

How to improve Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans?

Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP) are one of the solutions identified to reconcile urban planning and transport in cities in the Global South and to initiate forward-looking planning approaches where these do not already exist. With the support of international donors, several cities in the Global South have begun to implement these plans (Ethiopia, Cameroon, Argentina, Indonesia, etc.), but the results of their implementation have been mitigated.

The development and implementation of these SUMP in cities in the Global South often face several obstacles, such as stakeholder involvement (decision-makers, informal transport operators, current and future users), local governance structures, environmental constraints, financing, etc. Furthermore, the necessary link between urban planning and transport is not always taken into account, paving the way for difficulties during their operationalisation, from the construction of infrastructures to the deployment of transport modes.

This session will consider concrete solutions to overcome or even eliminate these difficulties at the various stages of SUMP design or implementation.

It will also address the transferability of these solutions to different contexts and, consequently, issues related to the transfer of urban mobility models and policy tourism, which must take into account specific territorial contexts and need to be supported by local elected officials.