

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

44th Congress

Singapore, 14-20 October 2018

Urban Transport Committee

REPORT

The Urban Transport Committee took place on 17 October 2018.

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Agenda

The Committee **adopted** the agenda, as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Rapporteur, Scrutineers and Tellers

Vincent Ombati (MWU, Kenya) was elected Rapporteur.

Su-angkana Tungworachet (SRUT, Thailand) and Wilma Clement (BWU, Barbados) were elected Scrutineers.

Alain Sutour (CGT, France) and Joseph Ndiritu (PUTON, Kenya) were elected Tellers.

Agenda Item 3: Congress Theme and Future Strategy

The discussion in regards to the Congress Theme Document was taken in conjunction with Agenda item 4, work programme.

The Conference **adopted** the Congress Theme Document, as presented.

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme

The **Chair** gave a short report on activities under the Our Public Transport programme in the last Congress period and introduced the future strategy and work programme of the Committee. Immediately after his presentation the young workers in the room took action to take control of the meeting and the stage and make their case for the future of the trade union movement. They declared "Our Union, Our Congress, Our Voice!" The Chair welcomed the action and emphasised that young workers' self-directed action and militancy was essential and encouraged across its work.

Members of the Committee gave presentations on Technology and Automation, Organising, Multi-National Companies, and Gender and Employment.

The main topics raised during the discussion included:

- Young workers were vital to the Urban Transport Committee’s work, to the work of union organising worldwide, and to the future of the trade union movement;
- Gender equality was integral to the Our Public Transport programme and building women’s leadership, ending gender-based occupation segregation and violence against women were key building blocks of affiliates’ activities around the world;
- Affiliates around the world had enjoyed many victories in public transport organising, in the organisation of informal workers, and in integrated public transport and multinational companies;
- There was much more work to do to make it #OurPublicTransport. Informal workers were exploited and vulnerable without formal employment systems, and public transport needed to be under public ownership and democratic control to work in the interests of workers and passengers. Safety, particularly women’s safety, was threatened by the isolation imposed by new technology;
- Organising in Multi-National Companies was very powerful when it was done rapidly, in coordination across borders and aimed at their international headquarters; and
- Needed to be united internationally, use our solidarity around the world, learn from the stories of our comrades and organise more workers, more women, more young women, and multiply our union strength and power for the future strength of the trade union movement.

The Committee **adopted** the Urban Transport Committee Work Programme, including the section related priorities for 2019-2023 in the Congress Theme Document, as presented.

The Committee **adopted** the People’s Public Transport Policy, as presented.

Agenda Item 5: Motions

Composite motion 1: Organising Informal Transport Workers

The Committee **recommended** the motion to the Congress plenary for endorsement.

Emergency motion 7: Transdev

The Committee **adopted** the motion, as presented.

Agenda item 6: Elections

The **Chair** introduced the new role and composition of the Urban Transport Committee (now Conference), which had already been adopted by the Road Transport Workers’ Section and the Railway Workers’ Section.

The Committee **endorsed** the creation of the Urban Transport Steering Committee and its composition, attached as **Annex 1**, and the following were elected by the Committee:

Chair	John Mark Mwanika (ATGWU, Uganda)
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Agenda Item 7: Any other business

ACTION: The Committee called on affiliates to pass contact information for workers in Multi-National Companies to the Secretariat to enable rapid multi-national organising.

Gold Award

A Gold Award was presented at the Conference to Asbjørn Wahl by the General Secretary for outstanding service to the cause of transport workers internationally, in defence and furtherance of the interests of those workers, and for the preservation of trade union freedoms and rights:

Annex 1

URBAN TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
As of 17 October 2018

Section Officers	
Chair	John Mark Mwanika (AGTGWU, Uganda)
1 st Vice Chair (Passenger Vice-Chair, Road)	Wol-San Liem (KPTU, S Korea)
2 nd Vice Chair (Vice-Chair, Rail)	To be determined
Women Transport Workers' Representative	To be decided by Women's Committee
Young Transport Workers' Representative	To be decided by Young Workers' Committee
Africa	
Coordinator	To be determined
Arab World	
Coordinator	To be determined
Asia/Pacific	
Coordinator	To be determined
Europe	
Chair (Chair, ETF Urban Public Transport Committee)	Alain Sutour (CGT, France)
Latin America/Caribbean	
Coordinator	To be determined
North America	
Coordinator	To be determined

The General Secretary, in consultation with affiliates and regions, will agree the members of the Committee and coordinators of working groups.