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THE ROLE OF RAIL IN AN AFRICAN GREEN DEAL

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Agenda



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 - Mohamed Rabie Khlie, Chairman UIC Africa, UIC Vice-Chairman
 - François Davenne, UIC Director General
2. Keynote speech – Atef Marzouk, African Union Commission , Director of Department of Infrastructure and Energy Commission
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 - Sustainable Urbanisation and Rail transport in Africa, Rahab Mundara, Urban Mobility Unit, UN-Habitat
 - Railway as a driver of territorial sustainability:” The experience of Bolloré Railways”, Eric Melet, The CEO of Bolloré Railways
 - The Institute of Transportation and Development Policy, Gashaw Aberra, ITDP
4. Video – The African Railway Green Deal for Sustainable Mobility
5. UIC Africa Regional Office - Hassan Aboulfaraj - presentation of the Africa Sustainability Pledge and Ten initiatives of the African Rail networks for a better involvement in the UIC commitment: carbon neutrality of African railway by 2050
6. Closing remarks, Lucie Anderton, Head of Sustainability, UIC



UIC: 100 years of serving member railways and facilitating international railway cooperation

200

members in
95 countries

3,000

billion
passenger-
kilometres

10,000

billion tonne-
kilometres

1

million
kilometres of
line

7

million rail
personnel

Cooperation
with over

100

institutions

700

UIC leaflets - new
International
Railway Solutions
(IRS)

85

congresses,
conferences,
workshops

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**

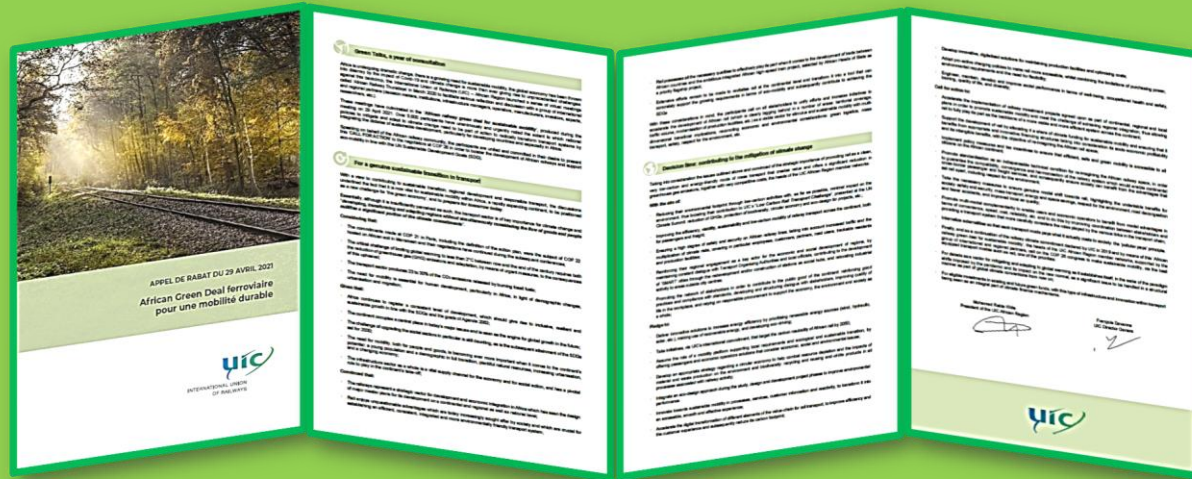




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François Davenne UIC Director General



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Atef Marzouk, AUC, Director AUC-IEC Keynote speech



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The importance of rail and public transport for a sustainable Africa

- **Sustainable Urbanisation and Rail transport in Africa**
Speaker: Rahab Mundara, Urban Mobility Unit, UN-Habitat
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Panel: The importance of rail and public transport for a sustainable Africa



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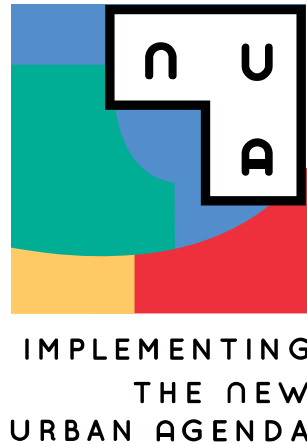


