

# TUMI2023 Conference Feminist Voices in Transport

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Mobility Initiative

# TUMI Conference

## “Feminist Voices in Transport 2023”

23 May 2023

Kongresshalle am Zoo, Leipzig, Germany

Thank you to our TUMI Partners:



# Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome you to our annual TUMI Conference in Leipzig, Germany!

This year, we build on the momentum of Women Mobilize Women's 5-year anniversary to spotlight the importance of planning inclusive mobility projects that promote gender equity, social resilience, and tackle climate change.

The central themes of today's conference are:

- » Celebrating Women Mobilize Women and Remarkable Feminist Voices in Transport
- » Promoting Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment in the Transport Sector
- » Addressing the Challenges of Care Trips, Just Workplaces in Transport, Tackling Climate Change and Building Social Resilience through Transport Policy

We strive to make this conference an enriching and memorable experience, and hope you gain valuable insights from the discussions and exchanges.

Transport planning is  
not gender neutral.



# Morning Program

- 09:00 | Celebration of WMW's 5-Year Anniversary  
*Networking Breakfast*
- 10:30 | Official Opening & Welcome
- 10:40 | Setting the Scene: Why we Need Feminist Voices for  
Gender-Transformative Planning by Christine Toetzke
- 10:50 | About Women, All of Us  
*Keynote Speech by Robin Chase*
- 11:10 | In Dialogue with the 2023 Remarkable Feminist Voices  
*Morning Session 1*
- 12:00 | Launch of UN Environment Project „E-Mobility as a Driver  
for Change – Towards a Gender Transformative and Just  
Transition to Electric Mobility“  
*Official Launch*
- 12:15 ————— Group Photo & Lunch Break —————

# Afternoon Program

- 13:15 | **The Road to Equity: Navigating Intersectionality in Popular Transport**  
*Afternoon Session 1*
- 14:00 | **Hear from Senator Crystal Asige, Disability Rights Activist from Nairobi, Kenya**  
*Impulse Talk*
- 14:15 | **From Car to Care: Shifting the Paradigm of Urban Mobility Through the Lens of Care**  
*Afternoon Session 2 Co-hosted by ITDP*
- 15:00 ————— **Coffee Break** —————
- 15:30 | **Mapping Danger: The Use of Data for Safe Public Spaces and Transportation Systems**  
*Breakout Session I Co-hosted by CAF*
- Just Workplaces and Jobs with a Focus on E-Mobility**  
*Breakout Session II Co-hosted by WRI*
- Importance of Gender Responsiveness for Climate and Social Resilience in Transport**  
*Breakout Session III Co-hosted by SLOCAT*
- 16:30 | **Gender Imbalance in the Transport Sector: A Toolkit for Change**  
*Sum4all Gender Working Group Report Presentation*
- 16:45 | **The Way Forward – How to Implement and Finance Gender-Transformative Measures in the Urban Transport Sector?**  
*Closing Session*
- 17:30 | **Main Findings of the Day & ITF Summit 2023 Outlook**  
*Summary*
- 17:40 | **Closing Words & Opening of the Reception**

# Networking Breakfast

09:00 – 10:15

Telemann Saal



**Ariadne Baskin**  
GIZ / WMW



**Verena Flues**  
GIZ / TraCS



**Kristina Kebeck**  
City of Cologne



**Viviane Weinmann**  
GIZ / WMW

## **Celebration of WMW's 5- year Anniversary**

The Women Mobilize Women (WMW) 5-Year Anniversary Breakfast will reflect on the journey the WMW Initiative has taken since its beginning:

- Transforming from a network to an initiative that focuses on building a community of experts, gathering knowledge on gender-transformative approaches and piloting projects
- Broadening the scope from female empowerment to knowledge building and global agenda setting
- Building a community of experts to promote collaboration and regional networks.



# Opening & Setting the Scene

10:30 – 10:50

Weißer Saal

## Opening

*Video message by Minister  
Svenja Schulze*

## Setting the Scene: Why we Need Feminist Voices for Gender-Transformative Planning

*By Christine Toetzke*

Since the beginning of last year, Germany has been pursuing both a feminist foreign policy (FFP) and a feminist development policy (FDP). In the conference's opening speech, Christine Toetzke, the Director General for Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Eastern/South Eastern Europe of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) outlines why feminist development policy is not a "women's issue" and explains why strong feminist voices are needed to make change possible – in the transport sector as everywhere.



