



2023 ITF Summit

24-26 May 2023
Leipzig, Germany

The 2023 ITF Summit on *Transport Enabling Sustainable Economies* will take place from 24 to 26 May 2023 in Leipzig, Germany, under the Presidency of the United Kingdom.

Participants at the 2023 Summit will reflect and share perspectives on the role of transport as an enabler of economic growth that also drives environmental and social sustainability.

The discussions will also focus on the role of transport in enhancing social welfare, providing benefits to society and promoting inclusion, while minimising externalities, such as traffic congestion, air and maritime pollution, and road crashes. It will also cover how transport stakeholders can promote system resilience through better planning for recurrent shocks to the transport system.



Context and key aspects:

- Global crises
- From local to global
- Innovation as a cross-cutting theme
- New governance, transformative policies

2023 ITF Summit: Transport Enabling Sustainable Economies

DAY 1: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Time	Activity
Morning sessions 9:00-10:30	ITF in Focus: Decarbonising Transport The Decarbonising Transport (DT) initiative is the ITF's major contribution to better understanding of how to ensure a low-carbon future for transport. The session will gather ITF stakeholders to discuss the progress of the DT initiative and future priorities. <i>Proposed format: Panel session</i>
	Session: Closing the gender gap in transport entrepreneurship Women are still only about half as likely as men to launch a business, but this gender gap has narrowed over the past two decades. Women entrepreneurs can be powerful enablers for more inclusive employment in the transport sector where, today, only 17% of the workforce are women. Besides creating new jobs and helping economies to grow, women entrepreneurs can inspire the next generation of women leaders in the transport sector. This session will explore ways to encourage more women to start their own businesses in transport. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What measures are in place to support women entrepreneurs in the transport sector?• Which tools should be introduced to support women entrepreneurs more effectively?• How can innovation and new business models create new opportunities specifically for women entrepreneurs in transport? <i>Format: Breakfast session</i>
	Other parallel events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spotlight on Research session• Side events• Technical tours

Morning sessions 10:30-12:00	MRT 1: Transport and climate change: Moving forward from COP27
Morning sessions 11:00-12:30	ITF Transport Outlook 2023 <p>This session will present the findings of the ITF Transport Outlook 2023 and offer the opportunity to discuss their implications for a global transition to sustainable mobility. The ITF Transport Outlook 2023 focuses on scenarios for the future of transport policy. Among other aspects, it analyses how transport decarbonisation policies impact regions in different ways. It also examines non-CO₂-related effects of transport decarbonisation policies in cities. The Transport Outlook also looks at how investments in transport infrastructure and revenue from vehicle taxes could be affected by a higher ambition to decarbonise transport. After the key findings of the Outlook are presented, a panel discussion will follow, focussing on the investment needs to achieve the transition to sustainable mobility around the globe.</p> <p><i>Format: Presentation followed by a panel discussion</i></p>
	Session: Is transport on track for the circular economy? <p>This session will explore how the transport sector can introduce and scale up more circular economy solutions. A major consumer of natural resources, transport is still far from achieving circularity. The transport sector accounts for two-thirds of global oil consumption, 13% of steel consumption and is expected to account for 80% of future battery consumption. Reducing the sector's dependence on fossil fuels and improving recycling and material efficiency in vehicles and batteries will be essential to reduce environmental impacts. Shifting production patterns and incentivising consumption changes from linear to circular ones can also significantly affect transport's economic efficiency and sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can circular economy principles be successfully applied to transport and supply chains? • In times of energy crisis and urgency of climate change action, what policies and regulations will foster circularity? What can transport learn from other sectors? • How central is innovation to unlocking the benefits of circularity for more resilient and sustainable transport and supply chain systems? <p><i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p>

