UIC Sustainability Declaration and Cooperation with the United Nations

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Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

ECOSOC is responsible for Sustainable Development

Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director

Chair of Rio+20

Note: The UNFCCC is not listed on the official organization chart – it is one of three Secretariats of Conventions. UIC is accredited to ECOSOC and UNFCCC
UIC and UN DESA

• UIC was very active in the build-up to and during the Rio+20 Earth Summit:
  – UIC organized / spoke at several Side Events, Conferences and co-hosted a High-Level Reception
  – Activities were organized in partnership with UITP and UNIFE under the heading “Sustainable Transport in the Cities of the Future”
• UIC was also actively involved in the Johannesburg WCSD in 2002 – developed a rail sector report in co-operation with UNEP
• UIC was active at the UN Commission for Sustainable Development in 2011
UIC and the UNFCCC

- UIC has been present at every UNFCCC COP since COP7 to make the case for rail as a low-carbon mode
- Most recently we were present at COP17, Durban and plan to be present at COP18, Doha
- UIC is also a partner of the NWP for Climate Adaptation
UIC Sustainability Declaration

- UIC Declaration on Sustainable Mobility and Transport
- Objective
  - Public commitment to Sustainable Development
  - Show ongoing progress via regular reports
- 18 commitments on sustainable development
  - Includes commitments to reduce environmental impact, and to better serve our customers and society.

Signed by 50 UIC members, including Indian and Russian railways, JR-East and Chinese Ministry of Railways.
Workplan: From Madrid to Venice via Potsdam

• The 2010 UIC Sustainability Conference in Madrid asked members to help develop the work plan for UIC actions at the global level.
• This was followed by the Potsdam Workshop in October 2010 which brought together key external stakeholders to discuss rail and sustainable development.
• The Potsdam workshop outcomes became the work plan for the global actions of the UIC sustainability program.
• This presentation summarizes the progress made in delivering the Potsdam workshop goals.
Result of Potsdam Workshop

Stakeholder Workshop
14-15 October 2010

1. Provision of a comprehensive UIC Sustainability Web site
2. Brochures with key messages
3. Sourcebook “Sustainable railways in developing countries”
4. Adjustment and Finalization of UIC’s Reporting Guideline - Alliance with GRI
5. Preparing UIC’s first Sustainability Report in 2012 & Support UIC members’ Sustainability Reports
6. Adjustment and Enhancement of UIC’s Sustainability Strategy & Support of UIC members’ Sustainability Strategies
7. Cooperation with UN (UN CSD, COP (←UN FCCC), NAMA, MDG, Rio20+)
8. Build up a UIC network for international exchange (Works-hops, Railway Ambassadors…)
9. Attracting investments into rail
10. Implementation of a “UIC Support Team”
11. Implementation of “Railway Ambassadors”
12. Expansion of UIC’s Expert Network (Internal Review)
13. Regular Stakeholder workshops (External Review)
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Communication

1: New Website www.uic-sustainability.org

2: Brochure (2011)

3. Sourcebook: Rail in developing countries – not started
Management

4. UIC Reporting Guideline: Published September 2012

5. UIC Sustainability Report 2012: Published June 2012

6. Changes to UIC Sustainability Strategy and Support Member Strategy – not started. Current focus is on monitoring CO2, Energy, NOx and PM emissions, rather than changing the strategy, which was only agreed in 2010.
Stakeholder Dialogue

7. UN Cooperation
- Launch of Sustainability Declaration at UN in May 2011
- Side Event at UNFCCC COP17
- Activities in the preparation of Rio+20 and at the Earth Summit itself
- Next: COP18, Doha and follow-up to Rio+20 (Sustainable Development Goals and UN Sec General High Level Group)

8. Build up UIC network
- Close work with UITP, UNIFE and SLoCaT partners in all our engagement with the UN

9. Attracting investment
- UIC a member of Working Group preparing the UN Secretary General’s High Level Group on Sustainable Transport
UIC Networks and Support

10: UIC Support Team – no action on this point

11: Railway Ambassadors – no action on this point

12: Expansion of UIC Expert Network
• Following an initiative of Serbian Railways, UIC supported a series of meetings in Belgrade aimed at creating a network of sustainability experts in the region.
• The next event is the Second South East Environmental Workshop in Belgrade in 6-7 December
• UIC is also reaching out to Asian members to provide data for the Energy & CO2 Database

13: Regular Stakeholder Workshops (external review): - no action on this point
Conclusions

Overall, progress to implement Potsdam Workshop is good, with the majority of actions either completed or ongoing.

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**Question:** Should the remaining tasks be continued?