

UITP SUMMIT 2026 | DUBAI, 21-23 APRIL 2026

Call for Speakers: Expo Sessions (Exclusively For Exhibitors)

8th OCTOBER – 10th NOVEMBER 2025 (12:00 PM CET)

Guidelines

1. About the Call for Speakers

The Call for Speakers is UITP's public process inviting public transport professionals worldwide to apply as a speaker for the Congress and the Expo sessions of the UITP Summit 2026.

While the Call for the Congress Sessions is open to all, participation in the Expo Sessions is strictly reserved for representatives of companies exhibiting at the UITP Summit 2026. If you are a company exhibiting at the Summit, in the online application form you can specify if your submission is to be considered for the Congress Sessions, for the Expo Sessions or for both.

Please note that only a limited number of applications will be accepted, and the selection process is competitive due to the typically high volume of submissions.

This document provides guidelines for the Call for Expo Sessions.

More information on: uitpsummit.org



2. What is an Expo Session?

The Expo Sessions ensure interaction between the Congress and the Exhibition components of the UITP Summit 2026. These sessions are integrated into the Summit program and are presented by exhibitors in dedicated locations within the exhibition halls.

The Expo Sessions provide exhibitors with a platform to showcase their innovations offering Summit's attendees the opportunity to learn more about the latest technological advancements and business development opportunities.

3. Summit Tracks

All applications must align with (at least) one of the official Summit Tracks, which define the programme's key themes and priorities. Applicants are encouraged to select one or two tracks that best reflect the focus of their proposal.

The 6 tracks of the UITP Summit 2026:

1. Innovation in Bus Systems

Network design and planning; Decarbonization and Net Zero; New Energy Industry; Battery and Circular Economy, Infrastructure Modernization; Procurement and Business Models.

2. The Future of Rail

Connecting Communities; Delivering Ambitious Rail Projects; Adaptive Operations; Innovations in Rail Vehicles and Operations; Optimising Lifecycle Costs; Planning Tenders.

3. Shared Mobility

On-demand Mobility; Shared Bikes, Scooters and Cars; Partnerships, Governance and Operations; Multimodal Integration and Mobility Hubs; First & Last mile; Active Mobility.



4. The Human Factor

Accessibility, Customer Centricity; Passenger Experience; Employment; Changes in Lifestyle and Mobility Behaviors; Security and Safety

5. Funding and Financing

Affordability; New Financing Models; Access to Green Capitals Markets; Funding Adaptation; PPP and Alliances; Asset Revenue Generation.

6. Smart Technologies and Data

Automation, Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience, Artificial Intelligence, Ticketing and Payment, Real Time Monitoring and Control Systems; Data Governance.

4. Rules for Submissions

The selection of the submitted applications and the definition of the Expo Sessions programme is carried out by the Expo Sessions Selection Committee composed by UITP experts.

An Expo Session lasts **60 minutes** and includes **4 presentations of 10 minutes**, plus a **Q&A and discussion time of approximately 15 minutes**.

1. This call is **exclusively reserved for exhibitors** of the UITP Summit – Dubai 2026 and only presentations referring to products, technologies and equipment presented in Dubai will be selected. The number of presentations per organisation will be limited.
2. Applicants are requested to submit their applications online via the dedicated platform. Applications made through other channels will not be evaluated.
3. All submissions must be made **in English**. The official language of the Summit is **English**.
4. Only one submission per person is allowed.



5. A selected speaker is not allowed to designate a substitute in case he/she is not available. It is up to the Selection Committee to make such a decision if relevant.
6. If an application is accepted, the applicant will be asked to provide a short biography and a portrait photograph (ID card format) via the official platform.
7. Applications will be selected based on the presentation description, with a focus on quantifiable results and/or effects, the quality and significance, relevance and value to the audience as well as the experience of candidates.
8. Selected speakers are expected to promote the Summit using communication tools provided by UITP.
7. UITP does **not cover travel and accommodation costs**. However, speakers benefit from a special discount:
 - o Free registration for the day of their presentation
 - o Discounted "Exchange Pass" rate if attending additional days
8. To ensure variety in the final selection, UITP particularly encourages profile diversity as well as geographical and gender balance.
9. Speakers must be aware that the Expo Sessions Selection Committee reserves the right to cancel their participation if they do not comply with the speakers' guidelines which they will receive once they are selected.



5. Timeline

- **Opening of the Call:** 8 October 2025
- **Closing of the Call:** 10 November 2025
- **Notification of Results:** by end of January 2026.

6. Contact

Speaker's Management team: speakers_summit@uitp.org