**Svenja Schulze**  
Federal Minister  
for Economic Cooperation and  
Development / BMZ



**Christine Toetzke**  
Federal Ministry  
for Economic Cooperation and  
Development / BMZ

# Keynote Speech

10:50 – 11:10

Weißer Saal



**Robin Chase**  
Tucows & Remarkable Feminist  
Voice in Transport 2023

## **About Women, All of Us** *by Robin Chase*

Robin Chase is a transportation entrepreneur. She is co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar, founded in 2000, the world's leading car sharing network; as well as co-founder of Veniam, founded in 2012, a network company that moves terabytes of data between vehicles and the cloud. In 2019, she co-founded her first nonprofit, NUMO, a global alliance to channel the opportunities presented by new urban mobility technologies to build cities that are sustainable and just.

Robin will provide an inspiring insight on her journey as well as why it's so important for more women to be on stage and in leadership roles.

# Morning Session 1

11:10 – 12:00

Weißer Saal

## In Dialogue with the Remarkable Feminist Voices 2023

Moderated by *Dr. Kalpana Viswanath*

The living-room style conversation aims to convey the messages and key learnings from the WMW “Feminist Voices in Transport 2023” Study Tour to Berlin in February 2023. The women on stage will unravel the structural and institutional obstacles women face on a daily basis, around the world, and the needed steps towards a gender equitable transformation of the mobility sector.

“Feminist Voices in Transport 2023” is WMW’s flagship campaign which featured a coffee table book as part of WMW’s annual Remarkable Women publication series, and included a study tour in February 2023 for awarded women from emerging economies. TUMI2023 Conference is centered around the remarkable achievements of women in the transport field.



Yasmine Al Moghrabi  
Regional Youth Leader  
of Road Safety



Laura Ballesteros  
Mexican Senate,  
Mujeres en Movimiento



Melissa Bruntlett  
Mobycon, WMW  
Ambassador



Robin Chase  
Tucows



Keisha Mayuga  
AltMobility



Naomi Mwaura  
Flone Initiative



Cyprine Odada  
Critical Mass Nairobi



Andrea San Gil Leon  
Center for Urban  
Sustainability



Sonal Shah  
The Urban Catalyts



Dr. Kalpana Viswanath  
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# Morning Session 2

12:00 – 12:15

Weißer Saal



**Annika Berlin**  
United Nations  
Environment Programme / UNEP

**Launch of UN Environment Project „E-Mobility as a Driver for Change - Towards a Gender Transformative and Just Transition to Electric Mobility“**  
*Official Launch*

UNEP will present their new project awarded by BMZ.

The project aims to ensure that the introduction of, and shift to, electric mobility will include and promote the position and interests of women, to create a more gender transformative and just transport sector. It will have demonstration projects in 6 countries.

The new global Working Group on E-Mobility and Gender will bring together a consortium of transport stakeholders who will contribute with their time, knowledge, and expertise to establish best practices, create frameworks, provide policy advice and tools and ensure that global efforts on the topic are better synergized.



**Christine Toetzke**  
The Federal Ministry for Economic  
Cooperation and Development / BMZ

# Afternoon Session 1

13:15 – 14:00

Weißer Saal

## **The Road to Equity: Navigating Intersectionality in Popular Transport**

*Moderated by Melissa*

*Bruntlett*

**Tom Courtright**  
Africa E-Mobility  
Alliance  
Lubyanza



**Lorena Freitas**  
Institute for  
Transportation and  
Development Policy  
/ ITDP Brazil



**Naomi Mwaura**  
Flone Initiative



**Andrea  
San Gil Leon**  
Center for Urban  
Sustainability



In this session, TUMI will explore how popular transport services bring about profound obstacles as well as fill a needed gap in the absence of formal, regulated services for women and other marginalized groups. The panelists will discuss how power and inequality inform the governance and control of movement and how we move towards popular transit services that are more efficient, better integrated and represent the needs of all.

# Impulse Speech

14:00 – 14:15

Weißer Saal



**Crystal Asige**  
Kenyan Senate

**Hear from Senator Crystal  
Asige, Disability Rights  
Activist from Nairobi, Kenya**

Crystal Asige, an award-winning Kenyan singer/songwriter and disability rights champion, will deliver an inspiring speech on gender inclusion in transport. Drawing from her personal journey with glaucoma and her experiences as a young, African woman with an invisible disability, Crystal aims to create awareness about the inter-sectionalities of disability and gender. Through her engagement, she hopes to challenge negative perceptions and promote inclusivity.

