Remarkable Women in Transport

Female Change-Makers Transforming Mobility

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Around the world women and men are striving to achieve a better mobility future for all. Yet, the majority of decision makers and planners in the transport sector are male, and women’s needs are often only poorly addressed - if at all.

Although women contribute to transforming mobility, they frequently remain invisible and their contribution to safer, more inclusive and more sustainable transport is insufficiently acknowledged.

To empower Female Change-Makers in the transport sector and change mobility systems to cater to women’s needs, the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI) seeks to highlight and support the role of women in sustainable urban mobility.

Making their individual achievements visible is a long overdue step to change misconceptions and raise awareness. Thus, we are happy to present the first “Remarkable Women in Transport” publication.

We want your expertise!

Are you interested to join us in mobilizing women in transport? Or are you a female transport expert, too? Help design the Women Mobilize Movement and get in contact with us to mobilise women together!

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The series' first round

This publication presents the first round in a series of Remarkable Women in Transport. The included women have been suggested by TUMIs partner and by other internationally acknowledged partners. While not aiming at presenting an exhaustive series, we seek to highlight many more interesting women in future editions.

Do you know other women transport experts? Please share your suggestions with us for the next round of Remarkable Women in Transport:

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Transport is often seen as gender neutral – a road or bus system will benefit all equally. But in fact, it’s not! Women and men have different expectations, needs and constraints for using transport. Without considering these, planning and projects do not adequately meet the demands of a large part of their users. Thus, transport is neither efficient nor sustainable. In order to change this, the different mobility needs and requirements of women, female travel patterns as well as their safety and security constraints need to be better understood.

Furthermore, transport systems can only become truly inclusive and gender-responsive if the voices, perspectives and experiences of women are reflected at all levels in the transport sector. Thus, as it is still a largely male-dominated field, it is imperative to focus on increasing the number of women working on transport.

TUMI endeavours to support this transformational change by empowering women experts and stimulate behavioural change in the transport sector and in cities all around the world. As visibility is key to change mind-sets, this first round of TUMI’s Remarkable Women in Transport series introduces more than 60 highly qualified women transport experts, and highlights their contribution to sustainable mobility solutions on the ground – by women, for the entire society.

This publication is meant to showcase the diversity of female change makers in transport. From women working for civil society to international initiatives as well as start-ups, policy level, the private sector and research.

We are convinced that all of the following Remarkable Women make a great contribution in various places worldwide, therefore this - not all encompassing - publication follows no hierarchy nor particular order. Just browse and get inspired!
Remarkable Women in Transport

Maimunah Mohd Sharif
MY
Executive Director, UN-Habitat
Cycling Advocate

Maimunah Mohd Sharif is the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, since January 2018. Under her leadership, UN-Habitat is promoting gender-sensitive planning, policies and investment for sustainable, safe and accessible cities for all. Prior to this appointment, Maimunah was the Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia. In 2011, she became the first woman to be appointed President of the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai and advocated for its vision of a “cleaner, greener, safer and healthier place to work, live, invest and play”. She is a champion of Gender-Responsive Participatory Budgeting and Planning, integrating gender perspectives into the governance process. Maimunah holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Town Planning Studies from the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, United Kingdom, and a Master of Science in Planning Studies from the Malaysia Science University. She has received several awards, including, “Planner of The Year 2014” by the Malaysian Institute of Planners, the 2016 Global Human Settlements Outstanding Contribution Award during Habitat III in Quito, for her contribution in sustainable planning in Seberang Perai and from the Penang State Government. On 11 January 2018, she received an award from the Malaysia Book of Records recognizing her for being the first Asian woman to be appointed as Executive Director of UN-Habitat. She is married to Mr. Adli Lai and has two daughters. Maimunah is an avid cyclist in her daily life.

Violeta Bulc
SI
European Commissioner for Transport

Violeta Bulc was appointed EU Commissioner for Transport in 2014 and has put transport back on EU’s political agenda ever since. Her engagement with the financial community, beneficiaries and EU institutions has contributed to high investments in clean, safe, secure, smart and inclusive EU transport. Her commitment to sustainability is further demonstrated by her ongoing strong voice to ensure that in the next Multiannual Financial Framework 60% of all investments in EU transport are used for a sustainable cause. She was also behind the concepts of ‘Smart Villages’, the ‘U-space’ and ‘Discover Europe’. Furthermore, she worked heavily to increase global connectivity, extending the TEN-T network extension in all EU neighbouring countries, signing the Transport Community Treaty with the Western Balkans, concluding several external aviation agreements and reaching the first-ever global binding agreement addressing CO2-emissions in the aviation sector. Upon learning that only 22% of workers in Europe’s transport sector are women, she immediately took action and spearheaded a platform for change to address the imbalance and motivated a broad circle of stakeholders to take action. Violeta is a strong supporter of the ‘No women, no panel’ initiative.

Violeta studied computer science and informatics at the University of Ljubljana, before obtaining a master’s degree in information technology from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California. She holds an MBA in Business Administration and a PMBA in Executive Education from Bled School of Management, which she attended from 2001 to 2004. Before becoming EU Commissioner for Transport, Violeta was CEO of Vibacom, a company focused on balanced sustainable development strategies, organic growth and innovation of ecosystems from 2000 to 2014.
Julie Anne Genter
NZ

Minister for Women, Associate Minister for Transport, Associate Minister for Health, New Zealand

Julie Anne Genter grew up in Los Angeles where she witnessed women’s and civil rights movements making huge strides. In the famously car-dependent city she also saw the profound impact that transport and urban design have on quality of life. Graduating from UC Berkeley with a BA in philosophy, Julie studied politics at the prestigious Sciences Po in Paris, before moving to New Zealand to study at the University of Auckland. She went on to work as a transport consultant at some of New Zealand’s leading firms, specialising in transport economics and urban design. Julie is passionate about addressing the barriers that women face in working in these environments as well as addressing the gender pay gap. She is keen to explore and promote the links between her work with women, health and transport.

“We need more women advocates, we need more women politicians and we need more women working in the technical field, so they can bring this important perspective of how we create really welcoming communities for everyone. Because when women can feel safe and cycle, everybody can.”

JULIE ANNE GENTE

Rehana Moosajee
SA

Founder of The Barefoot Facilitator

Rehana Moosajee – The Barefoot Facilitator – brings a range of skills and experiences to the work she does. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has a history of community activism, having served on a range of civic structures. Rehana was a Councillor in the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality between 2000 and 2013. During her tenure as the political head of Transport she led the team that delivered Africa’s first full Bus Rapid Transport system – Rea Vaya. She has been called upon to share her learnings, insights and experiences at a variety of events – including amongst others – the International Transport Forum, the American Public Transport Association, the Eschborn Dialogues as well as the Gordon Institute of Business Science. She serves as a Research Associate at the South African Cities Network, is a member of the Advisory Board of the African Centre for Cities and a board member at Play Africa.

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“If we have sexism in city planning it’s because we have sexism in our communities, so that’s part of something we have to change.”

