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SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY FOR A SUSTAINABLE AFRICA: THE ROLE OF RAIL IN AN AFRICAN GREEN DEAL

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6 UIC focus areas for global cooperation serving the entire railway community

- Sustainability
- Safety & Security
- Freight/Intercontinental corridors
- Railway Signalling & Control Command
- Standardisation UIC leaflets, IRSs
- Research & Expertise Development
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Chairman UIC Africa, UIC Vice-Chairman
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FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY
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Sustainable Urbanization and Rail transport in Africa

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OUTLINE

• Urbanization in African cities (Trends, opportunities and challenges)
• Railway Development Potential and Challenges
• Transition towards sustainable urbanization and mobility
• Reflections
Introduction

• The achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa is critically dependent on better transport, both within cities and also between cities and countries.

• The way cities in Africa plan and manage their growth, ensuring mobility and accessibility for people and the movement of goods will determine their prospects of growth and prosperity.
Opportunities for Sustainable Urbanization

Nearly 90 per cent of the urban population increase will be in Africa and Asia, the fastest urbanizing global regions.

Most cities in developing Africa and Asia are still to be built, and the World Economic Forum projects two-thirds of the investments in urban infrastructure in Africa needed by 2050 have yet to be made.
Reality: Car-Based Transit Corridors in many African Cities

- Low density, urban sprawl
- **Car-based** transit corridors contributing to congestion, emissions, pollution, accidents
- **No Integration** between mobility systems
- Land use systems have not been able to provide access through **proximity**
- Access is mostly dependent on **movement**
Integration of regional connections with urban transport

- Need for integration between regional connections and various modes of transport within cities – including good Public Transport and Non-motorized transport options

- Ensuring a central position of train stations in the city and linking them with key points of interest within the city through good public transport connections

- Ensuring that train stations and surrounding streets don't become areas of traffic congestion

- Ensuring that surrounding streets have adequate street designs

Benefits of rail transport

❖ Highly beneficial for long-distance regional connectivity

❖ High load carrying capacity – reduces road congestion and road wear and tear

❖ Highly energy efficient:
  • Very low friction-related energy loss (steel on steel)
  • Travels in it’s own wind-shade
  • Builds on momentum

❖ Can be fully electrified, either on grid or through batteries/alternative fuel

❖ High initial investment, but low long-term costs

❖ Reduces costs for freight transit
Benefits of rail transport

❖ Potentials for decarbonizing both passenger and freight transport – least amount of emissions per passenger on long distance

❖ Can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the 1.5°C stabilization pathway agreed upon in the Paris Agreement

❖ Ensuring that Public Transport becomes more affordable, convenient, attractive and efficient than personal cars can incentivize a shift towards sustainable mobility
Challenges of rail transport in Africa

- Rail network has not kept pace with the continent’s expansion and the economic development.

WHY?

- Rail has suffered from decades of low direct investment, poor infrastructure management and inefficient train operations.

- Governments and development agencies have attempted some local improvements, yet the revival of African railways has not happened.

- There is real competition from road transport which offers more viable options, connectivity and proximity.
• Concerns of rail transport

❖ Use of different gauge tracks require the use of expensive variable gauge systems

❖ Railroads can represent barriers in the environment and can be disruptive to wildlife - considerations of environmental impacts need to be taken into account and addressed

❖ Due to the large initial investment may not be the most viable option within urban areas of developing countries

❖ Non-comparable gauges cause delays and added costs in freight transit
Lessons on Railway Development

 Majority of the developments are in the North and South Africa with very few investments in the SSA:

 Gautrain, in South Africa the first rapid rail system in the region provides a good example of collaboration between different spheres of governments and with the private sector:

❖ The 80 Km long urban rapid rail system, links Johannesburg, Pretoria, Ekurhuleni and the OR Tambo International Airport
❖ Serves more than 100,000 users every day
❖ System was built using an innovative PPP mechanism, involving a combination of investments from the national and provincial government together with private sector borrowings and equity as well as external financial assistance.
Lessons: What the Gautrain models require......