# Afternoon Session 2

14:15 – 15:00

Weißer Saal

## **From Car to Care: Shifting the Paradigm of Urban Mobility Through the Lens of Care**

*Co-hosted by ITDP*  
*Moderated by Aimée Gauthier*

Transportation planning has centered both the car and the relatively young, non-disabled commuter, at the expense of women, older people, and young children. Just as care work is often invisible, so are care trips in our transportation planning. Care work is highly gendered, with 70 % of caregiving activities shouldered by women and girls globally.

This session will take a deeper look at the mobility of care, why it matters in the face of our climate emergency and growing inequality, and what to do about it. The session includes inspiring examples of how partners and cities are advancing their work towards more inclusive mobility and will invigorate the participants with a call to action through interactive tools.

Lorena Freitas  
ITDP Brazil



Aimée Gauthier  
ITDP Global



Cyprine Odada  
Critical Mass Nairobi



María Fernanda  
Ramírez Bernal  
Espacio



Anuela Ristani  
Tirana Municipality



# Breakout Session I

15:30 – 16:30

Weißer Saal



**Iman A. Abubaker**  
WRI India

## **Mapping Danger: The Use of Data for Safe Public Spaces and Transportation Systems**

*Moderated by Iman A. Abubaker*



**Angie Palacios**  
CAF



**Bronwen Thornton**  
Walk21



**Kalpana Viswanath**  
Safetipin

Women, girls, and other marginalized groups have different mobility patterns, and face different safety concerns, and accessibility barriers than men, but this is not always reflected in the data used to inform transportation policy and decision-making. As a result, transportation systems may not fully address the needs and experiences of a large parts of its users, perpetuating gender and social inequalities. By drawing upon the expertise of the speakers and the discussions with the audience, the session aims to generate insights for advancing gender equality in the transport sector through the use of data.



# Breakout Session II

15:30 – 16:30

Telemann Saal

## Just Workplaces and Jobs with a Focus on E-Mobility

Co-hosted by WRI

Moderated by Annika Berlin

The session will delve into the main questions surrounding gender inclusion in the e-mobility sector. It will explore how the transition to e-buses and e-mobility can help improve the quality of services and working conditions for all. Participants will discuss strategies to promote gender equality in the e-mobility sector, including policies and initiatives that ensure equal access to opportunities and training for women from two main lens:

- i. Role of government / public transit agency / transport authority
- ii. Role of private industry & civil society



**Maria Patricia  
Becerra Salazar**  
Metrobus CDMX



**Annika Berlin**  
UNEP



**Archana Chauhan**  
NEBP-CESL India



**Tom Courtright**  
Africa E-Mobility  
Alliance  
Lubyanza



**Diego Suarez**  
District Secretariat  
of Mobility Bogota



**Gabriela  
de La Torre**  
WRI Mexico

# Breakout Session III



**Laura Ballesteros**  
Mexican Senate,  
Mujeres en  
Movimiento



**Maruxa Cardama**  
SLOCAT Partnership  
on Sustainable, Low  
Carbon Transport



**Urda Eichhorst**  
GIZ



**Emmanuel John**  
Ochenuel Mobility



**Sonal Shah**  
The Urban Catalysts

15:30 – 16:30

Schumann Saal

## **Importance of Gender Responsiveness for Climate and Social Resilience in Transport**

*Co-hosted by SLOCAT  
Partnership*

*Moderated by Urda Eichhorst*

Climate change increases the vulnerability of transport and mobility systems, women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change. This session will examine the linkages between gender, transport, climate change adaptation and socio-economic resilience to identify capacity development needs and solutions that can achieve both gender equality and resilience of transport systems.

# Presentation

16:30 – 16:45

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## **Gender Imbalance in the Transport Sector: A Toolkit for Change**

*Sum4all Gender Working Group Report Presentation*



**Isobel Duxfield**  
POLIS Network

The session will present a glimpse of the new report “Gender Imbalance in the Transport Sector: A Toolkit for Change”. This study and Toolkit have been prepared through the Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative by the members of the Gender Working Group led by FIA Foundation, Walk21 and POLIS Network.

# Closing Session



Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid  
African Union Commission



Chiara Corazza  
G7, G20 EMPOWER



Insa Illgen  
GIZ / TUMI



Lindsey Mancini  
UITP



Nicolas Peltier-Thiberge  
World Bank



Sonal Shah  
The Urban Catalysts



Dr. Frank Weiler  
KfW Development Bank

16:45 – 17:30

Weißer Saal

## The Way Forward – How to Implement and Finance Gender-Transformative Measures in the Urban Transport Sector?

*Moderated by Sonal Shah*

The topic of gender-transformative transport planning is attracting increasing attention in the international mobility sector. The expert community needs to take greater account of the specific mobility needs of women and marginalized groups, so that no one is left behind. However, gender activities often receive only small budget allocations and are hardly the focus of planning.