LAURA BALLESTEROS

Esenam Nyador

Founder and Head of Miss Taxi Ghana

Esenam Nyador is one of a handful of female taxi drivers in an industry that’s almost entirely dominated by men. In 2013, she finished her first degree at the University of Ghana. Her entrepreneurial streak paired with a bold personality helped her start her own business in a traditionally male-dominated industry. Flying in the face of societal expectation and the approval of her peers, Esenam says she chose taxi driving because it is a very non-traditional thing to do for a woman in Ghana and considers her choice of livelihood as a gender statement. Armed with a graduate degree research into Occupational Gender Segregation, Esenam succeeded in generating conversations in the industry, which has led to the training of women for participation in the transport industry. Today, with the support of donor partners, Miss Taxi Ghana is rolling out. She “drives The City Project” to empower many more women to contribute to the development of transport sector in Ghana.

Laura Ballesteros

Substitute Senator
Former Sub-Minister of Planning, Ministry of Mobility, Mexico City

An activist and expert in public policy and regulation, Laura Ballesteros is a political scientist graduate of the Tecnológico de Monterrey with a master’s degree in strategic direction and innovation management from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (AUB) and the Charles III University of Madrid, in a IUP Program. As a local congresswoman in the Local Congress of Mexico City, Laura led the enactment of the Mobility Law (Ley de Movilidad) along with civil society organizations and the former Head of Government, Miguel Angel Mancera. The law recognized mobility as a human right, the investment for public transport systems a priority, and led to the administrative reform of the Mobility Secretariat and the cross-sectional coordination of governmental agencies. As Sub-Minister of Planning in the Secretariat, Ballesteros introduced the road safety policy known as “Visión Cero” which has led to a 30% reduction of traffic-related deaths, certified by the Executive Secretariat of the National Group of Public Security (SESNSP).
“We need a culture change for a sustainable city.”

YOLISA KANI

Kristina Jasiunaite
DE
European Director, World Bicycle Relief (WBR)

Kristina Jasiunaite joined the international NGO World Bicycle Relief in 2013. As European Director, she is responsible for fund development and corporate partnerships. WBR builds specially-designed, locally assembled, rugged bicycles to provide a sustainable solution to the lack of mobility and long distances in rural development regions. To date, it has delivered over 420,000 bicycles to students, healthcare workers and entrepreneurs where the need is greatest. For increased sustainability, the organisation also trains field mechanics to ensure access to maintenance and spare parts. Prior to this, Kristina worked in the European bicycle industry for more than 14 years, dedicating herself to the idea that bicycles are a powerful and simple vehicle that can change the world.

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Yolisa Kani
ZA
Head of Policy South Africa, Uber

Yolisa Kani cut her teeth in transport planning in the early 2000s. She first worked for a consulting firm where she developed the first Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plans in the country before joining the public sector where she spent most of her career working on public transport plans and operations. During her tenure in government, she spent a considerable amount of time working on the transformation of the minibus taxi industry, the planning of bus rapid transport systems (BRT) and constructing public transport infrastructure. The highlight of her career was the successful delivery of the 2010 Fifa World Cup Transport Plans for the City of Johannesburg. Currently, Yolisa is Uber’s Head of Policy where she is responsible for urban mobility projects, policy and stakeholder engagements. She also serves on the advisory board of Africa Teen Geeks, an NPO that is teaching young Africans computer skills including coding and robotics. Yolisa dreams of a world where women are given more opportunities to shape public transport as it affects them more than it does male counterparts.
Heather Thompson has recently taken on the position of CEO at ITDP. She has been involved with ITDP for many years as a funder and sat on the ITDP board of directors for the last eight years, serving as board chair for the last two. Heather has nearly two decades of experience in the environmental non-profit sector. She co-founded ClimateWorks Foundation, a network of 13 regional foundations and expert teams which promote sectoral policies to mitigate climate change. Previously she co-founded the philanthropic strategy practice at California Environmental Associates. She has helped clients including the Asian Development Bank, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and the Environmental Defense Fund, design and implement strategies that have brought about large-scale benefits for the environment. Heather holds an MSc in environmental economics from the University of York, UK, and a BA in biological sciences from the University of California, San Diego.

Kimberly Toure is owner and president/CEO of development and construction Company Tumarsi Inc. A graduate of the University of Liberia, she is also national treasurer (and first female representative) of the Association of Liberian Construction Contractors and has mobilised the female contractors to form a female construction contractors group/network. She’s passionate about road construction and maintenance and says, “In Liberia, the roads are mostly in bad condition. This has a negative impact on economic growth, access to education, health institutions and harmonised regional development.”

The Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI) has kicked-off a debate on the role and potential of women in sustainable urban mobility at the first Women Mobilize Women Conference on 22nd May 2018 in Leipzig. The conference fostered knowledge exchange and in-depth discussions on female empowerment focused on the implementation of sustainable mobility solutions on the ground – by women, for women.

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Amanda Ngabirano  
UG  
Lecturer in urban and regional planning, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Amanda Ngabirano is a Ugandan consultant, urban and regional planner and lecturer in urban and regional planning at Makerere University. Amanda has particular experience in planned physical development for sustainability, with a keen interest in sustainable urban transportation. She’s an inspiring speaker on active modes of transportation and believes that Africa has a huge potential for moving people in a smarter way. Amanda is also the African representative board member of the World Cycling Alliance (WCA) and argues that African women, given their family role, need greater availability, more freedom and choice of mobility. This is something she campaigns actively for and believes that more women need to be involved in transport activities for societal wellbeing and economic development.

Shreya Gadepalli  
IN  
Leader of South Asia Programme, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)

Shreya Gadepalli leads the India & South Asia Programme of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), a global non-profit organisation that works worldwide to design and implement high quality transport systems and policy solutions that make cities more sustainable, equitable, and enjoyable. Her work since the late 1990s has established her as one of the foremost experts on sustainable urban mobility.

In a region where nine out of ten trips by women are made on foot or public transport – often in uncomfortable and unsafe conditions – Shreya and her team engage with public agencies and other groups to ensure that these modes become safer and better. As a woman leader in the field, she has also ensured that her organisation provides the space needed for young women to learn, grow, and shine.

Ksenia Semenova  
UA
Project Coordinator, Kyiv Cyclists’ Association

Ksenia started her career in 2002 at UNDP Ukraine. In 2008-2010 she studied at Lund University, Sweden where she felt the taste of sustainable mobility. Upon return to Ukraine, she joined Kyiv Cyclists’ Association, a grass-root NGO. She became one of the organization’s leaders helping to develop it into an influential national institution with an international network of partners. In 2015, Ksenia was appointed to a newly established position of Cycling Advisor to the Mayor of Kyiv, Vitalii Klitschko. A year later, she was elected to the Board of European Cyclists’ Federation, where she served two years. Ksenia was among the pioneers of the Kyiv Cycling Plan approved in 2018 and the new edition of Ukraine’s national construction standards prioritizing cycling and road safety. Besides cycling, Ksenia’s professional interests include accessibility of public transport and buildings.
In a city with a history of division and segregation, an Open Streets programme could profoundly change how we relate to each other.

MARCELA GUERRERO CASAS

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Marcela Guerrero Casas
ZA
Co-Founder, Open Streets Cape Town

Born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia, Marcela Guerrero Casas lived in the US for most of her adult life before moving to South Africa in 2006. Her academic background includes a Master’s in public administration and international affairs from Syracuse University. She has worked in policy and advocacy for almost ten years in organisations including The Carter Center, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation and Fairtrade Africa. Marcela believes streets can bring people together. “In a city with a history of division and segregation, an Open Streets programme could profoundly change how we relate to each other,” she says. She is passionate about cities, public space and most importantly, people. Open Streets is a concept that resonates strongly with her because of her upbringing and the potential it has shown in Cape Town. Marcela is also a co-founder of Otro Sur, a platform for cultural exchange between Latin American and Sub-Saharan African countries.

