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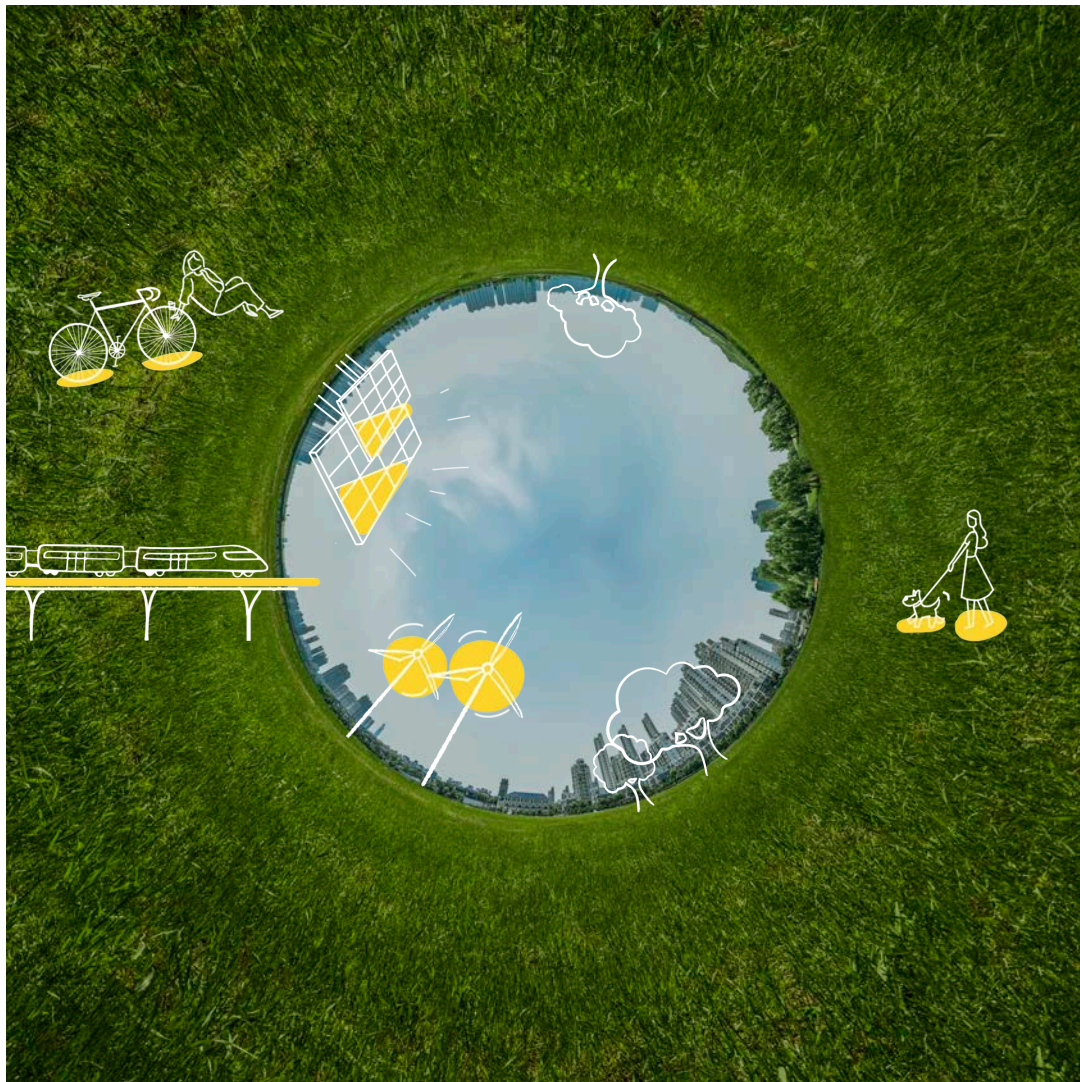
# Expo 2020 Dubai

PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

## WORLD MAJLIS AGENDA

### URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

31 October - 6 November 2021



### CITIES ON THE MOVE

**Moving Around to Move Up**

In collaboration with India

**DATE** Tuesday, 2nd November 2021

**TIME** 4.00 to 6.00 PM UAE

**VENUE** India Pavilion



## THE CONVERSATION TOPIC

### CITIES ON THE MOVE

#### Moving around to move up

As cities around the world grow and expand, mobility and connectivity have become critical factors for a balanced and prosperous urban life.

Not long ago, flying cars and floating pods called “hyperloops” seemed like objects out of a science fiction novel. Now they are right on our doorstep.