- Access to capital markets
- Lower cost of borrowing
- Lower processing costs
- Lower risks through diversification
- Incentives to improve creditworthiness
- Transfer of knowledge
COMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DENSIFICATION

- Rapid Transit Coverage in Dar es Salaam

After BRT phase 1
8% of residents near rapid transit

After BRT phases 1-4
33% of residents near rapid transit

BRT can act as a backbone around which to transform and redevelop the city to further increase sustainability and functional effectiveness.
**Integrating urban mobility and planning**

- Well-designed density and mixed uses, ensure adequate proximity of the Factors of Production (FP), thus reducing the need for transport and optimizing the use of land and resources;
- Affordable public transport improves access to jobs, city services and social activities needed for supporting income generation;
- Integrating sustainable transport into feasible urban policies can potentially multiply the benefits of urban interventions;
- Well-designed network of public spaces, including streets for proper connectivity create safe, healthy environments of equity, social participation, and inclusion;
- Better connectivity and urban mobility enhance competitiveness of urban areas;
- Promoting people-friendly infrastructure and technology exchange ensures sustainability of public investments
The 8 Transit Oriented Development principles
• Making the Right Choice: Balancing Passenger Demand, Investment and Speed

Source: GRHS 2013 Planning and Design for Sustainable Urban Mobility (UN-Habitat/Hidalgo)
Towards Sustainable Mobility - BRT Africa Situation

How most traffic engineers see your city

How cities should be designed

- Operational BRT
- Planning

Map of Africa showing cities with BRT systems:
Transitioning to Sustainable Urbanization - BRT systems

- Platform-level Boarding Station
- Off-Board Fare Collection
- Equitable Access
- Level Footpath
- Median-Aligned Busway
- Dedicated BRT Lanes
- Transitioning to Sustainable Urbanization - BRT systems

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For a Better Urban Future
Need to develop new business models for the operation of public transport through consultative processes with the existing industry stakeholders as well as the development of new planning, policy and regulatory frameworks.

Further Work: Incorporate other modes of transport including integration to the railway networks.
Open-ended Questions

- Is there an “African approach” to financing mobility improvements?
- Are the improvements defined in the statutory physical plans/spatial plans?
- What are the economic incentives?
- What do we need to change in the Legislation for land use and mobility?
- What room is there to raise local revenues through land taxation and charging policies e.g. Parking charges, rates and other reforms?
- Is it feasible for African Governments to re-prioritize budget allocation to support sustainable urbanization?
Some Reflections

• Sustainable Urbanization and intercity/interregional connectivity are both essential for Economic Development in Africa

• Rail is key for intercity and regional connectivity but requires sustainable financing

• In the context of African cities, local economy development, social inclusion, environmental responsibility are at the centre of a good transit system

• Link urban growth with land use policies and transport investments to improve access to jobs, schools, recreation and affordable housing around stations

• Capacity building key for multi-modal planning with integration of the different modes. Interventions need to address more than one issue (transit-oriented development)

• Dedicate fuel taxes, parking fees, and other transport revenues toward sustainable transport

• Governments to increase investments to upgrade and modernize public transport, which is dependent largely on informally operated minibuses such as the *matatus* in Kenya to *Tro-Tros* in Ghana and *Dala-Dalas* in Tanzania.

• Strong political mandate and strategic vision
Thank You For Your Attention
Railway as a driver of territorial sustainability: The experience of Bolloré Railways

Eric Melet, The CEO of Bolloré Railways
LONG DISTANCE RAILWAY, DRIVER OF TERRITORIAL SUSTAINABILITY
THE EXPERIENCE OF BOLLORÉ RAILWAYS
THE BOLLORÉ RAILWAYS EXPERIENCE
20 YEARS DRIVING LONG DISTANCE CONNECTIVITY

KEY FIGURES

2,700 km
of tracks

2.6 million
tonnes of freight
transported per year

1 million
passengers transported
per year

3,400
employees
THE BOLLORÉ RAILWAYS EXPERIENCE
Multi-user rail operator - moderate traffic intensity with strong CSR impacts

DRIVE GROWTH & COMPETITIVITY IN LANDLOCKED AREAS
- Manufactured & essential products
- Export commodities
- Support high volume industrial needs
- Intra-regional & interurban mobility
- Strong road competition