Diane E Davis
US
Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism, Chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Before moving to Harvard in 2012, Diane Davis served as the head of the International Development Group in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, where she also had a term as Associate Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning. Originally trained as a sociologist, Diane’s research interests include the relations between urbanisation and national development, comparative urban governance, socio-spatial practice in conflict cities, urban violence and new territorial manifestations of sovereignty. Starting with her dissertation research that focused on the decision to build a subway in Mexico City, over the years she has written several books which examine the politics of urban policy and their impact on city form, the contributions of urban growth to national economic prosperity, the strategies and tactics used to transform urban transport, and the inter-relationships between cities and sovereignty. Diane has just completed two separate initiatives, for which she was principal investigator: a three-year project funded by the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations (VREF) focused on the role of political leadership in transforming urban transport and a three-year project funded by Mexico’s national workers’ housing agency (INFONAVIT) geared toward developing more sustainable social housing policies for Mexican cities.

Remarkable Women in Transport
Paola Tapia
CL
Former Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Chile

Paola Tapia was the first woman to lead the Chilean Ministry of Transport. She created the first working policy review group of the public and private sector, promoting a gender vision in transport and increasing female participation in the sector. She presented a recognition for the first time to highlight the need for female participation in transport companies and universities.

A trained lawyer, Paola has held various leadership positions in the Chilean Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications. As Minister she approved the first national policy on gender equity and transport, to promote the incorporation of more women into the transport workforce and to adopt measures that promote the protection of women.

She is founder of the international organizations "Women in Motion" and "Future City network".

Lisa Conibear
UK
Business Manager, Shell Foundation

Lisa Conibear is a business manager at the Shell Foundation, which co-creates and fosters the growth of companies in the Access to Energy, Sustainable Mobility, and SME finance sectors.

Lisa leads the Foundation’s work in Sustainable Mobility and Agriculture. In this role Lisa has fed into multiple global mobility initiatives, including the UN’s SUM4ALL working group and strategy of the WRI Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities. Lisa has additionally convened events for investors and start-ups in the sustainable mobility sector in New York and Nairobi. She is passionate about the potential for revolutionizing mobility in emerging markets and creating resilient and sustainable communities.

Lisa holds a double graduate degree from Copenhagen Business School and Università Bocconi.

Manal al-Sharif
SA
Founder, Women2Hack Academy

Manal al-Sharif is considered the first Saudi woman to specialise in Information Security with a career that started back in 2002 with ARAMCO, the largest oil company in the world. In 2011, Manal co-founded the #Women2Drive campaign, to challenge the ban on women driving in her country. She was arrested and imprisoned for “driving while female” and released on the condition that she never drives again on Saudi lands, never to speak about it or do any interviews. She continued campaigning for #Women2Drive and #IAmMyOwnGuardian to end male guardianship in her country.

She started #Faraj, to help domestic helpers leave jail and #IAmLama that resulted in codifying the first anti-domestic violence law in Saudi. For her activism, she won the first Vaclav Havel award for Creative Dissent and she is author of the bestselling book Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman’s Awakening. Currently Manal al-Sharif lives in exile in Sydney, Australia.

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Tripti Gurha
IN
Executive Director, Economics and Statistics, Indian Railway Ministry

Tripti Gurha has 25 years’ experience in the transport field. Prior to her current position, she worked at lower and middle management level, handling management of railways logistics, production management and sales management of Indian Railways, one of the biggest employers in India. Tripti passed her civil service exams at a time when they weren’t really open to female employees and was strongly advised against it by her colleagues. However, she says, “I was young, confident and enthusiastic and I was doing things I had never done before. It was a dream and I started falling in love with the service.” She quickly rose to seniority and productivity increased under her tenure. Women have come a long way in the industry since she started, she says, “The roles have opened up, there are role models and financial stability and young women know these careers are open to them.”

Paula Bisiau
AR
Undersecretary, Sustainable and Safe Mobility, Buenos Aires City Government

Paula Bisiau is the Undersecretary of Sustainable and Safe Mobility in the Buenos Aires City Government. This area works on public policies regarding road safety, walkability and cycling promotion as a key urban mode of transport. Paula works to promote sustainable means of transportation adopting a vision-zero approach that seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries. To that end, she developed the first road safety plan for the city, which encourages pedestrian priority, respect and coexistence in transit. She is also in charge of the gender and transport agenda in the Secretariat of Transport, which aims to equalise job opportunities within the sector and improve women’s mobility conditions in relation to street harassment. Paula has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the Sorbonne University in Paris. She completed a master’s degree in urban economics at Torcuato Di Tella University in Buenos Aires in 2009 and won a scholarship to Georgetown University’s Innovation and Leadership in Government Program in 2014.

Eastern Africa Women in Transportation (EAWIT)

The first conference on Women in Transportation in Eastern Africa focused on the empowerment of women in the informal matatu industry and was organized by the Kenyan women-led Flone Initiative, which has been working on the issue for the last years. The conference was organized with the support of TUMI and other international and local organizations and took place on 22nd and 23rd of November 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya.
Clarisse Cunha Linke  
BR  
Country Director, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP)

Clarisse Cunha Linke has worked in the planning and implementation of social policies and programmes since 2001, with experience in Brazil, Mozambique and Namibia. She has a master’s in social policies, NGOs and development at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she received the “Titmuss Examination Prize” in 2005. During the 2006-2011 period, Clarisse was one of the Executive Directors of the Bicycling Empowerment Network Namibia’s (BEN Namibia), where she was responsible for the expansion of the organisation’s activities, helping it become the largest bicycle distribution network integrated with the implementation of social enterprises in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2010, she was awarded by Ashoka Changemakers in the “Women, Tools, and Technology” Challenge. Clarisse has been part of ITDP Brazil since 2012 and is a Board member of the Sustainable Low Carbon Transport Network (SLoCaT), the Associação Transporte Ativo and Casa Fluminense. In addition, she is a member of the Municipal Transport Council of Rio de Janeiro and the Urban Development Council of the Metropolitan Region of Executive Director.

Mary Crass  
FR  
Head of Institutional Relations and Summit, International Transport Forum (ITF)

Mary Crass is Head of Institutional Relations and Summit for the Paris-based International Transport Forum, at the OECD. She is responsible for the ITF’s relations with Member countries, international organisations and associations and the annual International Transport Forum Summit. She has also been in charge of the organisation’s work on sustainable urban travel, accessible transport and social inclusion, as well as crime and terrorism issues in transport. She recently chaired the International Road Transport Association’s (IRU) Future of the Taxi Reflection Group and is currently co-chair of the Transportation Research Board’s Accessible Transportation Committee – subcommittee on Policy and Practice. Prior to joining the OECD, Mary worked as a consultant focusing on transport and environment issues for among others the UN Environment Programme, the European Commission and OECD, as well as private enterprise. Mary has a Masters Degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) with specialisations in international economics and energy and environment policy and a BA from the University of Texas at Austin.
Dr Kalpana Viswanath
IN
Co-Founder, SafetiPin

Dr Kalpana Viswanath is the co-founder and CEO of SafetiPin, a social enterprise using data and technology to support cities to become safer, more inclusive and smarter. Since its inception in 2013, SafetiPin has worked with more than 30 cities in India and other developing countries. SafetiPin collects data about safety in public spaces through multiple sources including the MySafetiPin app which is a free crowd sourcing app and works with governments to use this data for better planning and maintenance. Kalpana also headed a number of large global projects, including Jagori, a leading women’s rights NGO, and has been a consultant for many agencies including Women in Cities International, UN Women, and UN Habitat. She is a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues for UN Habitat.