A city’s connectivity relies on the infrastructure that flows between neighbourhoods and urban centres carrying people and goods. With close to 70 percent of the world’s population expected to live in cities by 2050, transportation will be crucial to quality of life and wellbeing in some of the most densely populated urban centres on Earth.

Mobility and connectivity have become major factors in economic growth, prosperity, and higher living standards. Let’s explore how innovative mobility solutions can improve urban life and how they could benefit communities equally and safely.

How can improved mobility and new modes of transportation change the fabric of modern cities?

What other massive disruptions can we expect to see in urban transportation systems?

How has the COVID-19 crisis affected the way we approach mobility in cities?

What kind of mobility should we aim for in the future to benefit all citizens?

**MODERATOR**



**EITHNE TREANOR**

**Managing Director, E Treanor Media**

Eithne Treanor is a professional conference moderator and international communications consultant. Having worked as a business TV reporter, her knowledge covers energy, technology, security, infrastructure, and leadership.

She is the managing director and founder of E Treanor Media based in Dubai, UAE. In recent months, she has moved her reporting and moderating skills on-line to facilitate a number of major global conferences.

As a former international broadcast journalist, her TV reporting experience spans major television networks including ABC News, Sky News, BBC World, Bloomberg and CNBC International.

She also provides dynamic and energetic bespoke media and presentation trainings for government officials, corporate executives and leaders. To meet client demand, her latest offering is moderator and webinar training to help people be more effective and impactful delivering conference content in the virtual world.

Eithne has interviewed politicians, dignitaries, and high-ranking business people and has written and reported for television, radio and print publications.

**PARTICIPANTS**



**DR O P AGARWAL**

**CEO, World Resources Institute, India**

Dr O.P. Agarwal is currently the CEO of the World Resources Institute India. He was a member of the Indian Administrative Service, the premier civil service in India, from 1979 to 2007. He held several positions with the national and state government of Assam, including Joint Secretary (Urban Transport) in the national Ministry of Urban Development and Secretary for Transport in the State of Assam. He was the principal author of the National Urban Transport Policy for the country, which was adopted in 2006 and has remained the key document guiding urban transport investments since then. He has worked in the World Bank for 6 years as its global Urban Transport Adviser in Washington DC. He has been the CEO of the World Resources Institute since June 2017.

He has written several papers on urban transport policy and governance issues. His recent book entitled "Emerging Paradigms in Urban Mobility Planning, Financing and Implementation" was published by Elsevier.

He has a PhD in Transport Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, a master's degree in Transportation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. He chairs FICCI's committee on the Future of Mobility.



### **HARJ DHALWAL**

**Managing Director, CFO's Office, Virgin Hyperloop, UK**

Harj Dhalwal oversees all activity and projects for Virgin Hyperloop in India. With over 35 years of civil engineering experience, he has a proven track record for managing mega rail and infrastructure projects in complex challenging environments around the world.

Prior to Virgin Hyperloop, Harj was the Senior Vice President for International Rail and Transit Systems Business at President Corporation where he was responsible for managing his business sector across Europe and the Middle East with over 450 staff deployed across some of the largest and complex rail and metro projects in the world. Prior to joining Parsons in 2012, Harj led the development of several multi-billion-dollar rail and transit programs in the UK and Ireland.

He began his career as a contractor, moved into consulting and has held senior management roles in global client and consulting organizations. Harj has spent the last 25 years in the development, delivery, and management of heavy rail, light rail, and metro projects including PPP, PFI and D&B projects across Europe and the Middle East. Notably, he was the Programme Director for the delivery and operation of the first national heavy-haul railway in the UAE - Etihad Rail.

Harj is a Chartered Civil Engineer, member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Member of the UK Engineering Council, and holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Nottingham Trent University, UK. Harj is based in Virgin Hyperloop's Dubai office.

### **SHRI JAIDEEP**

**OSD-Urban Transportation, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India**

Shri Jaideep is currently Officer on Special Duty (Urban Transport) & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. He is an officer from Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE).

Shri Jaideep is a Post Graduate in Electrical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. He has also done his graduation in Law from Delhi University. Shri Jaideep has rich experience in intercity and intracity rail based transportation system. He has extensively dealt with railway rolling stock and traction equipment during his various assignments in Railways. He had also been closely associated with implementation of Mumbai Urban Transport Project & Linke Hoffmann Bosche project of Indian Railways.

As OSD (Urban Transport), he is currently handling various metro and other urban transport projects in the country.

### **ENG REYAD AL-KHARABSHEH**

**Executive Manager to Public Transport and the Construction of Public Transport Infrastructure Projects Directorate, Jordan**

Senior Civil Engineer with 18 years' experience. Recent Job includes the supervision on Planning, Construction, and operations for Public Transport Network in Amman. Project Manager to Amman Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project; the first mass transit project in Amman.