How can gender-transformative approaches be developed and at the same time underpinned by sufficient budget? How can the sector succeed in ensuring efficient financing in the long term? Is gender mainstreaming a sufficient approach or even part of the problem?

# Wrap -Up & End

17:30 – 17:40

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**Main Findings of the Day &  
ITF Summit 2023 Outlook**  
*by Mary Crass*



Mary Crass  
ITF

17:40 – 17:45

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**Closing Words & Opening  
of the Reception**  
*by Insa Illgen and Jens Giersdorf*

17:45 – 20:00

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Telemann Saal

**Reception**

# Iman A. Abubaker



URBAN MOBILITY PROJECT  
MANAGER  
WORLD RESOURCES  
INSTITUTE (WRI AFRICA)

AFRICA

Iman Abubaker is an Urban Mobility Project Manager at World Resources Institute (WRI) Africa. Iman is based in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia and advocates for safety, equity and integration when planning a city's transportation system. She is an experienced Urban Mobility Project Coordinator who worked as a consultant in the think tanks industry prior to joining WRI and holds a master's degree in Environment, Development and Policy from the University of Sussex. Iman stands for a coordinated approach between international and local partners to achieve sustainability and low-carbon emissions in the transportation system in African cities.

# Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid

COMMISSIONER FOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
ENERGY AT THE AFRICAN  
UNION COMMISSION

AFRICA

Amani Abou-Zeid is the twice-elected African Union Commissioner in charge of Infrastructure, Energy and ICT. For more than 30 years, Dr. Abou-Zeid has served in leadership positions in international organizations. She has managed the African Development Bank's (AfDB) largest operational portfolio and implemented national and continental multi-sectoral development programs, including the world's largest solar power plant. She launched the Single African Air Transport Market, African Single Energy Market, First African Digital Transformation Strategy as well as the second 10-year Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa. She is long named and recognized as a champion of gender equality and is often voted one of Africa's most influential women.



# Yasmine Al Moghrabi



REGIONAL YOUTH LEADER  
OF ROAD SAFETY IN NORTH  
AMERICA, PHD STUDENT  
IN TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERING

USA

Lebanese-born Yasmine Al Moghrabi is a Regional Youth Leader, PhD Student in Transportation Engineering (Integrated Intelligent Transportation Systems/Traffic Engineering), and global road safety and climate action activist named one of the top 10% of Changemakers from around the world who have acted in favor of Global Goals.



# Crystal Asige

SENATOR  
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KENYA

Senator Crystal Asige represents persons with disabilities and special interest groups in the parliament of the Republic of Kenya. She is also an award-winning musician, diversity equity and inclusion consultant, disability rights advocate, inclusive mobility and transport practitioner. Crystal leads and consults projects surrounding universal design and accessibility best practices, in order to achieve inclusive mobility and development in Africa.

She is a former Amnesty International Kenya board member, BBC trained professional and published researcher who graduated from the university of the West of England, Bristol.



# Laura Ballesteros Mancilla



ALTERNATE SENATOR, FORMER  
MOBILITY MINISTER OF  
MONTERREY AND DEPUTY  
MOBILITY MINISTER IN CDMX,  
FOUNDING MEMBER OF  
MUJERES EN MOVIMIENTO

MEXICO

A public policy and regulation expert. As a local congresswoman in the Local Congress of Mexico City, Laura Ballesteros Mancilla led the enactment of the Mobility Law along with civil society organizations and the former Head of Government, Miguel Angel Mancera. As Sub-Minister of Planning in the Secretariat, Laura Ballesteros Mancilla introduced the road safety policy known as Visión Cero. She is also one of the founding members of the Mujeres en Movimiento (Women in Motion).

# Annika Berlin

UNITED NATIONS  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME'S  
(UNEP) SUSTAINABLE  
MOBILITY UNIT

AFRICA

Annika Berlin works as a Program Management Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Sustainable Mobility Unit, focusing on electric mobility in Africa. Annika is an international development professional with more than ten years of experience working for bilateral and multilateral organizations on transport, urban development and climate change projects across Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Central and East Asia.