Mariana Alegre Escorza
PE
General Coordinator, Lima Cómo Vamos

Mariana Alegre Escorza was born in Lima, Peru. She studied Law at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) and earned a MSc in City Design and Social Science from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She is a Chevening Alumni. While studying for her first master’s in human rights (PUCP), she discovered her passion for urban rights. She has been involved in several research projects and academic work, in particular those about sustainable urban mobility, public spaces and social movements and urban renewal with social inclusion processes.

Since 2010, Mariana has served as the Executive Director of Lima Cómo Vamos citizen observatory, whose mission is to evaluate the quality of life of the limeños and chalacos (Lima and Callao’s neighbours) and Ocupa Tu Calle (Occupy Your Street) strategy, where they develop more and better public spaces. She is a tenured teacher at PUCP’s business undergraduate school (Facultad de Gestión y Alta Dirección) and is in charge of the social management track. Mariana also writes opinion columns for newspaper Perú 21, rides her bike regularly and walks around her city encouraging people to love Lima as much as she does.

“We need governments to listen to the fact that they cannot continue to plan transport the way they’ve been doing it.”

DR KALPANA VISWANATH

Remarkable Women in Transport
Shannon Galpin
US
Activist, Author, Explorer

Shannon Galpin is an American global women’s rights activist, author, artist, explorer, and advocate for sexual assault survivors. She is founder of women’s rights non-profit, Mountain2Mountain, and co-founder of the wildlife conservation organization, Endangered Activism with her daughter, Devon Clarke. Shannon worked for a decade on women’s rights projects in Afghanistan. In 2009 she became the first person to mountain bike in Afghanistan, where later she eventually met, supported, and trained the first Afghan Women’s National Cycling team which was recognized with a Nobel Peace Prize Nomination. Here she also helped build and support the burgeoning right-to-ride movement in the country. Shannon is the producer of the documentary film Afghan Cycles and in 2013, she was named National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. Shannon is a Fellow of the Explorer’s Club and was awarded an Honorary Diploma from the International Olympic Committee for her work promoting human rights through cycling. Her memoir, Mountain to Mountain was published in 2014.

Natasha Zulkifli
MY
Stakeholder Director, YTL Malaysia

Natasha Zulkifli has extensive experience in the Malaysian public transport sector, now working as Stakeholder Director at YTL Malaysia which is constructing Malaysia’s largest inter-city rail infrastructure project. Given her deep interest to strengthen human capital development in the Malaysian rail space, in 2017 Natasha founded Women in Rail Malaysia, a not-for-profit entity which was established to support and promote equality and diversity within the Malaysian rail industry. She is passionate about driving Women in Rail Malaysia for the benefit of women not just currently working within the industry but to also promote the Malaysian rail space as a career of choice to young women currently studying in secondary school and in universities.

Kelly J. Clifton
US
Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Portland State University

Dr Kelly Clifton is a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Portland State University. She holds an affiliate appointment in the Urban Studies and Planning Program and is a fellow in the Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Her research, teaching and service activities are focused on transportation and how human mobility is shaped by needs, activity demand, urban context and technology. Kelly is an internationally recognised expert on transport and land use interactions, travel behaviour, pedestrian modelling and equity in transportation policy. She bridges the fields of transportation engineering and planning and is known for qualitative and quantitative methodological research methods. Kelly serves as a Hans Fischer Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Technical University of Munich until 2020, where she is working in the Modeling Spatial Mobility lab to incorporate pedestrian modelling into land use-transport interaction models and health impact assessments.

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Angela Beatriz Anzola De Toro
CO

District Secretary for Women, City of Bogotá

Angela Beatriz Anzola De Toro is currently the District Secretary for Women of the City of Bogotá. Before she became Secretary Angela, served as High Councilor for Victims’ Rights, Peace and Reconciliation, an entity that provides humanitarian aid to approximately 22,000 victims of the armed conflict per year. A graduate in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the University of York, Angela pursued Latin American Studies at Oxford University and holds a master’s in Public Policy from Oxford University. Before joining Mayor Enrique Peñalosa’s team she worked as a researcher at Inter Mediate, a London-based NGO focused in mediation in the most complex conflicts around the world. Previously, Angela worked as an advisor for plenipotentiary negotiator Frank Pearl during the Colombian Peace Process with the FARC guerrilla.

Heather Allen
BE

Independent Consultant Gender and Urban Transport

Heather Allen is a highly regarded expert and thought leader in gender, urban transport, sustainable development and climate change. She has been working in this space for 20 years and is experienced in setting up strategic partnerships and managing international programmes. She was Senior Manager at the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), leading their sustainable development charter programme and then went on to be Program Director for Sustainable Transport with the UK Transport Research Laboratory. Since becoming an independent consultant, her projects have included a major international review of women’s personal security entitled Safe and Sound, studying gender and urban transport in the People’s Republic of China, Philippines, Chile, Ecuador, Argentina and Papua New Guinea and is the lead consultant for the gender chapter of the World Bank SUM4ALL Global Road Map. She believes in the importance of working with civil society and local universities to build a stronger evidence base on gender sensitive sustainable transport.

Remarkable Women in Transport
Sophie Punte  
NL  
Executive Director, Smart Freight Centre (SFC)

Smart Freight Centre promotes a more efficient and low-emissions global freight sector. Sophie Punte founded SFC in July 2013 as a global mission-driven organisation to drive transparency and mobilise multinational companies and their logistics partners to take action. SFC brings the global logistics community together to develop global standardised guidelines and approaches for calculating, reporting and reducing logistics emissions, the first of which is the GLEC Framework. SFC also recognises companies that demonstrate Smart Freight Leadership.

Previously, as Executive Director of Clean Air Asia, Sophie played a lead role in bringing green freight on the agenda in Asia. She also worked at the UN Environment, KPMG and an engineering firm on environmental management and corporate sustainability. She holds an MSc (Biology) and a Master of Environmental Management from the Netherlands.

Lisa Seftel  
SA  
Executive Director for Transport, City of Johannesburg

Lisa Seftel is responsible for the planning, leadership and management of transport related issues to fulfil the City’s goal of making walking, cycling and public transport the mode of choice. Her responsibilities and achievements include implementing one of the first bus rapid transit systems in Africa, called Rea Vaya, the promotion of cycling, public transport transformation and linking land use and transport planning through promoting transit orientated development, which aims to redress inequalities and improve the quality of life of all residents.

Lisa was previously municipal manager of a district municipality south of Johannesburg and prior to that held government posts in the Gauteng Department of Public Transport, Roads and Works, Office of the Premier in Gauteng Provincial Government and the Department of Labour. She was also a political and trade union activist. She has an honours degree in industrial sociology and a diploma in public and development management.

