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(Bonn/Paris, 9 November 2017) The conference of parties COP23 is taking place from 6 – 17 November in Bonn, Germany. As in previous editions, UIC, the worldwide railway organisation, is actively participating as an accredited organisation by the United Nations. In this context, a partnership Agreement has been signed between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC, UITP, the International Association of Public Transport and UIC, in order to provide a framework for collaboration to raise awareness on the role of sustainable public transport in support for the UN Climate Change Conference.

On 9 November, UIC will participate in the Global Centre of Excellence on Climate Adaptation side event from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Bonn zone. Nicholas Craven, Head of the Sustainable Unit will contribute to the high-level panel on measuring adaptation.

On 10 November, UIC will host a side event with Eurelectric (Union of the Electricity Industry) and UITP (International Association of Public Transport) in the Bonn Zone from 4.45pm to 6.15pm: Bright Future: The Value of Electricity for a Decarbonised Economy and Transport Sector. The event will bring together representatives from electricity and sustainable transport sectors, industry, investors and civil society, to engage on value of electrification for sustainable global development. Speakers will present strategic low-carbon electricity projects showing potential of electrification in sustainable transport.

UIC will strongly contribute to the Transport Thematic Day on 11 November in the Bonn Zone from 9am to 16.45pm. Global Climate Action (GCA) Transport Thematic Day will take stock of recent developments and through a combination of plenary and more in-depth sessions on specific topics arrive at recommendations for countries, and other stakeholders that can guide the transport sector in the development of effective actions on transport and climate change. UIC will coordinate sessions
on Sustainable Freight at 11.30 am and Adaptation at 1.45 pm. The full programme can be found here:

On 13 November, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General of UIC will participate in the High-Level Event Global Climate Action Agenda in the session: Creating Green and Inclusive Transport for Liveable and Resilient Cities. This event will focus on sustainable transport development opportunities as envisaged by the sustainable development goal 11.2. The whole High-Level event will show how the engagement of Human Settlements stakeholders has shifted into an implementation phase since the adoption of the Paris Agreement (PA) and the Sustainable Development Goal on Cities and Human Settlements (SDG11). The different sessions will highlight efforts to mainstream activities into a one action agenda. Transport plays a significant role in shaping cities and as the urgency to develop liveable and resilient cities grows, it is increasingly important to implement green and inclusive transport measures.

JPL will participate from 18:00 – 19:00 in the Live Streamed Daily Talk Show on Transport and Climate Change by Paris Process on Mobility and climate (PPMC), at the DHL Post Tower in Bonn. JPL will report, among other things, on the Transport Thematic Day planned on 11 November.

Last week, a UIC delegation was invited to board the “Train to Bonn” dedicated train, coordinated by Deutsch Bahn on 4 November 2017. UIC was represented by a small delegation including its Director General, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux. The event welcomed on board politicians such as Dr Barbara Hendricks, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety as well as DB employees, non-profit organisations and representatives of the private sector as well as international organisations like UIC. The “Train to Bonn” was organised with different coaches with a specific conference area in the centre. Throughout the day speakers from different countries took the floor in front of an active audience.

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