QUANTIFYING PROGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Project

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INTRODUCTION

- Reporting of sustainability metrics was introduced in UITP through the Sustainable Development (SD) Charter in 2003.

- Metrics provide non-financial and financial information - not new

- SD Charter was the first sector-related reporting guideline and is cited as a role model

- SD Charter has been aligned with international standards (e.g. ISO, GRI) and regulations requiring the disclosure of non-financial / sustainability reporting impacting the sector (e.g. Directive 2014/95/EU)

- Metrics reported in the SD Charter are closely related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed by UN Member States which must be reported against both nationally and globally

- Opportunity to advance UITP's leadership on reporting sustainability performance of the sector at the World Bank and within the UN SDG process.

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CONTEXT

- **In 2015, political leaders agreed a set of 17 SDGs and 169 targets to be achieved over the next 15 years, agreement to report against them globally and nationally**

- **The World Bank has recently launched a global tracking framework (SUM4ALL) to support reporting of metrics linked to the SDGs – UITP leads the urban access work stream. Data aggregation and analytics are key challenges.**

- **The SDGs have a target on "expanding public transport" (SDG 11.2) and is seen as a key enabler for the delivery of other goals (e.g. climate change), notably in cities – UITP expected to lead on reporting**

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TIME LINE

Sept:
Launch of UITP Declaration on Climate Leadership ay UNSG Summit

Sept:
Political agreement to SDG's including 11,2 on **expanding public transport**
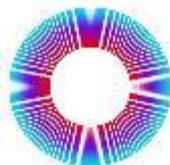
Oct:
UN HLG on Sustainable Transport – recommend improved transport & SDG reporting

2014 ➤ 2015 ➤ 2016 ➤

Dec: UITP Declaration recognised under UNFCCC

Dec:
Global Action Agenda established under **COP Agreement** – Declaration integrated & strengthened to support SDG reporting

Nov:
UITP Declaration identified by UNEP as leading initiative under Global Action Agenda

INCREASING RECOGNITION OF UITP / PT IN CLIMATE AND SD ➤

TIME LINE – NEXT STEPS

WORLD BANK GROUP

UN HABITAT
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

2017

2018

JAN: Launch of **World Bank Sustainable Mobility for All** initiative – **UITP co-leads urban access work stream** tasked with developing a global tracking framework linked to SDGs to be finalised by end 2017. **PT data needed – UITP expected to lead.**

UN Habitat to launch an expert group on SDG 11.2 reporting & capacity building – **UITP expected to be actively involved**

JUNE: **National review of SDG 11** implementation by UN, including implementation of the public transport target

UN Statistical Commission has identified UITP & UN Habitat to lead annual monitoring and reporting of SDG 11.2

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CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

POLICY DRIVERS REQUIRING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SECTOR SUSTAINABILITY DATA

- SDGS (National and Global Policy)

- SUM4ALL (WORLD BANK)

- CITY SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

- NON-FINANCIAL REPORTING REGULATIONS (NATIONAL)