Sheila Watson  
UK  
Deputy Director and Director of Environment and Research, FIA Foundation

Sheila Watson is Deputy Director (Environment and Research) at the FIA Foundation, a UK-based Charity which is committed to promoting safe sustainable mobility across the world. She is also Executive Secretary to the Global Fuel Economy Initiative, which seeks to support the development of fuel economy policies across the world, and the Real Urban Emissions Initiative (TRUE), which exposes the real world emissions of the cars on our roads.

Sheila is an economist, with many years experience as Senior Special Policy Adviser to the UK Labour government in the Environment, Trade & Industry, and foreign policy departments. Former roles include Deputy Director of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies, and Policy Researcher at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Sheila has an Honours Degree from the University of Oxford, and an MSc in Economics from Birkbeck College, University of London. She is married, with 3 sons, and lives in London.

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Daniela Chacón Arias was elected City Councillor of Quito for the period 2014-2019 and served as Vice Mayor until August 2016. Prior to this she worked for the city of Denver, Colorado, was a Fulbright scholar at The George Washington University and worked as a lawyer and in the organisation of public-private programmes for the economic and social development of Ecuador.

Daniela has implemented programmes promoting walking and biking in order to transform Quito into an inclusive, secure and sustainable city. An active voice for gender fairness and equality, she created a programme for the quality improvement of public transport services and to fight sexual harassment in both public spaces and public transportation. She has led several participative projects to recover public places and neighbourhoods throughout the city of Quito and is an active member of the worldwide Project for Public Spaces initiative.

Claudina de Gyves is an architect from Benito Juárez University in Oaxaca. Her field of expertise is in urban planning and mobility. A cyclist and activist on issues of city, public space and mobility, she is the founder of the City on Foot Collective. She has experience in urban project management and citizen advocacy with private initiatives and government and is co-founder and general coordinator of Liga Peatonal where she has promoted initiatives and campaigns such as the Illustrated Charter of Pedestrian Rights, antipedestrian bridges and desire lines. Interested in infrastructure issues in the areas of mobility, universal accessibility, road safety and gender, Claudina currently lives in the city of Oaxaca, is a music lover, fan of jazz and folding bicycles. She wants her nieces and nephews to learn from a young age that walking and riding a bike is better.

SafetiPin is a social enterprise providing a number of technology solutions to make cities safer for women and others. The SafetiPin tool is based on 9 variables determined by UN Women to be the most influential factors of women’s perception of security. The TUMI Challenge Project „Me muevo segura“ of the Ministry for Women and Gender Equality of Bogotá, in collaboration with CAF and SafetiPin, is collecting and auditing geo-referenced data of 15,547 kilometers of streets within the city of Bogota when it gets dark. The data will serve as a basis for a night security index for women and will therefore enable targeted interventions to improve the situation.
Dr Clemence Cavoli
UK
Research and teaching fellow, UCL

Dr Clemence Cavoli is a research and teaching fellow at the Centre for Transport Studies, part of the Civil, Environmental, Geomatic Engineering Department at UCL. She specialises in environmental and transport policies, in particular linked with urban mobility. Her current research projects investigate the extent to which growing cities can accelerate their urban transport development processes to support sustainable mobility and land use. Since September 2018 she has managed a large research project, T-SUM, focusing on sustainable urban mobility transitions in sub-Saharan Africa involving various international partners including UN-Habitat and the World Bank. Influencing policy is central to Clemence’s engagement as an academic. She advises supranational, national and local policy-makers. She regularly works as an independent expert and consultant for the European Commission and was seconded to the Science and Research Unit at the UK Department for Transport and to the EU Commission, DG MOVE.

Dr Nancy Vandycke
US
Programme Manager, “Sustainable Mobility for All” and Economic Adviser, World Bank

Dr Nancy Vandycke is Economic Advisor in the Transport Global Practice of the World Bank. She is the founder and currently heads “Sustainable Mobility for All”- a global platform that unites 55 public and private organizations worldwide to change the future of mobility. Nancy also leads the strategic and global analytical portfolio of the World Bank in transport, including climate action, impact evaluation, global tracking framework, and the Knowledge Note series. She is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Council on Advanced Energy Technologies and of the Multilateral Development Banks’ Group on sustainable transport. She started her professional career at the International Monetary Fund and was adjunct professor of economics at Georgetown University. She holds a PhD in Economics from London School of Economics.
Cecile Texier drives Alstom’s Sustainability, CSR and Climate strategy, local communities’ investment programme, annual reporting activities, collaborative initiatives, sustainability in marketing and dialog with socially responsible investors and stakeholders. In 2018, she was also nominated Global Diversity Champion of the company.

A key player in the transport sector, Alstom works on developing and promoting efficient and sustainable solutions, focusing on shared and electrical mobility, in an effort to support a global reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and air pollution. Alstom operates in more than 60 countries over all continents delivering urban and intercity rail systems. Cecile is passionate about transport’s role in climate change. “In the past the focus has been largely on energy, but transport now deserves equal attention.” Alstom has been the first company in the world to put in commercial service an hydrogen train powered by fuel cells, the Coradia iLint, to replace diesel regional trains in Germany. Before joining Alstom in 2005, Cecile worked for the KPMG Sustainability Department.

Claudia Adriazola-Steil has worked in the transport sector for almost 20 years. As the Public Health and Road Safety Director at the World Resources Institute, she focuses on the intersection of sustainable mobility, climate change, public health and equity. Over the last 11 years at WRI, Claudia has been instrumental in developing one of the most innovative road safety programs in the world – significantly influencing the international agenda, as well as those of national and local governments. Claudia previously held positions in Peru’s national government, including General Director of Land Transportation and Executive Manager of the National Council of Road Safety in the Ministry of Transport and Head of the Legal Department of the Superintendence of Public Registries in the Ministry of Justice. Originally a lawyer, Claudia was later trained in transport management in Germany. In 2008 she graduated with an Executive Master of Public Administration and an MA in International Relations from the Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse University, New York.

Anna Bray Sharpin works with research and projects related to emerging trends and best practices at the intersection of mobility, urban planning, traffic safety and public health. Anna specialises in accessibility and safety for people walking and biking, and the application of the Safe System approach to road safety. Prior to moving to Washington DC, Anna worked at the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy in Brazil and Mexico where she worked with an interdisciplinary team to promote the integration of sustainable mobility and road safety principles at all levels from street design to law. She also developed advocacy and communications networks to disseminate sustainable urban mobility concepts and built partnerships with government and civil society. Anna began her career in her home country of New Zealand, where she worked for the city of Wellington, coordinating public consultation on urban development projects. Anna holds an MSc in City Design and Social Science from the London School of Economics, and a BSc in Environmental Studies and Geography from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.
Sharon Masterson
IE
Head of the Corporate Partnership Board, International Transport Forum (ITF)

With more than 20 years’ international experience in the technology and transportation sectors, Sharon Masterson currently works with the International Transport Forum at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental organisation of 59 member countries to facilitate global dialogue for better transport.

In her role with the Corporate Partnership Board, the ITF’s platform for engaging with the private sector, she works with leading global enterprises to ensure that transport policy discussions are enriched with a business perspective on a broad range of topics such as decarbonising transport, new mobility, innovation, gender.