# Melissa Bruntlett



COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ENGAGEMENT ADVISOR  
MOBYCON  
WMW AMBASSADOR

Melissa Bruntlett is the Communications and Engagement Advisor at Mobycon, where she focuses on equitable mobility and sustainable cities. She is the co-author of *Building the Cycling City: The Dutch Blueprint for Urban Vitality* and *Curbing Traffic: The Human Case for Fewer Cars in Our Lives*. Melissa believes it is imperative to build cities that work for every citizen regardless of age, ability, income, race or gender identity. Through her roles at Mobycon and Women Mobilize Women, Melissa develops communications and engagement strategies, provides workshops and knowledge sharing, and advises on how cities and regions can take a holistic and equitable approach to mobility planning.

# Maruxa Cardama

SECRETARY GENERAL,  
PARTNERSHIP ON  
SUSTAINABLE, LOW CARBON  
TRANSPORT (SLOCAT)

Over the past 20 years, Maruxa has been engaged to advance equitable prosperity and climate change solutions.

Maruxa has recently been appointed as Champion of the Pathfinder Initiative, which focuses on pathways for healthy zero-carbon futures and is overseen by The Lancet Pathfinder Commission. In 2019 she was selected to chair the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference. Previously Maruxa founded *Comunitas*, the multi-stakeholder coalition which pioneered knowledge-based advocacy for the Sustainable Development Goal on Cities and Human Settlements. Furthermore, she has also held posts as Senior Policy Specialist for Cities Alliance/UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services).



# Robin Chase



CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS, TUCOWS

USA

The co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar and co-founder and Executive Chairperson of Veniam, Robin Chase is the author of *Peers Inc: How People and Platforms are Inventing the Collaborative Economy and Reinventing Capitalism*.

She has served on the board for countless NGO and government organizations and is also a prolific speaker in the field of transportation and innovation. Today, she is Chairperson at Tucows such as part of the Dutch multinational DSM's Sustainability Advisory Board.

# Archana Chauhan

HEAD OF NATIONAL  
ELECTRIC BUS  
PROGRAM CONVERGENCE  
ENERGY SERVICES LIMITED

INDIA

Archana is an energy professional with an experience over 10 years in the energy and power sector, particularly in the areas of Electric Vehicles, Charging Infrastructure, and energy efficiency. Archana possesses expertise in collaborating with both Central and State government departments, developing effective business strategies, advocating for public policy, implementing policies, managing stakeholders, preparing unified tenders and leading the implementation of National Electric Bus Program in India.



# Chiara Corazza



FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE G20  
EMPOWER  
MEMBER G7 GENDER  
EQUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chiara Corazza, President of CCC, is the Private Sector Representative for France within G20 EMPOWER, and member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council. She has been CEO at the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society (2017-2021). She is the author of the report 'Women at the heart of the economy'.

She was the Managing Director of the Greater Paris Investment Agency (2002-2016). As Director of International Affairs of Greater Paris (1985-2002), she created the Metropolis.

Chiara is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for France and of the Arab International Women's Forum.

In 2019, she was nominated as the French Foreign Trade Advisor. She has been independent board member of RATP and APRIL.



# Tom Courtright

ENERGY AND ELECTRIC  
MOBILITY CONSULTANT  
ENERGY4IMPACT  
RESEARCH DIRECTOR  
AFRICA E-MOBILITY ALLIANCE  
CO-FOUNDER | LUBYANZA

AFRICA

Tom Courtright is the Research Director at the Africa E-Mobility Alliance (AfEMA), a PhD student studying boda bodas and accessibility at the University of Cape Town, and the co-founder of Lubyanza, a research group studying boda bodas in Uganda.



# Mary Crass



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 oversees the ITF's relations with Member countries and outreach to new Members, international organizations and associations, the ITF's Corporate Partnership Board and the annual International Transport Forum Summit in Germany. She has contributed to the organization's work on sustainable urban travel, accessible transport and social inclusion, and crime and terrorism issues in transport.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mary worked as a private consultant focusing on transport and environmental issues for, among others, the UN Environment Programme, the European Commission and OECD, as well as private enterprises.

# Gabriela de la Torre

RESEARCH AND POLICY  
ANALYST | WRI MEXICO  
CO-FOUNDER | MUJERES EN  
EL MEDIO

MEXICO

Gabriela is Project Manager of the TUMI E-Bus Mission project at WRI (World Resources Institute) México. She is a specialist in public policy, gender equality and sustainable urban development. She has over 13 years of experience in public administration, project management and policy design, including six years as an urban mobility and gender policy expert in the public, private, cultural sectors, and in activism.

Moreover, she holds a master's degree in Governance, Development and Public Policy and co-founded the organization Mujeres en el Medio/ MEM – Women for the City, which strives to bring a feminist perspective to urban planning policies.



