy efficient transport mode and also to demonstrate how investing in rail is essential part of the solution to climate change.

(Paris, 10 November 2016) After the successful worldwide campaign “Train to Paris” coordinated last year on behalf of the rail sector by the International Union of Railways UIC at the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP21 in Paris, the worldwide association representing 200 railway companies across the 5 continents, will continue to advocate for the benefits of rail transport in Marrakesh, at the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP22).

As illustrated in the recent [joint publication by UIC and the International Energy Agency](#), rail sector energy efficiency (per TU) has improved by 37% since 1990 and carbon emissions (per TU) by 30% over the same period. In the frame of the Global Climate Action Agenda, UIC is committed to further improving energy efficiency, reducing carbon emissions and developing cost effective adaptation to the future climate in order to ensure resilient and reliable services. These aims are closely aligned with the priorities identified by the Moroccan government Presidency of COP22. The UIC initiative is cited as best practice in the United Nations [policy briefing](#) issued to national governments in preparation for COP22.

During COP22 UIC will participate at seven events – focused on both climate change mitigation and adaptation - in order to demonstrate that the rail sector is a resilient and emissions efficient transport mode. Those events will showcase how developing rail services can help to deliver greater ambition for the nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Together with leading institutions or partners, such as the International Transport Forum (ITF) of OECD, the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), or the Moroccan and French Railways national ONCF and SNCF, UIC Director General Jean-Pierre LOUBINOUX and UIC representatives attending COP22 will participate to the following events:

9 November:

- **Transport Adaptation to climate change in Africa** – Green zone sale 6

11 November:

- **A Transport CEO Round Table on Climate Change – PPMC** (Blue Zone, Africa Pavilion (Pav. 5-58)

- **A UIC/UITP event** « Linking Global Initiatives to Concrete Actions on the Ground for Low Carbon Rail and Public Transport » (Green zone – Innovation & Civil Society - Ocean, Transport, Energy, 09h-10h30–Room 7)

- **A ITF/UITP/UIC event** « Charting Pathways to Decarbonise Transport » (Blue zone, 13h15–14h45, Observer Room Bering (150): you can watch it in live here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-m2oy1bnLzocWRks4MGBmGKdcf8Nxuns>

12 November:

- **A debate in the Climate Train in Marrakesh train station** - organized by SNCF/ONCF: « Major railway projects at the service of climate and sustainable development » 8h30-10h a.m

- **A Transport Showcase of COP** in the blue zone – mandated by the COP 22 Champion (in the context of Global Climate Action Agenda <http://gcacop22events.com/>)

A green zone **side event organized by SNCF** « **Financements Climat et Mobilité Durable** » 7pm to 8.30pm

13 November:

- **Transport Day**: transport adaptation and resilience breakout session

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