UIC, the worldwide railway association organises the 1st African Railway Digital Summit

Towards an up-to-date strategic path to Digitalisation of Railways in Africa

(Paris, 14 February 2019) UIC, the worldwide railway organisation, and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, with the support of the AU, African Union, have the great pleasure to invite you to participate in the First African Rail Digital Summit, themed “the Continent of the Digital Future for Rail”, which will take place from 25 – 27 February 2019.

The venue of this event is the Cape Town Marriott Hotel Crystal Towers, Cape Town, South Africa. For the first time the conference will provide unique opportunities to develop and enhance synergies between politicians, railways, economists, the supply industry and African digital ecosystems (African start-ups and universities) and therefore to support the development of rail on the African continent thanks to digital developments.

The conference will give the floor to the most important and key speakers. The programme is available at: https://bit.ly/2UY9v3t. High-level politicians and economists, academics and manufacturers will deliver their vision on African Digital Rail. The Summit will alternate between plenary sessions and workshops.

One of the expected deliverables is an up-to-date strategic path to African Digitalisation for Rail.

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, UIC Director General, said: “UIC’s philosophy is Share, Open, Connect. This applies to the revolution brought about by digital technologies to the rail system as a whole – whether for aspects of productivity through management of capacity, assets, safety and security, or services.

The contribution of new technology should also be made in a new frame of mind, and the contribution of new generations as well as the opening of a digital eco-system are essential to shape thinking and therefore forge the railways of the future. UIC has opened up this dimension through its network of universities, its closer relations with incubators and start-ups – all creative think-tanks.

The Cape Town Conference is also focused on Africa, whose younger generations are the future of the systems which will being impetus to its infrastructure and services at international level, so greatly needed across the continent.”

UIC, together with the African Union and NEPAD are looking forward to welcoming you to Cape Town.

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