Sustainable Urbanization and Rail transport in Africa

Rahab Mundara
Urban Mobility Unit
UN-Habitat

OUTLINE

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

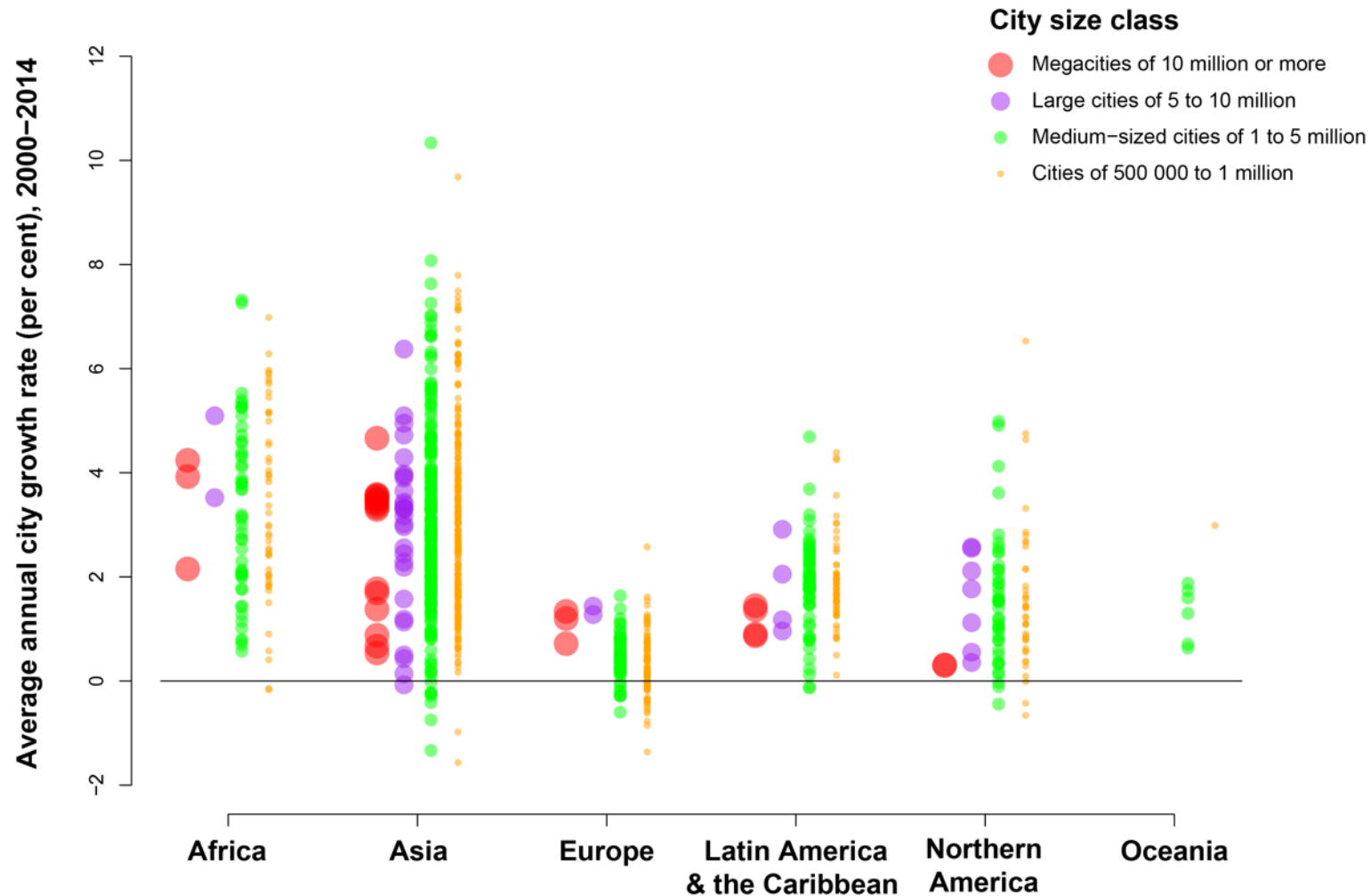


Introduction

- 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



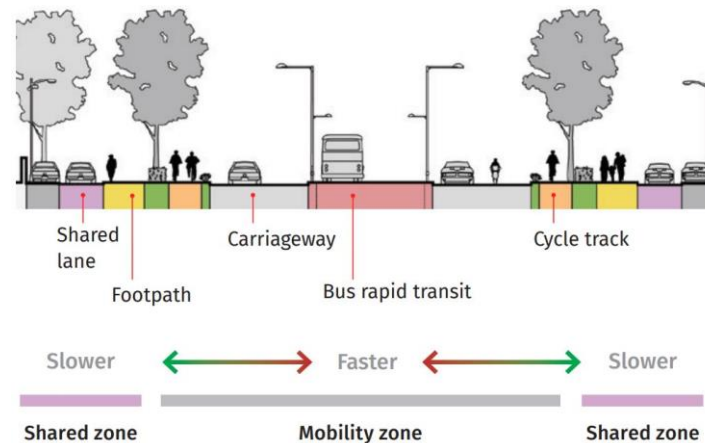
- Low density, urban sprawl
- **Car-based** transit corridors contributing to congestion, emissions, pollution, accidents
- **No Integration** between mobility systems
- Land use systems have not been able to provide access through **proximity**
- Access is mostly dependent on **movement**

• 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



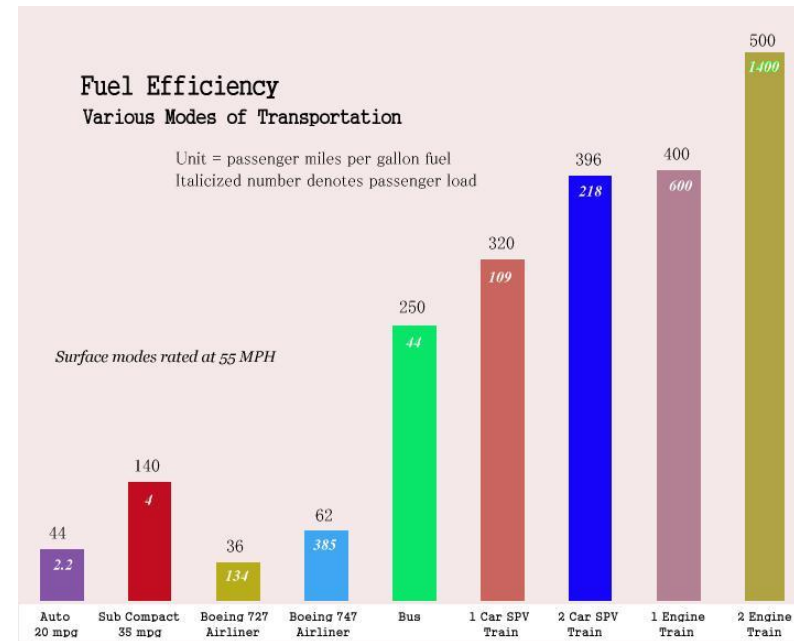
Source: Obermeyer, 2021. Changbaishan urban planning design.



Source: ITDP, 2020

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

UN HABITAT
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

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.



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GRRIN Extensions: Phase 1 to 5



Lessons: What the Gautrain models require.....