# Isobel Duxifield



COMMUNICATIONS AND  
MEMBERSHIP MANAGER  
POLIS NETWORK

Isobel Duxifield is Communications and Membership Manager at POLIS Network. She completed her postgraduate degree in Gender Studies at the University of Cambridge, and now works widely on gender equity and sustainable mobility. She has co-authored “Gender imbalance in the transport sector: a toolkit for change” as part of the SuM4All Gender Working Group.

# Urda Eichhorst

PROJECT DIRECTOR AT NDC  
TRANSPORT INITIATIVE FOR  
ASIA | GIZ

ASIA

Urda Eichhorst is a Project Director at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). She heads the NDC Transport Initiative for Asia, which operates in Vietnam, India and China and on regional level, aiming to shift the discourse on transforming transport towards full decarbonization of the sector in Asia.

Urda consults partner countries on their climate strategies in the transport sector and related transparency frameworks. She has 15 years of experience working on the transport and climate nexus, including both mitigation and adaptation in transport. Urda holds a Master of Science in “Environmental Change and Management” from the University of Oxford (with a focus on climate change, energy policy, adaptation).



# Verena Flues



COMPONENT LEAD  
TRANSPORT AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
GIZ

LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA

Verena Flues gained a degree in Political Science and specialization in Environmental Politics from the University Sciences Po in Paris and National Autonomous University in Mexico City. Currently, she is pursuing a second Masters' degree (MSc) in Transport Planning and Engineering at Napier University Edinburgh. Before joining GIZ, she gained valuable experience in the fields of waste, energy and biodiversity conservation at the German Ministry for the Environment and different civil society organizations. Since 2016, Verena has been working with National and City governments in Latin America (Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Dominican Republic) North and Sub-Saharan Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Kenya) to develop transport climate strategies and sustainable mobility policies.

# Lorena Freitas

TRAVEL DEMAND  
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR  
ITDP BRAZIL

BRAZIL

Lorena Freitas is a geographer who has worked as a Geosciences Coordinator at the CEPERJ Foundation (Rio de Janeiro State Centre for Statistics, Research and Training of Public Servants Foundation). She was a member of the Centre of Transport and Tourism Strategic Planning at the University of Rio de Janeiro where she was involved in projects focused on active and sustainable mobility. Lorena holds a master's degree in Transportation Engineering from the Transportation Engineering Program at the University of Rio de Janeiro, where she is now a PhD student in the same program. Her research focuses on the mobility of people with disabilities in urban centers. Nowadays she works as a Travel Demand Management Coordinator at ITDP Brazil.



# Aimée Gauthier



CHIEF KNOWLEDGE OFFICER  
ITDP GLOBAL

Aimée Gauthier is the Chief Knowledge Officer at ITDP, where she has been working since 2002. She leads the Global Program, which focuses on global research, impact evaluation, capacity building, and campaigns on sustainable and equitable transport and urban development.

While at ITDP, she worked on sustainable transport projects, as well as access to bicycle markets and health care, in Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda, including bus rapid transit, cycling and walking projects.

Aimée holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and has dual bachelor's degrees in anthropology and political & social thought from the University of Virginia.



# Insa Illgen

TEAM LEADER OF THE SECTOR  
PROJECT SUSTAINABLE  
MOBILITY  
GIZ

Tech and Mobility Enthusiast and Team Leader of the Sector Project Sustainable Mobility, is specialized in smart mobility solutions and emerging technologies for sustainable development. Former Head of the GIZ techradar techDetector, her motivation is to join forces on sustainable urban mobility solutions and increase technology and data-based solutions for sustainable development.



# Emmanuel John



SUSTAINABLE URBAN  
MOBILITY EXPERT  
OCHENUEL MOBILITY  
VICE PRESIDENT  
WORLD CYCLING ALLIANCE  
NIGERIA

AFRICA

Emmanuel is a sustainable transport and road safety expert, and CEO of Ochenuel Mobility. Emmanuel also leads several regional projects and initiatives including Chair of the Capacity Building for NGOs and Civil Society Work Group at the UNEP/WALK21 Africa Network for Walking and Cycling. He is the project lead for West and Central Africa in the Development of the Pan African Action Plan for Active Mobility, and more recently, he has become a member of the Advisory Board of the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure. He is the author of 9 books and a regular keynote speaker at conferences across the world.