Prior to joining the OECD in 2009, Sharon spent ten years in commercial and operational management positions in Groupe Air France, Paris and Dublin and worked as Area Manager Benelux for a company supporting US tech companies launch in Europe. She worked as Business Development Manager in a tech startup and also spent four years working in Germany with Würth GmbH & Co. KG.

Andrea Soehnchen
BE
Business Development Manager, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

A civil engineer specialising in infrastructure and transport planning, with more than 20 years of experience in the transport and mobility sector, Andrea joined UITP in 2001. UITP is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. Andrea built up UITP’s security-related activities in the wake of the bombings in Madrid and Moscow. After some years working for Securitas, a leading private security company and ASSA-i (the International Aviation Security Services Association) Andrea joined UITP again and took responsibility for service and product development. Andrea has a deep understanding of mobility and security along with a vast experience of successfully managing complex projects. Recent activities also focussed on the improvement of safety, security and employment opportunities for women in public transport.

Sofia Salek de Braun
DE
Solution Director Traffic Safety, PTV Group

Sofia Salek de Braun is a passionate road safety advocate, after a traffic accident in 2015 changed her family’s life. She is convinced that road safety is not just a governmental issue but one that concerns everyone. Sofia believes that as streets become safer and more humane, more people will feel comfortable walking and cycling. This, she says, not only increases people’s physical activity but also contributes to ongoing improving air quality. She says, “A mobility system that offers a variety of safe transportation options can better address the needs of a variety of demographic groups with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons, which increase choices and open up opportunities for people.” She adds, “improving road safety is an imperative for sustainable and inclusive urban growth.”
Larissa Zeichhardt
DE
CEO, LAT Funkanlagen and Service GmbH

A qualified engineer, with strong media skills and a deep understanding of the digital, Larissa pursued a career in packaging before entering the mobility sector, joining her sister Arabelle Laternser in leading the family-owned and operated LAT Group. She is a board member of cable construction association Gütegemeinschaft Leitungstiefbau, deputy chair of two committees in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Berlin (CCI Berlin) and an active member of several initiatives including Women in Mobility, Women’s Railway Association (Allianz pro Schiene) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Larissa promotes intermodal mobility concepts and regularly shares her expertise in digitised railroad infrastructure as a keynote lecturer at international summits. She initiated the InnoTrans Ladies Lunch (now WiM InnoTrans Luncheon) to promote more diversity in transport.

Salma Mousallem
EG
Programme Officer, UN-Habitat Egypt

Salma Mousallem is the mastermind behind UN-Habitat Egypt’s mobility portfolio. The projects in the portfolio promote public transportation and non-motorized transport, while emphasizing the urgency of peeling back car oriented policies.

As a metro rider herself, Mousallem regularly faced the last mile problem of getting to the station, and thus the idea of the bike sharing project Bicletta was born. Not only will the project implement a bike sharing system, but it will develop a network of bike lanes to address safety issues which is a key concern for potential users.

Salma is also managing the planning and design of Cairo’s first Bus Rapid Transit System, funded by the New Urban Communities Authority and UN Women. In 2018, she also led a collaboration between civil society, local government, and UN-Habitat to put on the ground 100 bike racks around the city, an initiative highlighting the importance of a cycling as a mode of transportation in the city.

Salma holds a Master’s in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley and bachelor’s degree in biomedical sciences and international development studies from McGill University in Montreal, Canada.
Dr Lake Sagaris  
CL  
Associate Adjunct Professor of Transport Engineering, Researcher PUC Chile, Centre for Sustainable Urban Development (CEDEUS) and BRT+Centre for Excellence in Bus Rapid Transit  

Dr Sagaris is an internationally recognised expert in cycle-inclusive urban planning, civil society development and participatory planning theory and practice. Born in Canada and working as a freelance journalist after learning about urbanism as an active citizen in post-Pinochet Chile, Lake earned a Master of Science (2006) and a PhD (University of Toronto, 2012) in urban and regional planning. She directs the Laboratory for Social Change, a community-university participatory action research initiative and teaches several innovative planning courses, including one of the first university-level courses on cycle-inclusion, civil society development and participatory planning theory and practice.  

Robin Chase  
US  
Thought leader, co-founder of Zipcar  

Robin Chase is a transportation entrepreneur. She is the co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar, the leading car sharing company in the world, as well as co-founder of Veniam, a vehicle network communications company. Most recently she co-founded NUMO, a global alliance focusing on New Urban Mobility. After graduating from the MIT Sloan School of Management, Chase was a board member in various transportation organisations and networks, currently at the World Resources Institute. She is the author of the book Peers Inc: How People and Platforms are Inventing the Collaborative Economy and Reinventing Capitalism.  

Monika Zimmermann  
DE  
Former Deputy Secretary General, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)  

Monika Zimmermann joined ICLEI in 1993. She co-developed this global local government network, supported its strategy development and built up diverse working areas. From 2012 until August 2018, she acted as ICLEI’s Deputy Secretary General. Her responsibilities included the supervision and inspiration of ICLEI’s global EcoMobility Team and the management of EcoMobility World Festivals and Congresses. As a global key actor for local governments, Monika’s vision is to improve urban sustainability comprehensively, integrating urban development, mobility, resource efficiency, urban nature, climate policies and social aspects. Thus, she enriched ICLEI’s agendas, set-up global projects and city cooperation networks, improved the consistency, methodology and description of approaches and strengthened the relations to ICLEI partners, including TUMI. Strengthening female local officials and colleagues is key for Monika. Monika has published various books, founded and edited environmental magazines and served as board member of national NGOs in Germany. Since 2018, Monika has been working as a consultant, advocate and trainer for urban sustainable development, with urban mobility being one of her priorities.

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Karen Vancluysen
BE
Secretary General, Polis SG

Polis is a network of European cities and regions cooperating on sustainable and innovative transport solutions. Karen Vancluysen was appointed Secretary General in 2014, after having been Research Director for eight years. Prior to joining Polis in 2004, she was Network Manager at ACCESS, EUROCITIES’ former sub-network on urban mobility. She was a project manager at Langzaam Verkeer, a Belgian centre for mobility management, from 1998 until 2001. Karen has been involved in urban mobility networking, innovation and policy activities since 1998, as well as in a wide range of European urban transport research projects. She has been a speaker and moderator at many international transport events. Karen is interested in the links between transport and health, including air quality as well as active mobility and clean vehicles, the potential of open data and ITS, urban space management, including parking and access regulations, improved safety for vulnerable road users, social inclusion, urban freight solutions, and the governance of innovations such as MaaS, automation and new shared mobility services.

Susanna Zammataro
CH
Director General,
International Road Federation (IRF)

In her capacity as Director General of IRF, Susanna Zammataro is responsible for developing and implementing strategic plans for the organization. As in-house expert on Environment and Climate change, she is also responsible for the overall environmental programmes and activities run by the IRF. She’s a member of the UNECE Climate Change Expert Group on Adaptation, the accredited IRF representative for the COP negotiations and the coordinator of the IRF Group of Experts on Environment & Climate Change. Susanna has recently joined the Board of the TOTAL Foundation to support and lend her expertise to the Sustainability and Road Safety work streams of the Foundation. She has also been involved in the Sustainable Mobility for All initiative (SuM4All) led by the World Bank. Susanna is a member of the Advisory Board of the FIA High Level Panel on Road Safety. She’s serving since 2012 as the Co-Chairperson of the “Safer Roads and Mobility” Pillar of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration Group (UNRSC), a global multi-stakeholder partnership whose aim is to strengthen global and regional coordination.