	<p>Other parallel events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side events • Technical tours
<p>Opening plenary 14:00-15:30</p>	<p>Transport as an enabler of sustainable economies, peace and stability in times of crisis</p> <p>Sustainable economies generate growth and prosperity while fostering social inclusion and environmental sustainability. Transport enhances trade links, which ultimately create economic opportunities for countries and citizens. Digitalisation and new business models can further enhance the role of transport in this regard. This Plenary will explore the role of transport in promoting economic co-operation, peace and stability. It will highlight the role that transport can play in conflict mitigation by providing safe and affordable connections and in rebuilding social cohesion through better integration of marginalised communities. The discussion will be framed by the current geopolitical crisis, uncertain economic outlook, energy shortage, supply chain disruptions, and accelerated climate change, which together put pressure on transport systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways can transport contribute to peace and stability, and ultimately support prosperity and growth? • How is transport connectivity linked with employment, investment and trade? • How can policy makers find the right balance between short-term problem-solving and long-term strategic planning for a transport system that is sustainable and resilient to recurrent shocks? • How can transport innovations help the Global South and other world regions to develop economically? <p><i>Format: Official opening of the Summit followed by a panel of Ministers, CEOs and Heads of International Organisations</i></p>
<p>Afternoon sessions 16:00-17:30</p>	<p>Interview: Inspiring innovations in transport for prosperity and social inclusion A conversation with an innovation leader from the transport sector.</p> <p>ITF in Focus: Presenting the ITF Innovation Hub: New Mobility Outlook</p> <p>The ITF's new Mobility Innovation Hub aims to identify and assess policy-relevant innovation in transport to support ITF member countries in introducing related effective policies. Over the last decade, new mobility services and modes have emerged, leading to growing changes in travel, especially in urban areas. Data on these emerging mobility patterns and vehicle fleets are essential to understanding the new phenomena. How can we collect data to determine if and where new phenomena warrant policy intervention or where existing policy frameworks must be adapted?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the wide range of new emerging services be characterised? • How can we identify policy-relevant metrics? <p><i>Format: Presentation of the ITF Innovation Hub followed by a panel discussion</i></p>
	<p>Session: Financing equitable, green and safe transport</p> <p>Estimates put the global infrastructure financing gap through 2030 at up to USD 1 billion. This session will explore strategies to activate more funds for transport infrastructure and incentivise investment in projects that contribute to more sustainable and safe transport. Making well-considered decisions on infrastructure financing is critical to improving equity, helping meet climate policy goals and bringing economic gains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can financing transport infrastructure help deliver on equity and efficiency? What good practices exist in this regard, including in the Global South and other world regions? • What are the best ways to link funding to environmental and safety objectives? • What innovative financing tools will attract private funds to transport infrastructure investment? <p><i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p>
	<p>Other parallel events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side events • Technical tours
16:30-18:00	MRT 2: Resilient supply chains: Preparing for and recovering from major disruptions to transport systems
Presidency reception hosted by the ITF Presidency of the United Kingdom	

DAY 2: Thursday 25 May 2023

Time	Activity
Morning sessions 9:00-10:30	<p>Session: How to capture accessibility benefits in transport planning</p> <p>This session will examine how transport project appraisal can better capture accessibility and make it a central criterion for planning decisions. Ensuring good access for all citizens is increasingly becoming a strategic goal of transport policy, as good accessibility provides direct benefits to citizens, supports decarbonisation and makes cities more liveable. However, investments in transport will only deliver these outcomes if project appraisals are designed in a way that allows for identifying accessibility benefits and assessing them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What needs to be done to make accessibility a central criterion for investment decisions? • What is the role of access guarantees in ensuring that transport planning decisions better respond to governments' strategic objectives? • What are the main linkages between equitable access, transport decarbonisation and liveable cities? <p><i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p>
	<p>Session: Transport for sustainable economies: A youth perspective</p> <p>This session will bring together young people with policy makers to discuss the Summit theme. One in six people on earth is between 15 and 24 years old. Young people are disproportionately affected by climate change and reducing this burden on future generations is imperative. Their perspective must be heard and be included in designing transport and mobility for today and the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do young people envisage the future of transport and mobility? • How can transport provide better access to opportunities for youth? • How can transport leaders ensure the young generation is listened to in policymaking? <p><i>Format: Fishbowl session</i></p>
Ministerial session 9:30-11:00	<p>Council of Ministers of Transport (Closed Ministerial)</p>

<p>Open Ministerial</p> <p>11:30-12:30</p>	<p>Boosting sustainable economies through greening transport</p> <p>Aligning prosperity with sustainable mobility is essential to contain climate change and maintain a strong economy. This is reflected in many Covid-19 national recovery plans that aim to ensure that economic growth is combined with shifting mobility behaviour and the scaling up of low-carbon technologies. The session will address the need for transformational change in the transport sector, including the urgency of significant behavioural change. It will explore how economic growth can be rendered more sustainable by decarbonising transport and reducing other environmental externalities of transport, such as its effects on biodiversity, air and maritime quality, and health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current state of low-carbon transport across different countries and regions of the world? • What measures, including transformative policies, are required to support the green transition of transport? • What are effective policies to maximise the value of clean energy technology, while maintaining accessibility for users, and reducing carbon emissions? • How can the transition to net-zero transport address adaptation needs and broader social and well-being goals? • What is required to incentivise private sector capital to support the green transition (e.g. carbon pricing, regulatory certainty, public financing)? <p><i>Format: Open Ministerial format – keynote(s) followed by Ministers' discussion</i></p>
<p>12:30-14:00 Lunch break/ITF Ministerial Lunch/Potential networking session</p>	
<p>Plenary 2</p> <p>14:30-16:00</p>	<p>Tackling poverty: What is the role of transport?</p> <p>This session will explore how policies for equitable access to transport can improve access to jobs, education and other opportunities for disadvantaged citizens. A lack of transport options make it difficult for underserved communities or lower-income households to take advantage of economic opportunities. Limited availability of transport can play a role, as can the lack of affordability, safety, performance or digitalisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways are transport and socio-economic inequality linked? • How can transport help reduce poverty in developed and developing countries? • How can knowledge sharing and innovation help address the mobility needs of those in poverty?