# Kristina Kebeck

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE  
THE CITY OF COLOGNE  
CLIMATE PROTECTION AND  
COORDINATION OFFICE

Kristina is a committed advocate for our sustainable future. Before joining GIZ as transport policy advisor between 2015 and 2020, she gained 15 years of working experience in companies and institutions in Germany, the UK and Australia. Kristina's motivation to support cities initiatives towards climate neutrality and foster innovation has led her to her current position as research associate at the City of Cologne Climate Protection and Coordination Office. Kristina actively pushed forward the topic of gender and transport in international cooperation. She co-developed the idea of the WMW Conference and supported the evolving initiative. In 2020, Kristina received the GIZ-Gender-Award on behalf of the team for the WMW Initiative.



# Lindsey Mancini



SENIOR DIRECTOR –  
MEMBERSHIP, MARKETING  
AND SERVICES  
UITP

With a master's degree from the University of St Andrews, UK, Lindsey Mancini joined UITP (International Association of Public Transport) in 2005. Over the years she has performed a wide variety of functions including managing the activities related to Security, IT+Digitalisation and Waterborne Transport. In 2018, Lindsey was appointed Head of Secretary General's Office, directly supporting the Secretary General with all aspects of running of the association. In February 2023, Lindsey was appointed member of the Management Board and Senior Director of the Member Services Department, responsible for the delivery of UITP events, exhibitions and training programmes. She is also responsible for UITP's diversity & inclusion policy.

# Keisha Mayuga

DIRECTOR, ALTMOBILITY PH  
PHILIPPINES

An environmental planner from Manila, The Philippines, and outspoken advocate for getting women and girls on bikes, Keisha Mayuga is the founder of Life Cycles Philippines, a group dedicated to providing bikes to frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She is an integral member of Move As One Coalition and AltMobility Philippines, two groups which push for better public transport and safer bike infrastructure in Metro Manila.



# Naomi Mwaura



CEO, FLONE INITIATIVE

KENYA

Founder of the Flone Initiative, an organization at the forefront of creating a safe and professional public transport industry in Kenya, Naomi Mwaura was also one of the lead organizers of the MyDressMyChoice campaign that saw thousands of women protest against gender-based violence in Kenyan public transport.

She has been featured in Forbes Women and was named one of the BBC's 100 Inspirational and Influential Women.

# Cyprine Odada



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CRITICAL MASS NAIROBI

KENYA

A mother, urban planner, and avid cyclist from Nairobi, Kenya, Cyprine Odada is working to transform African cities to cycling cities as the Organizer of Critical Mass Nairobi, the largest gathering of non-competitive cyclists in Africa.

# Angie Palacios



URBAN MOBILITY AND PUBLIC  
SPACES COORDINATOR  
CAF

LATIN AMERICA

Angie Palacios is the Urban Mobility and Public Spaces Coordinator at CAF - Development Bank of Latin America. From her current position, she contributes to the development of strategies that aim at reducing inequality in the urban transport planning processes in Latin America with a vision of intersectionality between gender and other dimensions of inequality. Angie is a Fellow with the Public Voices Fellowship on Advancing the Rights of Women and Girls of Equality Now and The OpEd Project. She holds a master's degree in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University in New York City and is accredited with the Gender Professional Credential from the GenderPro Alliance and George Washington University. She is Ecuadorian and lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



# Nicolas Peltier-Thiberge

GLOBAL DIRECTOR FOR  
TRANSPORT  
WORLD BANK

Nicolas Peltier-Thiberge is the Global Director for the Transport Sector in the Infrastructure Practice Group of the World Bank. He joined the World Bank in 2002 as a Young Professional and he has since held various positions in the Transport Global Practice, managing World Bank-financed transport investments in multiple regions, including North Africa and the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa. Prior to joining the World Bank, Nicolas worked in the French Ministry of Economy and Industry and in the French Treasury.



# María Fernanda Ramírez-Bernal



SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE  
MOBILITY LEAD  
DESPACIO

## COLOMBIA

María Fernanda has been with the Despacio research center since 2019. She is the current Safe and Sustainable Mobility Lead. She is in charge of leading and coordinating projects that focus on sustainable transportation by alternative modes and road safety according to the safe system approach. She has special experience in advocacy, social approaches and capacity building projects. Her background as a civil engineer and an urban planner allows her to fill the gap between the technical and social approaches to safe and sustainable physical environment planning and design.

She is also a professor of practice of the "Mobility and Urban Space" course for the Political Science and Urban Design and management program at Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá (Colombia).