Oluwaseun Sonoiki
NG
Corporate & Legal Secretary,
Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA)

Oluwaseun Sonoiki is the Corporate & Legal Secretary at LAMATA, a Lagos State Government agency, responsible for planning, implementing, regulating and franchising public transport infrastructure and operations. In her role, she contributes to the development of legal strategies that enable necessary resource consents for the implementation of LAMATA’s capital projects and advises LAMATA on all matters relevant to its operations, particularly land transport related acts, regulations, rules and state sector related legislation. She also played a vital role in supporting the development of the Lagos Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) Policy which aims to create an environment that supports increased accessibility by prioritising walking, cycling and the use of public transport. As a member of LAMATA’s Executive Management Team she specialises in Corporate Transactional Law, building and maintaining effective relationships with key business users, external legal providers and public sector legal advisors.

Oluwaseun is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, Law Society England and Wales and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (ICSAN).

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“...The sidewalk infrastructure project will increase the visibility of pedestrians, identifying their needs and steering a coordinated programme of investment that focuses on reducing accidents, encouraging walking and improving their environments.”

OLUWASEUN SONOIKI

Remarkable Women in Transport
Eveline Trevisan
BR
Sustainability and Environment Coordinator, Belo Horizonte’s Transport and Traffic Company (BHTRANS), Brazil

Architect, urbanist, Master in Social Sciences and doctoral candidate in Urbanism, Eveline Trevisan has worked on urban projects for Belo Horizonte City Council since 1993. Since 2012 she has coordinated Belo Horizonte’s bicycle mobility program called Pedala BH. Her former experience in popular participation in the decision process of public management led her to perceive the difficulties faced by BHTRANS’ technicians in developing, along with the population, bicycle mobility projects. In January 2013 she created GT Pedala BH, a work group that brings together the public power and the civil society. GT Pedala BH is an open, advisory and leaderless work group made up of representatives from the civil society, associations and the public power. The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss bicycle use in Belo Horizonte. All citizens are welcome to the meetings and no prior registration is required. This is an unprecedented initiative in Brazil and has established an important benchmark for the management of bicycle mobility programs.

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Lise Breuil
FR
Director of Transport Directorate, French Development Agency

Lise Breuil graduated as an engineer from the École Polytechnique and the École nationale du génie rural des eaux et des forêts (French National School for Sustainable Development). Following a PhD on the renewal of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the water sector in developing countries, she held several positions at the Ministry of Ecology and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before joining in 2007 the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the public financial institution working to fight poverty and promoting sustainable development. Within AFD, she held several positions related to the financing of infrastructures, in France and in Cairo and is now in charge of the Transport division, the division that manages funding of more than one billion euros a year for transport projects for the benefit of developing countries.

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Sarika Panda Bhatt
IN
Head of Integrated Transport and Road Safety, WRI India

Sarika Panda Bhatt is Head of Integrated Transport and Road Safety with WRI India. She is based in Delhi and coordinates various projects and activities in the region. Sarika is the co-founder of the Raahgiri Day campaign, which is India’s first sustained initiative towards the use of alternative modes of transport. She is also helping about 70 other cities in India. Sarika is a leader in non-motorised transport work and heads the ‘Streets For All’ program of WRI India. With around 14 years’ experience in the field of urban developments, transport and architecture. Prior to WRI India, she worked with the SMEC India and consulting organization ORG Pvt. Ltd. During this time, she was involved in various projects around master planning, city development planning, comprehensive mobility planning and the planning of new townships. She has also worked extensively in the areas of environmental and social impact assessment. She is also an avid cyclist.

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Angie Palacios
AR
Gender and Transport Specialist, Vice-presidency of Infrastructure, Latin American Development Bank (CAF)

Angie Palacios is an Executive at the Vice-presidency of Infrastructure at CAF–Latin American Development Bank and part of the Urban Transport team. Her work focuses in providing technical and analytical support on sustainable transport issues, particularly on the relation between gender equality and transport projects through CAF-financed technical assistance and transport infrastructure operations. She is also responsible for the implementation of research and pilot programmes related to gender and mobility as well as other projects related to the Transport Unit’s strategy for a “Safe, Inclusive Integrated and Clean Urban Mobility” in Latin America. While at CAF, her work experience spreads across several countries including Argentina, Colombia, Chile, and Ecuador.

Prior to CAF, Angie worked in the international development sector, particularly in the design, execution and evaluation of local economic development projects with gender equity components in Brazil, Ecuador and Thailand.

She holds a Master in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University in New York. She is Ecuadorean and lives in Argentina.

Gisela Méndez
MX
Independent Consultant, Ex-Minister of Mobility, Colima, Mexico

Gisela Méndez was Secretary of Mobility of the Government of the State of Colima, the first woman to hold the position in Mexico. She co-founded the Mexican Mobility Authorities Association with 26 state and municipal transport and mobility institutions. Under her leadership, the Mobility Secretariat was formed and the Sustainable Mobility Law was approved by the State Congress, establishing the juridical, financial, technical and operative foundations for the Integrated Transport System at state level, connecting all cities in a single system.

Fighting corruption in transport, Gisela advocated and implemented policies and transversal criteria for public transport operators to help eradicate gender violence in the public transport system. She was also Director of Research and Capacity Development at the World Resources Institute of Mexico and Mobility Coordinator for the Federal Ministry of Urban Affairs, where she coordinated the publication of the book “Anatomy of Mobility in Mexico”.

Mujeres En Movimiento

On the occasion of the WomenMobilizeWomen Conference, six Latin-American female transport and mobility leaders signed the joint declaration “MujeresEnMovimiento” to encourage the inclusion of women in decision-making, planning and operation of transport. In October 2018 the initiative organized a first leadership seminar for women in the sector that gathered 60 participants from 10 Latin-American countries. Aim of the seminar and the network is to equip women in transport with effective soft and hard skills to transform the sector from the inside and to give more weight to a gender perspective in transport.
Bronwen Thornton
EN
Chief Executive Officer, Walk21

Bronwen Thornton is an expert on walking and walkable communities. She brings a voice for walking to the international stage, working with global agencies, (e.g. UNFCCC, WHO, ITF, UN Environment, UN Habitat and World Bank) and within local communities, cities and professional arenas. She speaks at forums around the world and has collaborated on projects to promote and improve walkability across Europe, Canada and Asia. Bronwen leads on the annual International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities and its growing legacy events and initiatives, such as Making Walking Count and the International Charter for Walking. She is a board member of the Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) Foundation, International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP) and Program Manager with the Outdoor Trust. She has more than 20 years’ experience in strategic transport planning, community and political engagement and creative policy and project delivery with a focus on sustainable and equitable transport.

And after spending all day talking about walking, Bronwen still enjoys nothing more than a long walk with her family and dog.