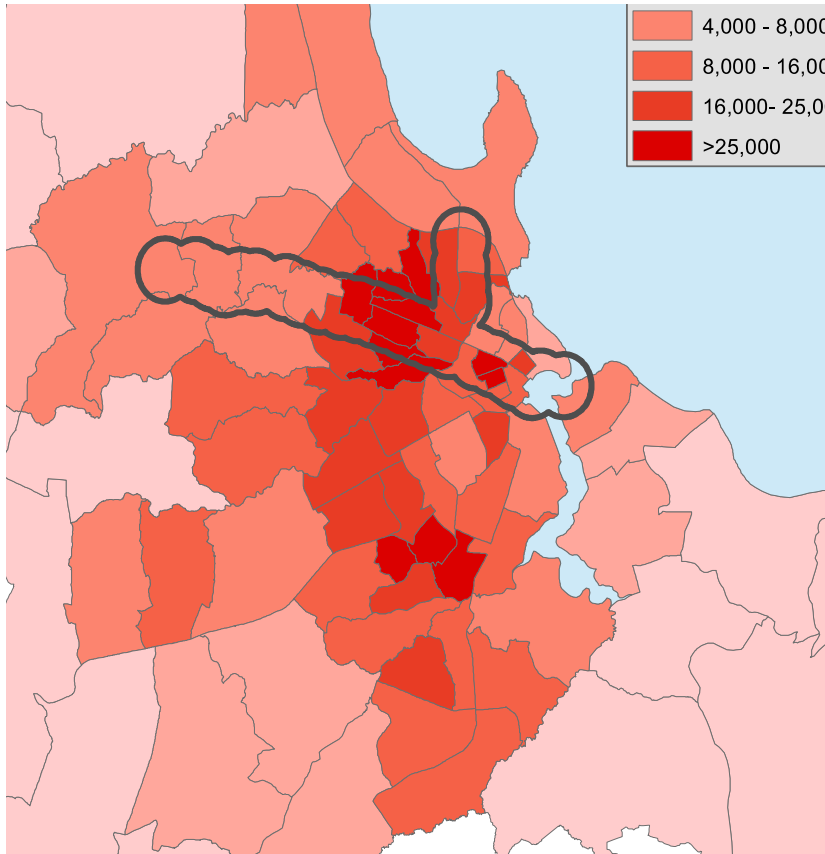


PROPOSED 5 MRTS NETWORK IN NAIROBI

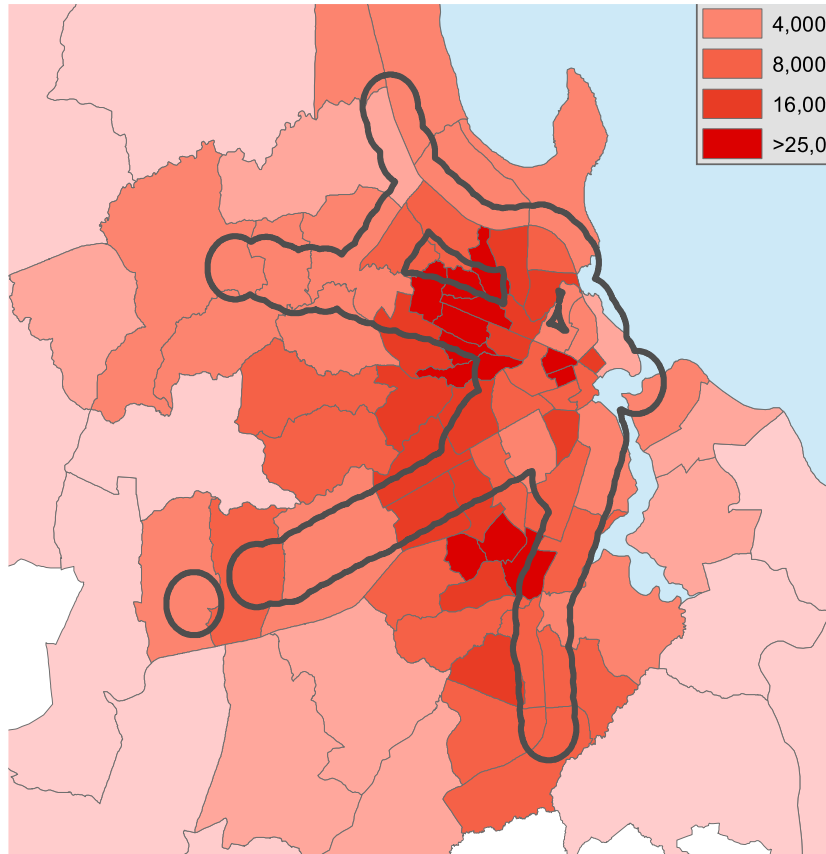
- Access to capital markets
- Lower cost of borrowing
- Lower processing costs
- Lower risks through diversification
- Incentives to improve creditworthiness
- Transfer of knowledge

COMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DENSIFICATION

- Rapid Transit Coverage in Dar es Salaam



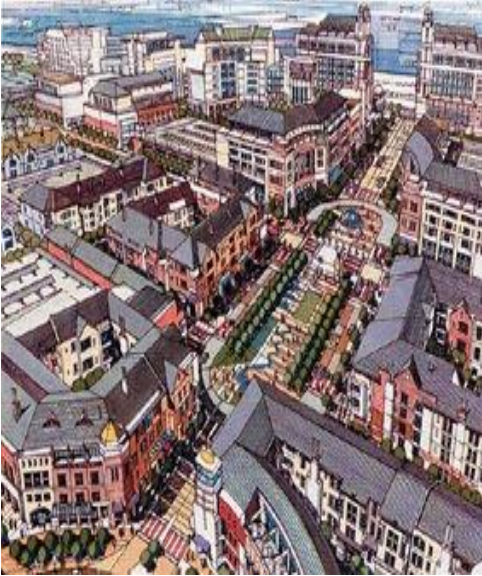
After BRT phase 1
8% of residents near rapid transit



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

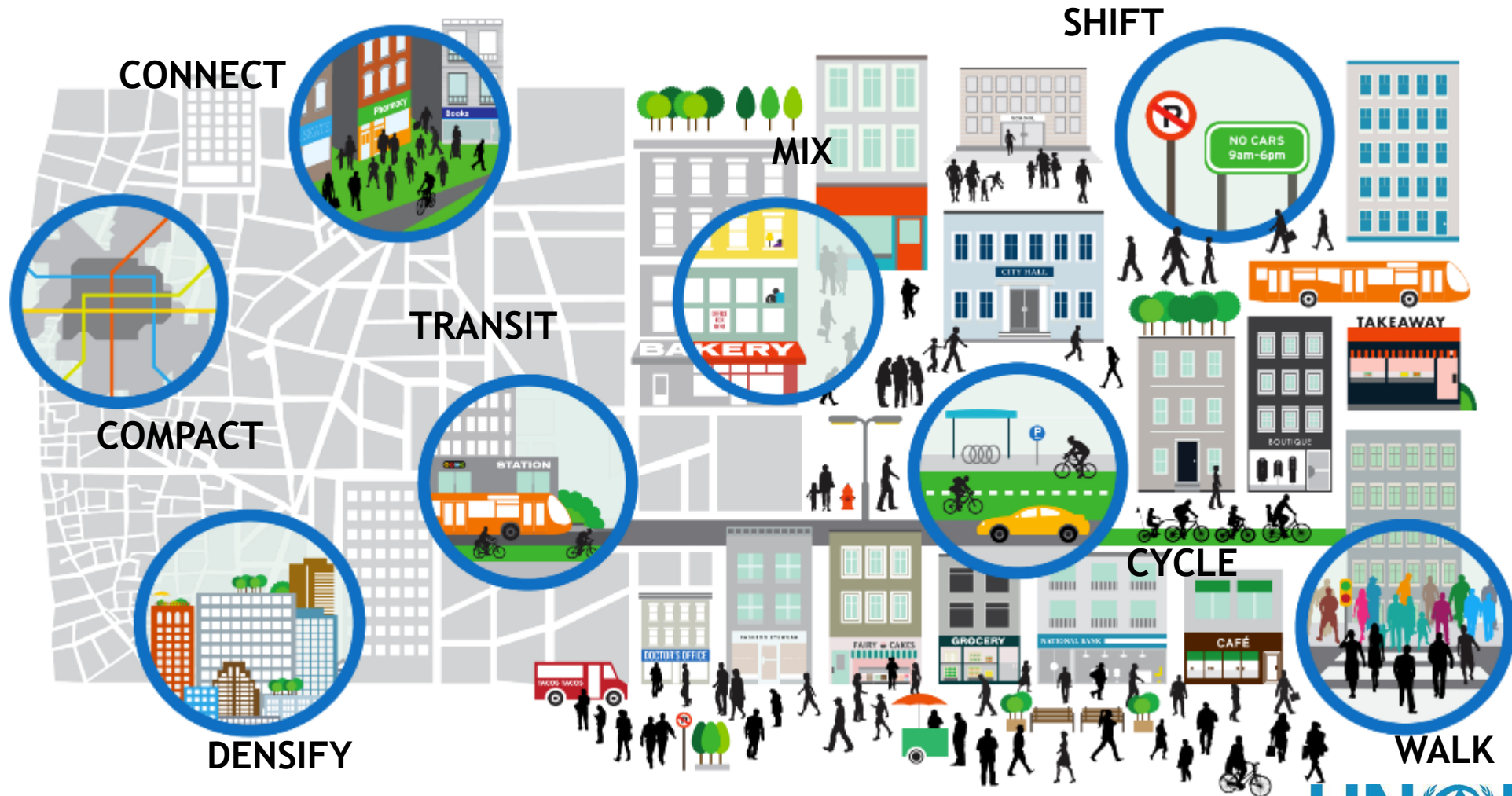
BRT can act as a backbone around which to transform and redevelop the city to further increase sustainability and functional effectiveness