	<i>Format: Fireside chat followed by a panel discussion</i>
Afternoon sessions 16:30-18:00	Making roads safe for all users: ITF Minister(s) & UN Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt
	Session: How can safer roads boost the economy? Road crashes cause enormous human suffering for millions of people. They also have a huge economic impact, for instance, due to lost income, damaged property and their burden on the health sector. Road crashes cost the global economy up to 6% of GDP. This session will highlight effective strategies to make roads safe for people and analyse the associated economic and societal benefits. It will examine the potential of addressing road safety holistically with shared responsibility among all stakeholders, as envisaged in the Safe System approach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can governments incentivise actions that make traffic safer? • How can private capital be effectively mobilised for road safety? • How can micromobility be included in decisions on road safety investments? <i>Format: Fishbowl session</i>
	Session: Financing transport climate adaptation: Strategies that work This session presents which actions transport stakeholders need to take and which investments need to be funded and financed to ensure the transport sector is prepared for the extreme weather events associated with climate change. Heatwaves, floods, storms and forest fires are becoming more and more frequent. They can massively affect transport infrastructure, making it essential that transport networks adapt and build resilience against the impacts of climate change in a systematic way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What adaptation strategies do local authorities need to implement for transport, and how can governments support these? • What investments are needed to maintain and improve system resilience? • What are good practices for determining how much financing is optimal, and how it should be allocated? <i>Format: Panel discussion</i>
	MRT 3: Shaping active mobility: The role of governments

	Other parallel events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotlight on Research session • Side events • Technical tours
Cocktail reception followed by the Gala Dinner	

DAY 3: Friday 26 May 2023

Time	Activity
Morning sessions 9:00-10:30	<p>Session: A just transition to net-zero: focus on the transport workforce</p> <p>A just transition to net-zero requires greening economies while promoting social justice. It presents an opportunity to stimulate sustainable economic growth, while creating new work opportunities and leaving no one behind. Minimising job losses is not enough; workers should be fully engaged in social dialogue on the transformation of the transport workforce. A well-trained, diverse workforce that is comfortable with new technologies is critical for the success of the just transition. This session will highlight effective policies that promote low-carbon solutions and drive a shift towards a more resilient transport workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are examples of good practices for active engagement with transport workers to develop new and innovative ways of working that safeguard the environment for present and future generations, eradicate poverty and promote social justice? • What opportunities does the just transition offer to promote the participation of underrepresented groups in the transport workforce? What role can innovation play in supporting this? • How can governments ensure that the transition to net-zero will not negatively affect workers in informal transport and other particularly vulnerable segments of the transport workforce? <p><i>Format: Fishbowl session</i></p>

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<p>Plenary 3 11:00-12:30</p>	<p>Transport enhancing economic growth: Local and regional perspectives</p> <p>This session will examine the transformation of transport and mobility policies to address the shifting focus from the throughput of vehicles to the delivery of access through local and regional lenses. Transport connectivity is essential to trade, employment, and competitiveness at local, rural and regional levels. Cities and their surrounding regions, and rural areas, depend on mass transit systems to connect people to jobs and opportunities. The quality of these services is critical for increasing ridership numbers. Congested transport systems constrain productivity and have a severe impact on the well-being of commuters. In rural areas, in particular, the implementation of innovative transport solutions such as “Mobility as a Service” and autonomous driving can bring great benefits. Panellists will discuss the financing and regulatory initiatives for efficient and more integrated transport and land-use planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does connectivity influence macroeconomic decisions that determine growth at the local and regional level? • What regulatory frameworks will make transport systems more efficient, resilient and sustainable? • How can governments best incentivise financing of connectivity improvements at the local and regional level? • How can connectivity enhancements best be funded in times of budgetary pressure? <p><i>Format: Fireside chat followed by a panel discussion</i></p>
<p>Lunch break/Possible networking lunch session</p>	