Dr Cathy Oke
AU
Councillor, City of Melbourne, First Vice President, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)

An Australian, Dr Cathy Oke was first elected to the Melbourne City Council in 2008, and has over 20 years’ experience in the sustainability sector. She holds a PhD in molecular science from Latrobe University and currently works as a Knowledge Broker at the Clean Air and Urban Landscapes (CAUL) Research Hub, which is part of the National Enviromental Science Program and based at the University of Melbourne. Cathy brings her ecological understanding and experience to the City of Melbourne and ICLEI to further the achievement of both organizations’ biodiversity agenda.

Committed to supporting programs that enable a safe, vibrant and creative community, Cathy has championed the City of Melbourne Transport Strategy, the “Share our Street” campaign to improve safety and encourage respect between all road users, a comprehensive Road Safety Plan, Walking Plan, Bicycle Plan, Motorcycle Plan and Last Kilometre Freight Plan. She is passionate about engaging the community in formulating these strategies and plans and is a strong advocate on behalf of walking and cycling in the city and showcasing the opportunities a pedestrian/cyclist friendly city presents for a city of the future.

Cathy is on the Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Local Governments’ Waste Forum, Yarra Park Advisory Committee and with an interest in the intersection of arts and science disciplines as a response to the environmental and climate challenges facing cities, is a founding director of Tipping Point Australia and co-producer of The Living Pavilion.
Skye Duncan
US

Director, Global Designing Cities Initiative, National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)

Skye Duncan has been leading a multi-year programme funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies to develop the new Global Street Design Guide and to provide technical assistance to cities around the world on safe and sustainable street design, including São Paulo and Fortaleza in Brazil, Bogotá in Columbia, Mumbai in India, and Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. Skye spent seven years working as a senior urban designer at the New York City Department of City Planning. There, she worked on design projects in all five boroughs involving streets, public spaces, housing and institutional buildings, while collaborating with multiple agencies and organisations on citywide policies to make New York a more sustainable, resilient, liveable, and healthy city. She was an associate professor at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation for seven years. Skye graduated as a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia in Master of Science: Architecture and Urban Design programme and has a bachelor’s in architecture with honours from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

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Sandra Roling
UK

Head of EV100

EV100 is The Climate Group’s corporate leadership initiative on electro-mobility, which has been growing in membership and impact since its launch in September 2017. Sandra is leading the development of EV100 to bring together major global companies who publicly commit to transition to electric vehicles in their operations by 2030. Through their own purchasing decisions, the example they set for staff and customers, and by speaking out about the strategic case for electrification, these companies play an active role in accelerating the EV transition. Sandra has held various positions in developing The Climate Group’s engagement work with companies as well as sub-national governments. She was also part of the founding secretariat for the We Mean Business coalition, a platform bringing together the major global business networks working on climate change to jointly drive corporate ambition for the low-carbon economy. Prior to joining The Climate Group, Sandra spent eight years in Brussels, amongst others setting up the EU office and heading the public affairs team of a German political communications agency. Sandra holds a BA in European Studies from the University of Osnabrück, Germany, as well as an MA in Central and Eastern European Studies from the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland and an MSc in Sustainable Development from the University of Exeter, UK.
Introduction of TUMI Partners

ADB
Asian Development Bank (ADB) is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 members—48 from the region. In 2017, ADB operations totaled $32.2 billion, including $11.9 billion in cofinancing.

BMZ
The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is headed by the Minister, Dr Gerd Müller, the Parliamentary State Secretaries, Dr. Maria Flachsbarth and Norbert Barthle, and the State Secretary, Martin Jäger. When Germany provides a developing country with a low-interest loan, when German experts advise the government of a partner country on behalf of the BMZ or when private German organisations carry out projects in developing countries, these are all approaches involving direct development cooperation between Germany and its partners. Besides engaging in such bilateral development cooperation activities, Germany is also involved in activities for the benefit of the developing countries at the international level – for example, through the EU’s development policy and by supporting international organisations such as the United Nations.

C40 Cities
C40 is a network of the world’s megacities committed to addressing climate change. C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change. The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, now in its 12th year, connects more than 95 of the world’s greatest cities, representing over 700 million people and one quarter of the global economy. Created and led by cities, C40 is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks, while increasing the health, wellbeing and economic opportunities of urban citizens.

CAF
Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF) is a development bank created in 1970, owned by 19 countries - 17 of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal- as well as 13 private banks in the region. It promotes a sustainable development model through credit operations, non-reimbursable resources, and support in the technical and financial structuring of projects in the public and private sectors of Latin America.

With headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela , CAF has offices in Buenos Aires, La Paz, Brasilia, Bogota, Quito, Madrid, Mexico D.F, Panama City, Asuncion, Lima, Montevideo and Port of Spain.

GIZ
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit provides services worldwide in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of the federal enterprise is in demand around the globe, with the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations and governments of other countries all benefiting from these services. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is the main commissioning party, but GIZ also works with the private sector, fostering successful interaction between development policy and foreign trade.

ICLEI
Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is the leading global network of more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. By helping the ICLEI Network to become sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, ecomobile, biodiverse, resource-efficient and productive, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, we impact over 25% of the global urban population.

ITDP
The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) works around the world to design and implement high quality transport systems and policy solutions that make cities more livable, equitable, and sustainable. ITDP is a global nonprofit at the forefront of innovation, providing technical expertise to accelerate the growth of sustainable transport and urban development around the world. Through our transport projects, policy advocacy, and research publications, we work to reduce carbon emissions, enhance social inclusion, and improve the quality of life for people in cities.
KfW

As a promotional bank, KfW Group supports change and encourages forward-looking ideas – in Germany, Europe and throughout the world. On behalf of the Federal Government, KfW Development Bank administers Germany’s official Financial Cooperation in more than 100 developing and transition countries in Africa, Asia, South and Central America, the Middle East and the Caucasus. Its priority areas of activity include poverty reduction and economic development, good governance, education and health care, and protection of the climate and the environment. In this way the bank helps the Federal Government achieve its developmental goals.

SLoCaT

The SLoCaT Partnership on Sustainable Transport is a multi-stakeholder partnership of over 90 organizations (representing UN organizations, Multilateral and Bilateral development organizations, NGOs and Foundations, Academe and the Business Sector). The thematic scope of the Partnership is land transport in developing countries, including freight and passenger transport. Both motorized and non-motorized transport are included. The policies proposed by SLoCaT are universal but the geographical scope of the Partnership is mainly for developing countries. The Partnership’s current focus is Asia, Latin America and Africa.

UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat is the United Nations program working towards a better urban future. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all. UN-Habitat envisions well-planned, well-governed, and efficient cities and other human settlements, with adequate housing, infrastructure, and universal access to employment and basic services such as water, energy, and sanitation. To achieve these goals, derived from the Habitat Agenda of 1996, UN-Habitat has set itself a medium-term strategy approach for each successive six-year period.

WRI

WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities helps create accessible, equitable, healthy and resilient urban areas for people, businesses and the environment to thrive. Together with partners, it enables more connected, compact and coordinated cities. The Center expands the transport and urban development expertise of the EMBARQ network to catalyze innovative solutions in other sectors, including water, buildings, land use and energy. It combines the research excellence of WRI with 15 years of on-the-ground impact through a network of more than 250 experts working from Brazil, China, Ethiopia, India, Mexico and Turkey to make cities around the world better places to live.

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