Integrating urban mobility and planning

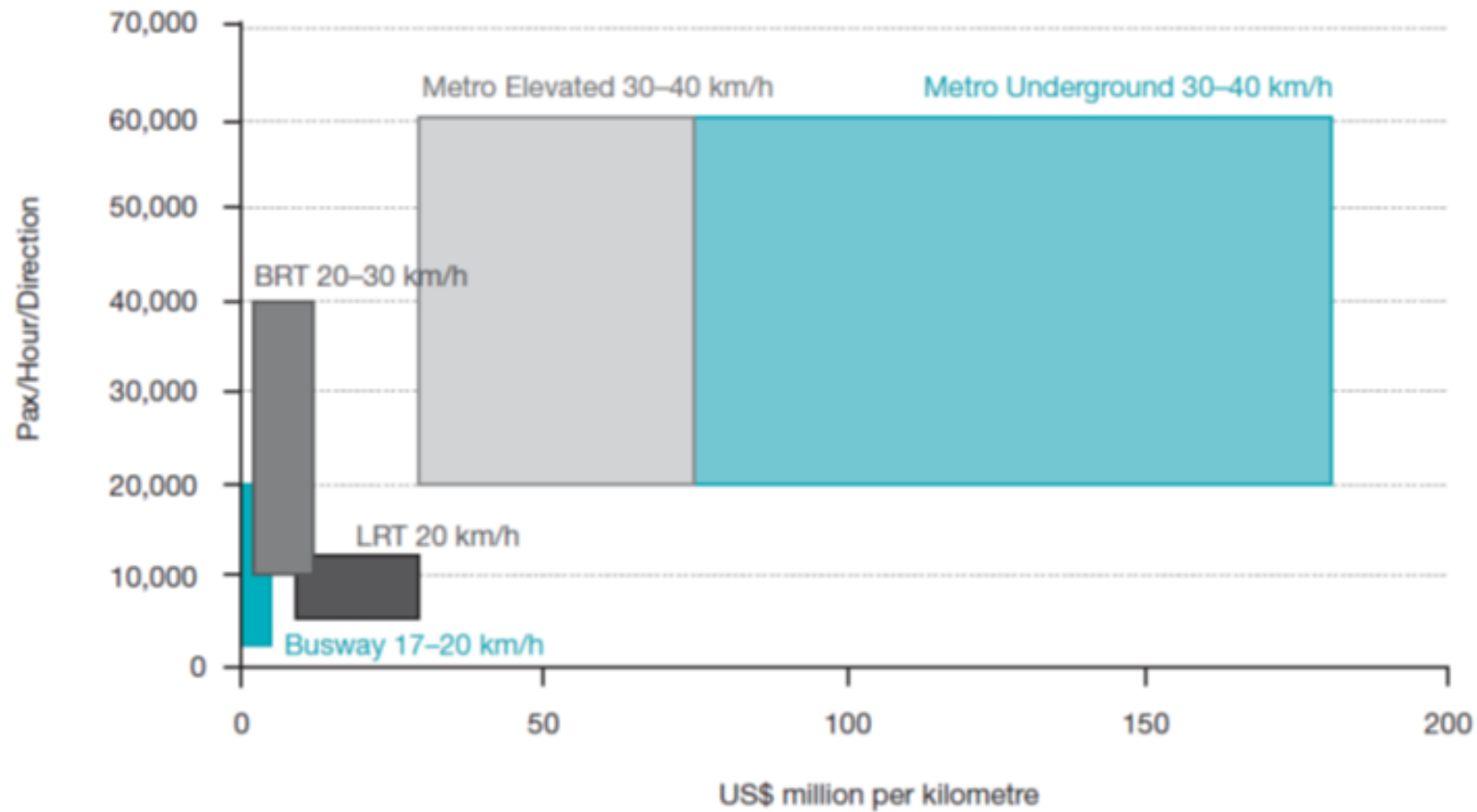


- Well-designed density and mixed uses, ensure adequate proximity of the Factors of Production (FP), thus reducing the need for transport and optimizing the use of land and resources;
- Affordable public transport improves access to jobs, city services and social activities needed for supporting income 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

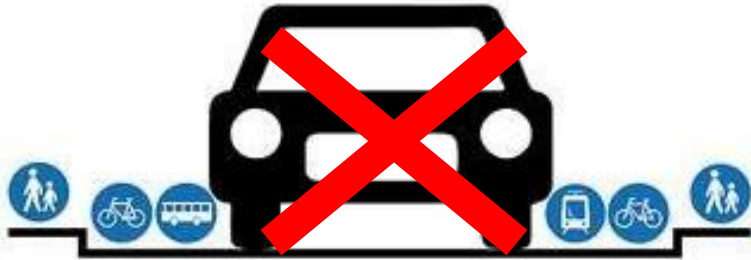
The 8 Transit Oriented Development principles