DATA NEEDED TO FEED INTO

DATA GAP

- UN reviews of SDG implementation

- National reviews of SDG implementation

- Sector reviews of SDG implementation

- SUM4ALL Global Tracking Framework

- City strategies and reporting

- Company CSR reports / processes
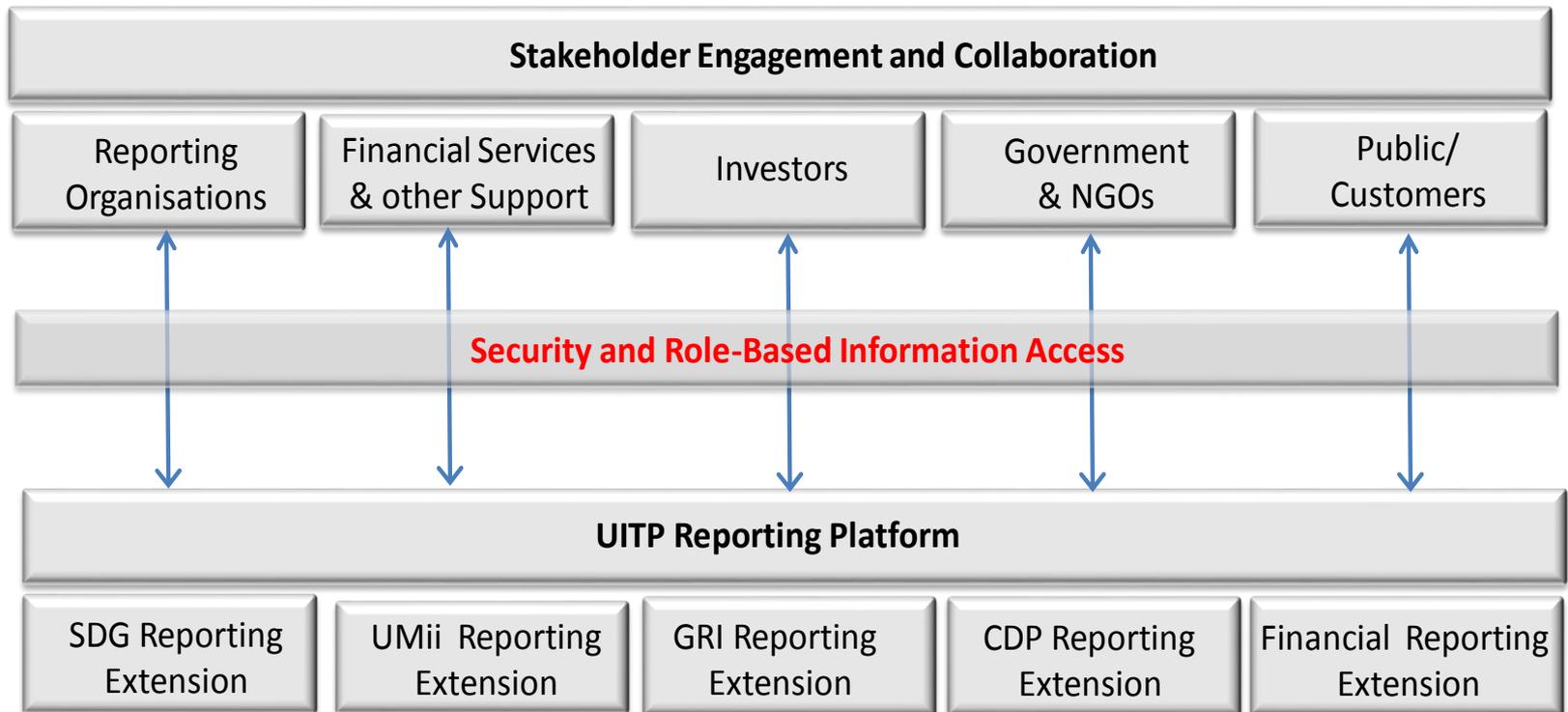
- UITP projects (e.g. MCD, Umii etc)

NEED

A global monitoring and review framework notably linked to the SDGs and World Bank Initiative:

- Develop a digital reporting platform for UITP members to summarise automatically, key reporting metrics and sustainability reports in line with regulatory requirements and the voluntary UITP SD Charter

- Provide analytics within the platform, enabling focus on SDG and sustainability assessment factors

- Provide analytics to prepare sector-based impact reports on sector achievements in a quick, cost-effective manner that can feed into national and global reporting frameworks as well as UITP projects

- Ensure the platform is consistent with and aggregates data in Mobi+

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A PLATFORM DESIGNED TO MEET STAKEHOLDERS NEEDS

High-Level View of UITP Reporting Platform: Production Architecture (ILLUSTRATIVE)

Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration

Reporting Organisations	Financial Services & other Support	Investors	Government & NGOs	Public/ Customers

Security and Role-Based Information Access

UITP Reporting Platform

SDG Reporting Extension	UMii Reporting Extension	GRI Reporting Extension	CDP Reporting Extension	Financial Reporting Extension

BENEFITS

A standardised digital reporting platform with the relevant analytics will extend the utility of the existing UITP metrics to report on SDG achievement.

- The platform will provide reporting with reduced costs
- Faster report generation in digital format with improved accuracy and auditability
- More flexibility and the ability to apply and adapt to regulatory requirements
- Provide confidence and support to investors (e.g. Green Bonds)
- Address data gaps and improve decision making at all levels
- Aggregation of data with Mobi+ could provide a new business opportunity for the UITP

Benefits felt through advocacy and support to global, national, UITP member levels as well as within UITP

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METHODOLOGY AND COSTS

- **SD Commission will chair a Steering Committee of SD Commission members and UITP Departments**

- **Progress updates will be issued**

- **A phased implementation is proposed to customise the platform to UITP's exact needs and to ensure compatibility with SDG reporting frameworks**

- **A pilot will be developed – this is to be focused initially on SDG target 11.2 (convenient access to public transport)**

- **Strengthen UITP statistical capabilities**

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METHODOLOGY AND COSTS

- **The programme of deliverables and costs are scoped and will be delivered to fit the requirements**

- **An indicative cost and timeline is as follow.**
    - Euro 100,000
    - Delivery - about 6 months, consistent with the World Bank's programme

- **Seek funding from members, World Bank and individual sponsors**

- **Second Phase will automate and extend the platform**

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CONCLUSION

Reporting efforts in support of the World Bank & SDGs would be greatly enhanced by:

- **developing a digital reporting platform, allowing the UITP and its members to summarize automatically, key reporting results from their lengthy sustainability reports;**

- **providing analytics within the platform, enabling reviewers to focus on assessment factors affecting decisions;**

- **providing a means to use the analytics for the preparation of sector-based impact reports aggregating UITP data and demonstrating SDG achievement in a cost-effective manner; and**

- **key support to national and global tracking frameworks aggregating data to support reporting of the SDGs, notably in time for the 2018 UN review.**

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