SUSTAINABLE RAILWAY ECOSYSTEM IN COUNTRY
- 400 subcontractors: infrastructure & maintenance
  - Promotion of local purchase
  - Inter network synergies
  - Continuous improvement of safety
- Lower CO2 emissions
- Urban decongestion
- Reduction of industrial waste & pollutants
- 40,000 jobs generated by rail activities & 150,000 hours of training
- 50,000 medical visits yearly for family & Staff
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Challenges for railway sector in Africa

- Railways is clearly the best transportation mode for a sustainable Africa
- However high challenges need to be addressed

- National & regional state policies shall better incorporate the industry needs in subsaharian African context
- Combining pragmatic approach of the existing networks with ambitious plans of new networks
- Fostering both Public & Private Financing by considering rail as strategic infrastructure and not a business object only
Better public transport design for a sustainable Africa

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Casablanca Tram way
## Comparison between the three modes

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Station design
Passing lanes at stations

Dar es Salaam
Level boarding
A typical DART station, designed for comfort & efficiency
Station access
Dar es Salaam: At-grade station access
Tabletop Crossings

Casablanca
Permeability
The LRT line in Addis Ababa
Fare collection
Why off-board?

- Convenience for passengers
- Fewer delays
- Reduced revenue leakage
- Automated ridership data for service optimisation
Casablanca off board fare collection.

Source: The view from Fez
Customer information
Costomer information at Addis Ababa LRT station
Real-time information

Casablanca
Integration with walking and cycling facilities.
Wide walkways & cycle tracks
Footpath along the PT corridor
Conclusion

- Matching the **capacity and cost** of the PT projects
- Better station designs, level boarding and shelter
- At grade / tabletop pedestrian crossings,
- Modern off board fare collection system,
- Real time customer information system,
- Proper intersection designs
- Last mile connectivity: Integration with the walking and cycling facilities.
Thank you
Video African Green Deal
UIC Africa

The Africa Sustainability Pledge
Carbon neutrality of African railway by 2050 &
10 initiatives of the African Rail networks
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In what context and why?

- Climate change: new challenges
- Profound transformation of the continent
- Global economy heckled by Covid-19
- The challenge of sustainable mobility

- Contribute to the ecological transition
- Meeting the challenge of the 'green economy'
- Develop responsible transport
- Accelerate the SDGs and aspirations 2063
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A year of consultation

Deep reflections within the framework of the cycle of virtual meetings

A representative college of international and regional partners

5,600 participants engaged to support eco-mobility in line with the SDGs

Unify efforts and multiply initiatives to help accelerate the development of the African rail mode, the benefits of which are multidimensional, reconciling between the economic and the ecological.
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GLOBAL MOTIVATIONS

1. Commitments of COP21 and PA of COP22
2. Limitation of global warming to -2 ° C
3. Transport weight: 23 to 30% of CO2 emissions
4. Basic needs for human development

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. Development in line with Agenda 2063
2. Challenge to achieve the 2030 SDGs
3. Increased need for mobility in view of the potential
4. Infrastructures, an essential lever for take-off

FOR A RAIL REVITALIZATION

1. Vector of economic integration
2. Undeniable assets for the Community
3. Lever for the development of inter-country exchanges
4. Tool for sustainable eco-mobility
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Choices to mitigate climate change

Reduce the ecological footprint with low-carbon activities

Ensure a high level of safety and security on African railway lines

Further improve the efficiency, viability and sustainability of rail transport

Strengthen territorial inclusion, synergy and intermodality

Promote the ecosystem of stakeholders and contribute to the general interest

5 AMBITIONS
For better involvement in UIC engagement:
carbon neutrality of African railways by 2050

- Strengthen territorial integration
- Ensure a high level of safety and security
- Accelerate digital transformation
- Innovating low-carbon solutions
- Valorize recoverable energy
- Develop eco-driving
- Promote the circular economy
- Develop eco-design
- Develop and orchestrate social performance
- Promote inter-network cooperation
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Time for choices for stakeholders

Decisions have to be taken to allow the rail mode to help mitigate climate change

- Rethinking the African rail space
- Accelerate the realization of investment projects
- Allocate part of climate funding to sustainable mobility
- Adopt regulatory and tax incentives

- Promote standardization
- Structure the modal shift
- Promote multi-modality
- Internalize externalities (polluter pays)
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Closing Remarks

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