- Making the Right Choice : Balancing Passenger Demand, Investment and Speed



Towards Sustainable Mobility - BRT Africa Situation



How most traffic engineers see your city



How cities should be designed



Operational BRT



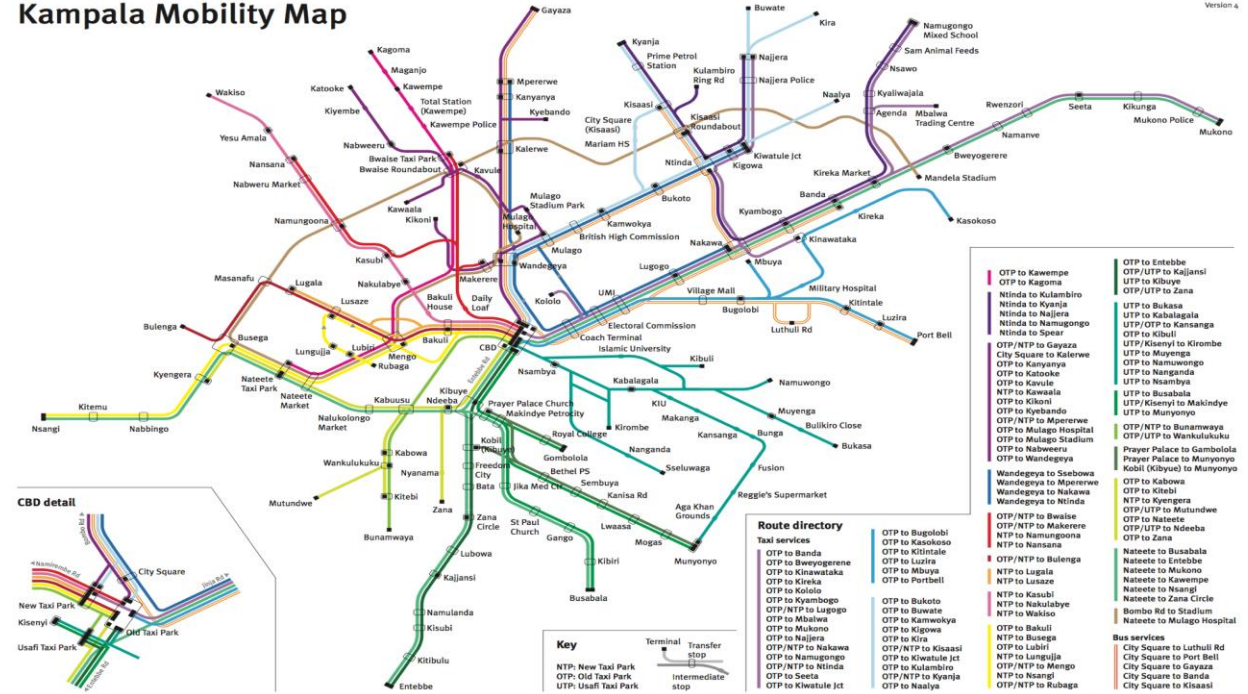
Planning



Uganda - Kampala Mobility Map



Kampala Mobility Map



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



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THE BOLLORE 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
- Develop rail communities ownership
- Long distance mobility of people



GREENEST LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION MODE

UNIQUE SOCIAL FOOTPRINT

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THE BOLLORÉ RAILWAYS EXPERIENCE

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

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Casablanca Tram way





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Dar es Salaam BRT



Comparison between the three modes

	Addis Ababa, LRT	Casablanca, Tramway	Dar es Salaam BRT
Length	34 km, NS and EW corridors	47 km, T1 and T2 lines	21.1 km, phase 1
Stations	41 stations	71 stations	5 terminals, and 27 bus with median stations.
Passenger per day	120,000	250,000	172,000
Passenger per hour per day	3434 pphpd, ERC	5,300 pphpd, Casa Transport SA, le 23 janvier 2019 :	9600, during covid
Project cost	US\$ 475m	US\$ 745m	US\$ 247

