

Regional Workshop on Promoting Soot-free Public Transport in Africa

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Honorable Minister of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation, Ghana state,

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Counties Representatives, Experts

Ladies and gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure to give this address today on the Name of UATP President Mr. MEITE BOUAKE (Director General of SOTRA in Abidjan) and thank you for attending this exciting event, the 2nd Regional Workshop or Expert Group Discussion on soot-free buses and sustainable mobility in Africa, hosted by EPA.

Today we are seeing that:

- Some African countries' climate change plans in action. These plans commit us to advance EcoMobility, including reduction of CO2 emissions related to transport sector.
- The National Development Plans call more and more for mutual benefits between sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions.
- The city local strategy focus or should focus on making the transition towards clean, innovative, resource efficient, low carbon technologies and infrastructure.

According to *"Mobilise Your City" Worldwide*, **the transport sector currently emits 28% of all CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion. Without taking significant strong actions towards sector transformation, emissions will triple by 2050.**

MYC is a Global Climate Change Initiative part of UN Global Climate Action Agenda. African National Governments are highly invited to join that initiative as Senegal. Among others objectives it is targeting the reduction of transport-related GreenHouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

UATP is, therefore, delighted to be part of the process of promoting soot-free buses in Africa by advocating, organizing Regional workshops, Dialog/Expert groups & trainings. A recent great initiative and result is: Launching the new

dual fuel/green buses of Metro-bus in Johannesburg. The manufacturing of these green busses locally have created a number of jobs.

This knowledge sharing and Expert discussion is possible due to a partnership/collaboration between UNEP, EPA and UATP;

Please allow me to thank especially EPA and through it the State of Ghana for the warmly welcome and contributing to funding this important event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the UNEP and especially Mrs. Jane for partnering with UATP to promote local green transport and innovation. I highly hope that our partnership will continue to support to achieve **National Determined Contributions** (NDCs) and be involve in the monitoring them.

Finally, thank you to all for participating in this event.

Thank you



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