# Anuela Ristani

DEPUTY MAYOR OF TIRANA  
ALBANIA

A mother of two young children and climate advocate, Anuela Ristani is the Deputy Mayor of Tirana Albania, for Sustainable Development and International Relations.

Prior to joining local government, she established the National Youth Service and opened the first youth centers in Albania's major cities.



# María Patricia Becerra Salazar



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
LEGAL AFFAIRS  
METROBÚS MEXICO CITY

MEXICO

Patricia Becerra is a representative of Metrobús, the BRT transport provider of Mexico City. Patricia has a law degree with 40 years of experience in Administrative, Fiscal and Regulatory Law. For 18 years, since the creation of Metrobús, she has directed the legal matters of this transport system. She has been involved in the launch of the seven bus lines that currently make up the system, as well as the start of operations of the first fully electric BRT corridor in Latin America. Patricia leads the legal and administrative efforts to make the operation of the system possible, particularly the substitution of diesel buses for electric ones in favor of emission-free mobility.

# Andrea San Gil León

FOUNDER OF THE CENTER  
FOR URBAN SUSTAINABILITY IN  
COSTA RICA  
CO-FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR  
OF AGILE CITY PARTNERS

COSTA RICA

Co-founder and director of Agile City Partners, Andrea San Gil León was named one of Latin America's most important female figures working in the transport sector by the Inter-American Development Bank in celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021.

Andrea is passionate about reducing social vulnerability and increasing quality of life through city design and sustainable solutions, which makes her a great feminist leader.



# Sonal Shah



FOUNDER | THE URBAN  
CATALYSTS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | C-SEC

INDIA

Founder of The Urban Catalysts and Executive Director of C-SEC (Centre for Sustainable and Equitable Cities), Sonal Shah is a multi-sectoral professional with 18 years of experience in catalysing urban change through action-oriented research, knowledge tools, technical advisory, capacity development, and implementation support.

The Urban Catalysts have worked across the Middle East, South and Central Asia; mainstreamed gender and social inclusion in \$9 billion investments in public transport and road safety in India. Sonal is also responsible for introducing a gender-perspective in India's urban planning guidelines, a first for the country.

# Diego Suarez

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
DISTRICT SECRETARIAT OF  
MOBILITY

BOGOTA

Diego Suarez is a specialist in traffic and transport. He holds a master's degree in engineering with an emphasis on transport and roads. Diego has worked as a consultant for transit and transport projects in different cities and as professor at the University of Colombia. Moreover, he holds a teaching position at EADIC Engineering and Business School. Currently, he is the Deputy Director of Infrastructure at the District Secretariat of Mobility of Bogotá. He focuses on inclusion and sustainable development in order to help the transformation towards green cities.



# Bronwen Thornton



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
WALK21

Bronwen Thornton holds a degree in Sociology and Communications and is the Chief Executive Officer of Walk21, a global network leading the movement for walkable cities. Bronwen works with local communities and global partners to make cities more walkable and with that more sustainable, equitable and livable. She is an expert, facilitator and trainer on promoting walkable communities all around the world with the necessary tools, research and engagement.



# Christine Toetzke

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR  
ASIA; SOUTH EASTERN AND  
EASTERN EUROPE; MIDDLE  
EAST AND LATIN AMERICA  
BMZ

Christine Toetzke took over the position as Director General for Asia; South Eastern and Eastern Europe; Middle East and Latin America at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) as of February 2022. Her Directorate-General is responsible for the bilateral development cooperation with the respective regions.

From 2019–2022 Christine Toetzke was Director for European Union and multilateral development policy at the ministry covering the cooperation with the EU, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the UN development agencies.



# Dr. Kalpana Viswanath



CO-FOUNDER OF SAFETIPIN

INDIA

Co-Founder of Safetipin, Board member at SLOCAT and member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues at UN Habitat, Dr. Kalpana Viswanath is Chairperson of Jagori and Board member of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime.

# Dr. Frank Weiler

HEAD OF DIVISION  
"SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AND  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT" FOR  
LATIN AMERICA  
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GERMANY

Dr. Frank Weiler is Head of Division "Sustainable Mobility and Social Development" for Latin America at KfW Development Bank in Frankfurt, Germany. Frank joined KfW in 2003 and has worked in different positions such as Head of Governance Division in the Sub-Saharan Africa Department and Policy Division Transport and Communication Asia. Before joining KfW Frank worked for GOPA-Consultants, in his last position as Head of the IT for Development Division. Frank studied computer science and economics in Germany, France and Colombia and obtained both his diploma and a doctoral degree in economics from Darmstadt Technical University (TUD) in Germany.




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