Station design



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Station sizing



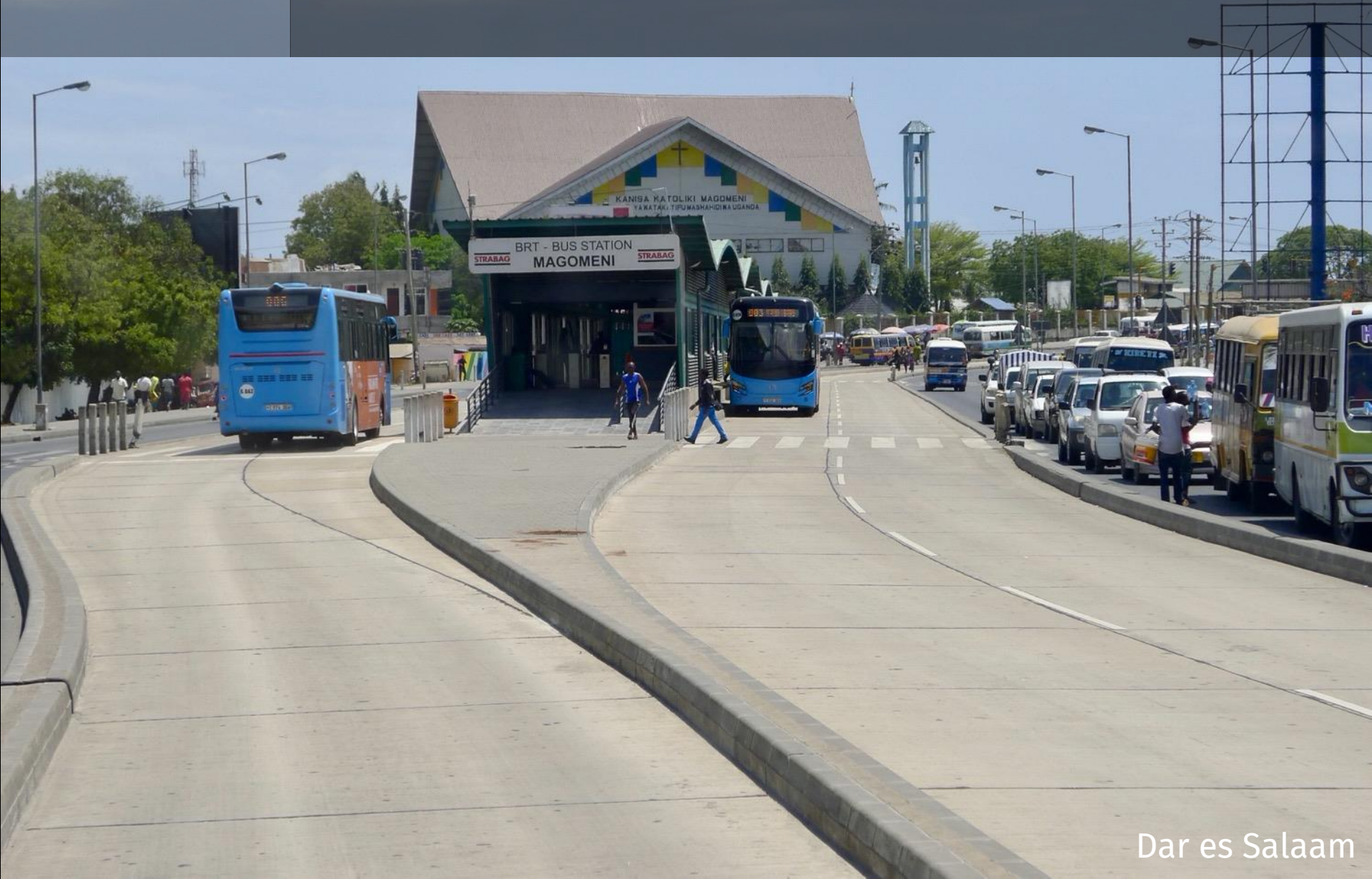
Addis Ababa





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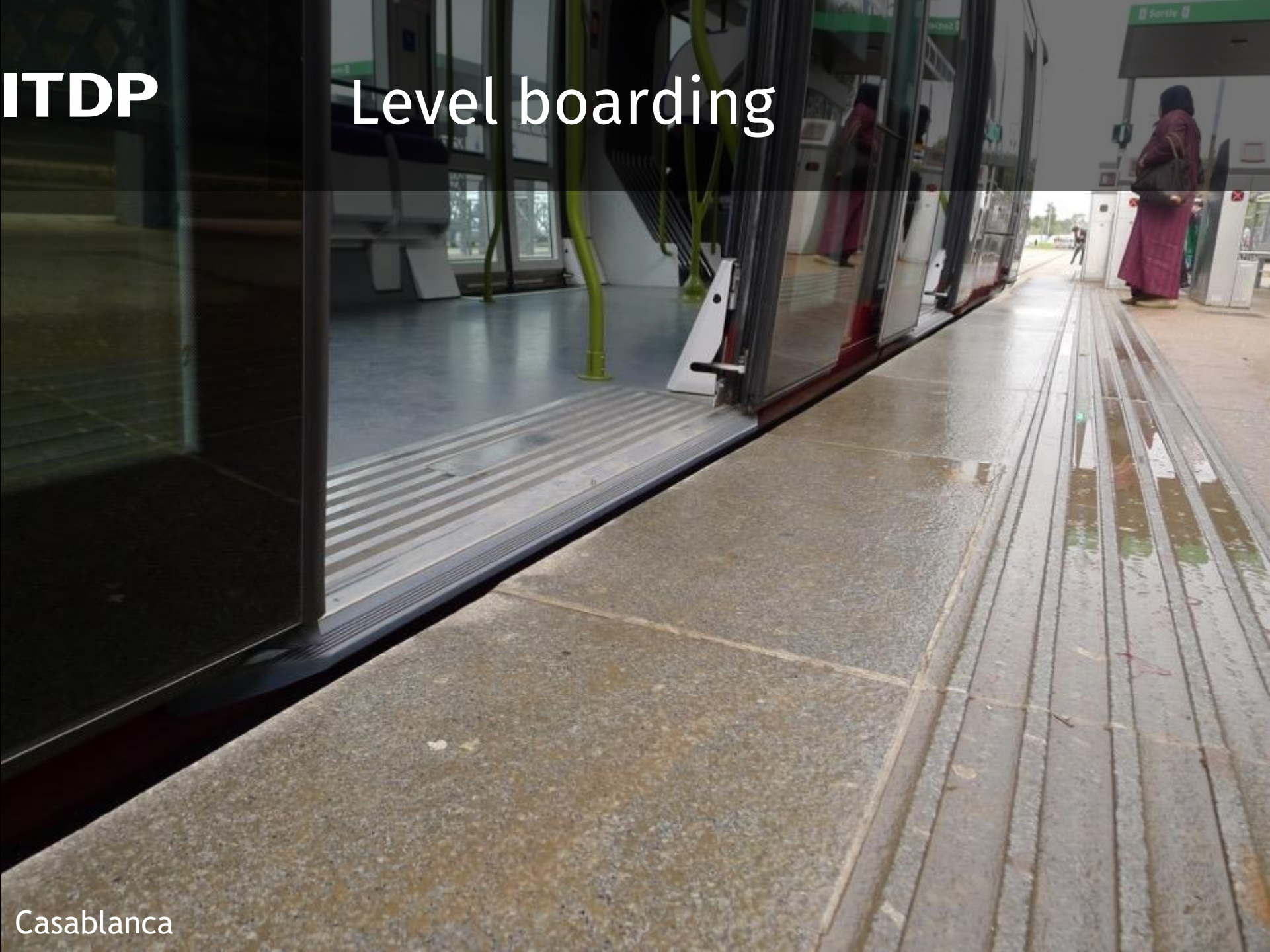
Passing lanes a stations



Dar es Salaam



Level boarding



Casablanca



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A typical DART station, designed for comfort & efficiency



Dare Selam





Station access



Access to the station, Addis Ababa LRT



Addis Ababa



Dar es Salaam: At-grade station access



Dar es Salaam



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Tabletop Crossings



Casablanca

Permeability



Addis Ababa



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The LRT line in Addis Ababa





Casablanca

Fare collection

Why off-board?



- Convenience for passengers
- Fewer delays
- Reduced revenue leakage
- Automated ridership data for service optimisation



Off board fare collection Addis Ababa LRT





Casablanca off board fare collection.

