

SUSTAINABLE RAILWAYS AFRICA

Sustainability Pledge

Africa is undergoing dramatic change and there is a growing need for sustainable mobility. The globaleconomy has been thrown into disarray by the impact of Covid-19 and climate change is more than ever giving rise to unprecedented challenges. Against this backdrop, the International Union of Railways (UIC) – African Region speaks on behalf of the African railway community.

In 2021 UIC Africa members are united and committed in their desire to bolster the development of African railways andsupport eco-mobility in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Target market share for rail to 25% by 2050 by:

1. Innovating in processes, services, customer information and reactivity, to transform it into an accessible, seamlessly connected and effective customer experience
2. Accelerate the digital transformation of the value-chain for rail transport and production facilities
3. Adopt pro-active charging policies to make rail more accessible, whilst combining the limitations of purchasing power, environmental requirements and the need for flexibility

Target the carbon neutrality of African rail by 2050 by:

1. Delivering innovative solutions to increase energy efficiency and phase out diesel services
2. Prioritising renewable energy sources
3. Working together as a region to share best practice and common solutions
4. Embedding circular economy principles to help combat resource depletion and the impacts of material and waste production: recycling and reusing end-of-life products in all processes associated with railway activity
5. Integrating an eco-design approach during the study, design and development project phases of new infrastructure

Support the rail workforce and improve their well-being by:

1. Improving occupational health and safety
2. Providing quality training and skills development and secure work conditions
3. Inclusive workplace and diversity

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