Professional career was guided by self-learning approach seeking mentors inside the institution and the field, aligning the career to the institution targets at the strategic level and elaborating personal efforts to stay within the institution challenging business domain beside stepping in all major infrastructure project management and comprehending the continuous traffic and transportation challenges imposes itself to the city network landscape.





### **MUNA AL OSAIMI**

**Director of the Transportation Strategic Planning Department, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) Dubai , UAE**

Muna Al Osaimi is the Director of the Transportation Strategic Planning Department within Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA). She is also a member in the Dubai Urban Planning coordination committee.

Muna has over 16 years of experience in Strategy, Transportation Planning, policies, and Design.

Currently, she is leading Transportation Strategic Planning team, relentlessly developing and enhancing Dubai Transportation plan, and RTA's Strategic Plan.



### **VIPUL ROONGTA**

**Managing Director & CEO of HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd (HCAL), India**

Vipul has cumulative experience of more than 24 years in the real estate sector across mortgages, real estate investments - equity / credit & asset management and has been with the HDFC Group for more than 16 years. Vipul currently manages one of the largest residential financing platforms in India, focused on funding development and technology businesses across the affordable and mid-income housing ecosystem. He has cumulatively managed and been part of USD 3 Bn of real estate investments across his various roles in HDFC.

Vipul is consistently regarded as one of the premier real estate experts in the country. Under his leadership, HCAL received the award for "Remarkable Contribution to Affordable Housing" at the 13th CNBC-Awaaz Real Estate awards. The previous fund managed by Vipul at HDFC was awarded "Best Real Estate Fund" in India for 3 years in a row & "Real Estate Fund of the Decade" in 2016 by CNBC-Awaaz.

Vipul is a member of the Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He has served on various boards and industry associations including RBI committee on Residex, National Committee on Housing and Real Estate at Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), South Asia Board of Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and he is the Co-chair Real Estate of the Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (IVCA)



### **MARK A. TAYLOR**

**Managing Director, Consultancy, MENA, Mace Group, UAE**

As Managing Director for Mace Consult in Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Mark A Taylor brings more than 25 years of global experience in construction, property and engineering.

Since joining Mace in 2013, he has grown the company's portfolio of project and programme management and cost consultancy services in MENA by 48% and led the expansion into new markets, such as Saudi Arabia, Maldives and Egypt. Under his leadership, Mace has delivered some of the most iconic projects and programmes in the Middle East, including Ain Dubai and Expo 2020 Dubai.


**VIRTUAL  
PARTICIPANTS**
**GUILLAUME CARTIER**

**Chairperson, Africa, Middle East, India, Europe and Oceania (AMIEO) at Nissan Motor Corporation, France**

As the Chairperson for the newly formed region of Africa, Middle East, India, Europe and Oceania (AMIEO), Guillaume leads Nissan's largest region, covering over 140 markets across four continents with a population of around 3.8 billion people, and representing more than 30% of global vehicle sales.

With over 25 years serving at Nissan and Mitsubishi across multiple roles covering global and regional operations, Guillaume brings a wealth of experience and a keen focus on business transformation.

With customers at the heart of the strategy, Guillaume is leading the transformation of the region, with models ranging from the iconic Patrol to the ground-breaking Nissan LEAF, the world's mass-marketed electric car, to the all-new Magnite in India. Guillaume is working to help the company achieve its carbon neutrality goals and predicts big changes in the future of mobility as accessibility increases.

Prior to his current role, Guillaume was Senior Vice President and Chairman of AMI region and head of the Global Datsun Business Unit. Cartier had rejoined Nissan from its Alliance partner Mitsubishi where he served as Executive Officer and Senior Vice President, Mitsubishi Motors. Prior to that, he has held several senior positions with Nissan, which he first joined in 1995, including Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Nissan Europe in 2013.

Guillaume holds a Master Degree in Marketing & Business, Marketing Management, General - ESSEC Business School and a degree in Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology/Technician from Ecole Supérieure des Techniques Aéronautiques et de Construction Automobile.

**PROFESSOR PETER NEWMAN AO**

**Professor of Sustainability at Curtin University, Australia**

Peter Newman is the Professor of Sustainability at Curtin University. Peter has written 22 books and over 360 papers on sustainable cities and has worked to deliver his ideas in all levels of government having been an elected councilor, seconded to advise three Premiers and on the Board of Infrastructure Australia 2008-14. He is the Co-ordinating Lead Author for the UN's IPCC on Transport. In 2014 he was awarded an Order of Australia for his contributions to urban design and sustainable transport. In 2018-19 he was the WA Scientist of the Year.