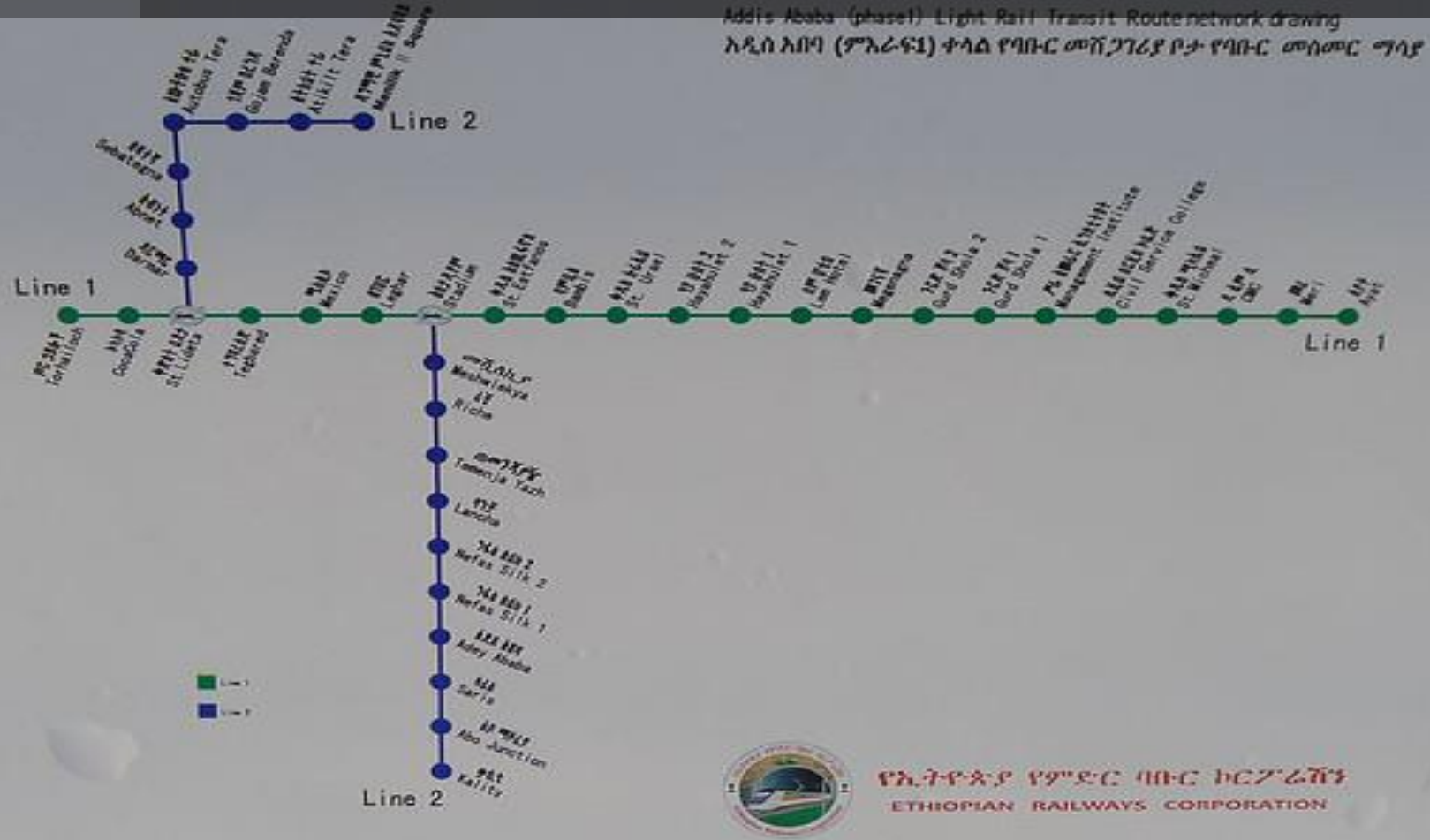


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Customer information

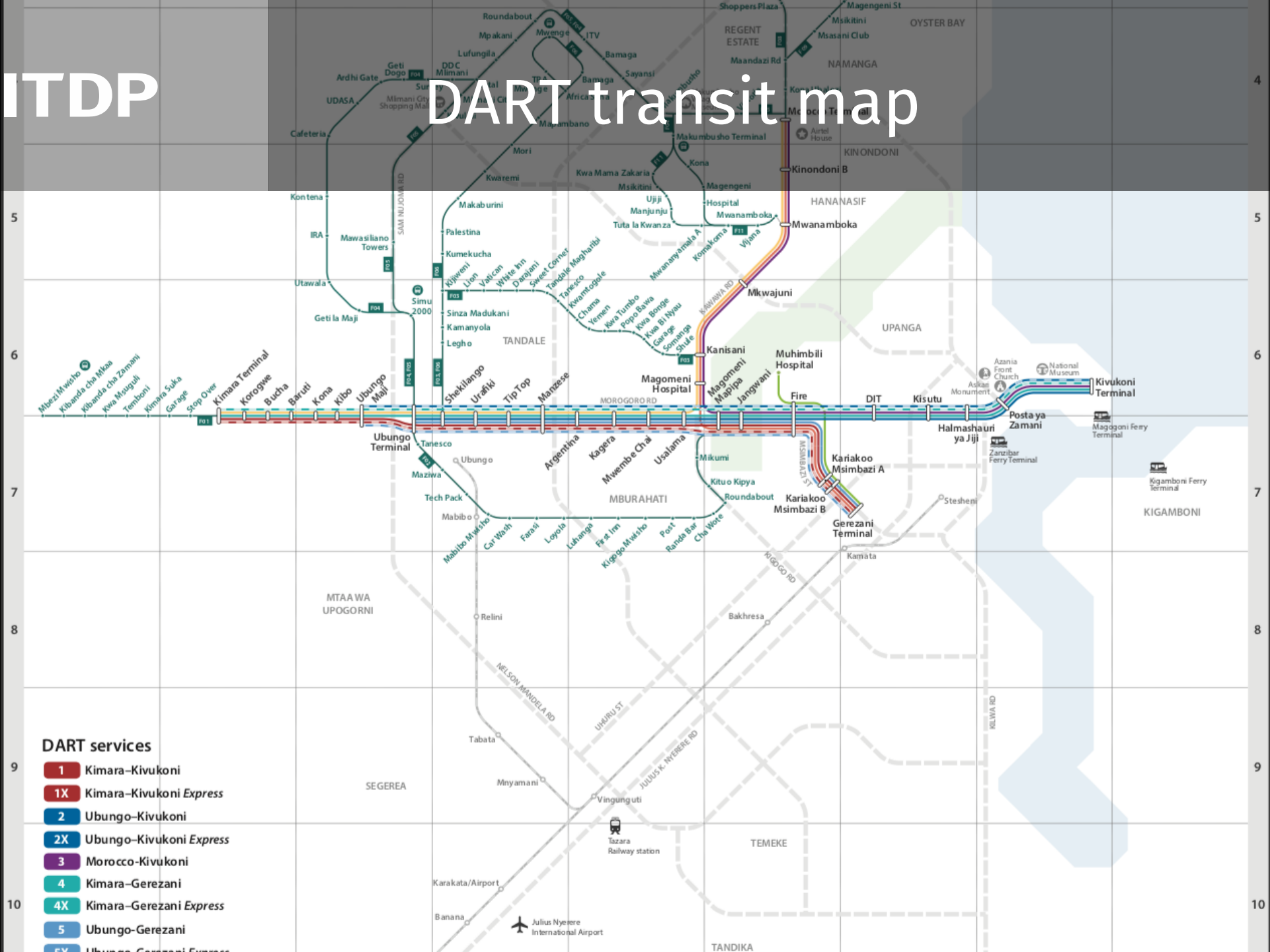
Customer information at Addis Ababa LRT station





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DART transit map



DART services

- 1 Kimara–Kivukoni
- 1X Kimara–Kivukoni Express
- 2 Ubungo–Kivukoni
- 2X Ubungo–Kivukoni Express
- 3 Morocco–Kivukoni
- 4 Kimara–Gerezani
- 4X Kimara–Gerezani Express
- 5 Ubungo–Gerezani
- 5X Ubungo–Gerezani Express



Real-time information

T1
T1

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Integration with walking
and cycling facilities.



Wide walkways & cycle tracks





Footpath along the PT corridor





Integration with bikeshare



Guangzhou

- 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



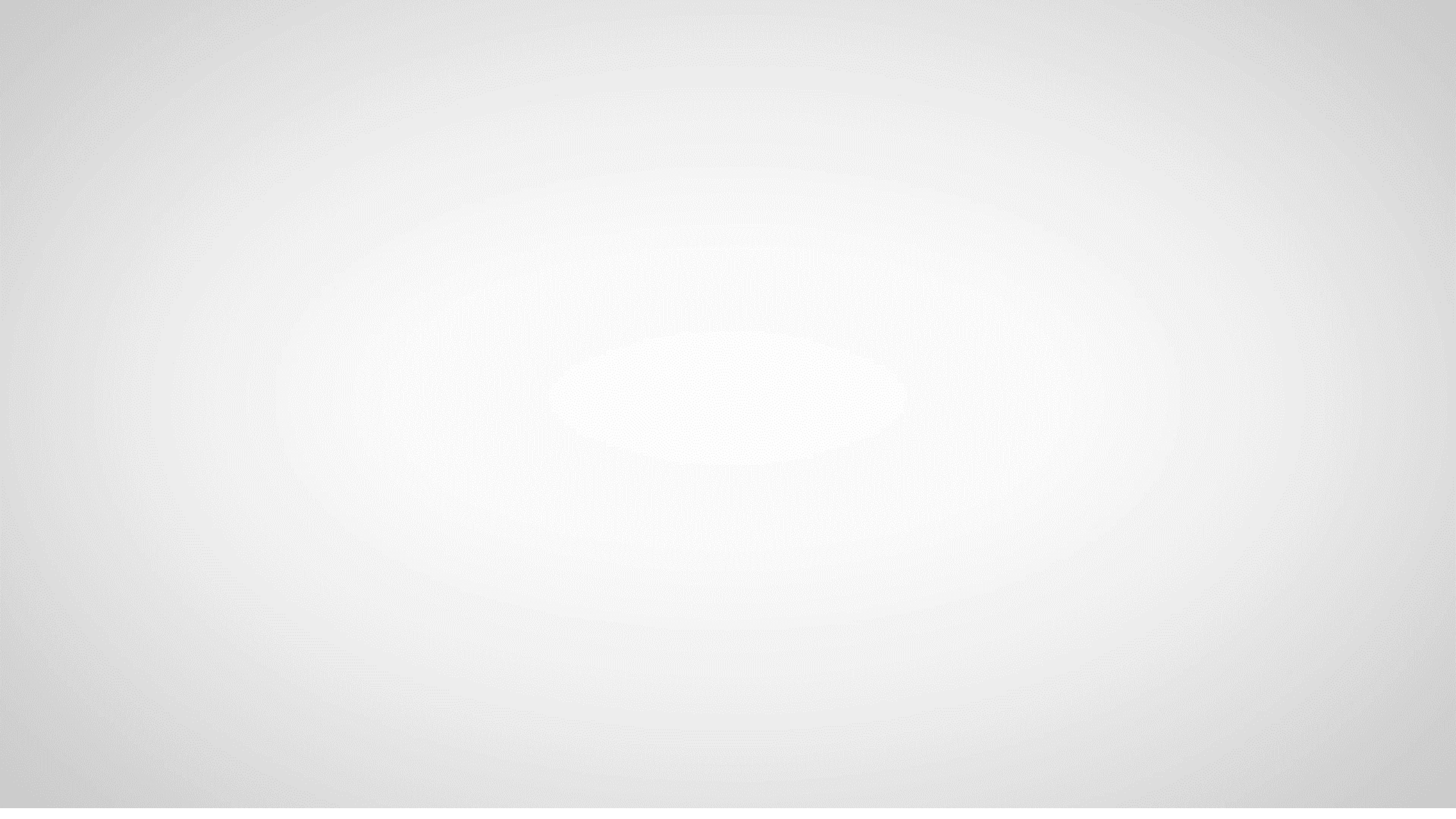


Video African Green Deal

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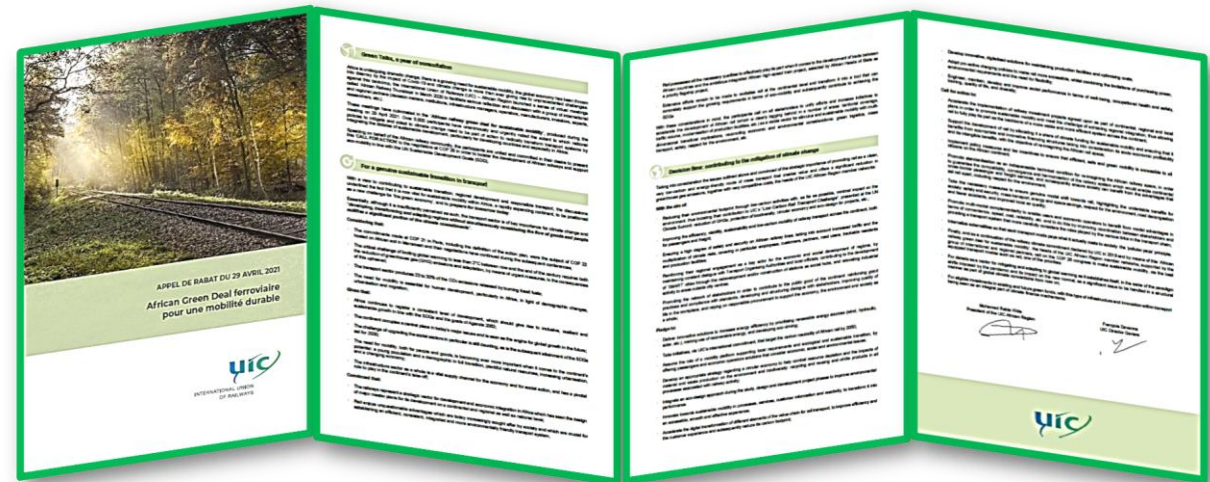


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In what context and why?

- ▶ 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



AFRICAN RAILWAY GREEN DEAL

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

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



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SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

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



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FOR A RAIL REVITALIZATION

- Vector of economic integration
- Undeniable assets for the Community
- Lever for the development of inter-country exchanges
- Tool for sustainable eco-mobility





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



- 1- Strengthen territorial integration
- 2- Ensure a high level of safety and security
- 3- Accelerate digital transformation
- 4- Innovating low-carbon solutions
- 5- Valorize recoverable energy
- 6- Develop eco-driving
- 7- Promote the circular economy
- 8- Develop eco-design
- 9- Develop and orchestrate social performance
- 10- Promote inter-network cooperation

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

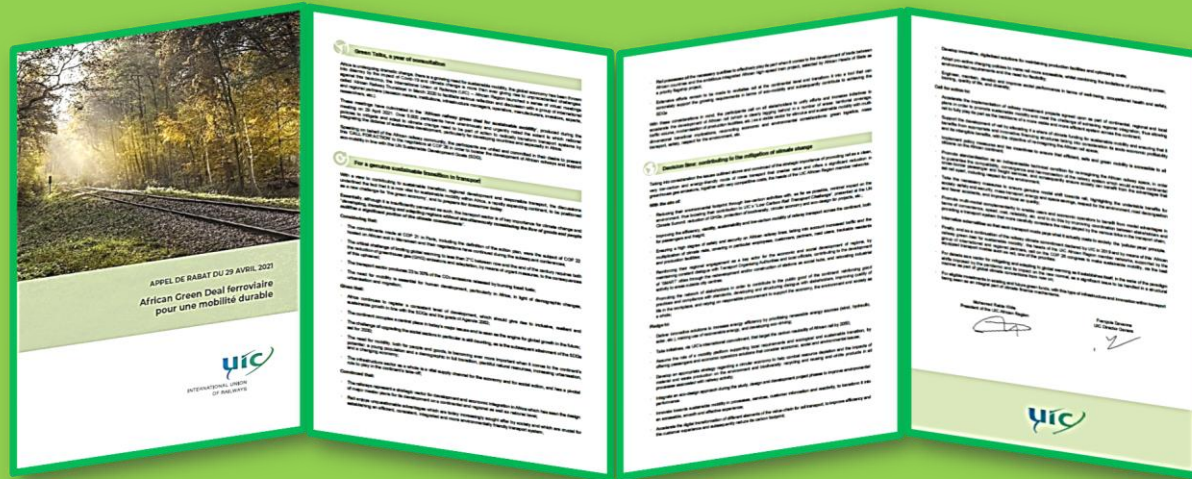
- Rethinking the African rail space
- Accelerate the realization of investment projects
- Allocate part of climate funding to sustainable mobility
- Adopt regulatory and tax incentives

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



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Closing Remarks

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