



# 2019 Women and Transport Africa Conference

December 4 – 6, 2019

Capital Hotel and Spa &  
Horn of Africa Regional Centre and Network at the Gullele Botanical Garden

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

#WomenAndTransport



## About the Conference

Public transportation is notoriously unsafe for women, children, people living with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. We believe that by supporting more women to pursue careers in transport at every level, we can create safer, more accessible transport systems for everyone. Together, we must increase the visibility of women in the male dominated field of public transportation to reflect a more equitable and sustainable public transport system for everyone.

The Second Annual Women & Transportation Africa Conference, organized by Flone Initiative and the World Resource Institute Africa, will provide a platform for practitioners, researchers, policy makers and other key stakeholders to engage in skill-building, idea-sharing and experiential learning that will inspire new solutions to transport challenges faced by women and other vulnerable road users.

The conference seeks to bridge the gap between research and policy initiatives pertaining to urban planning, public safety and gender-based violence issues and the real-world challenges facing women currently working in the transportation sector.

For more information, kindly visit: <https://womenandtransportafrica.org/>

If you have any questions prior to or during your travels to the conference, please contact us through the following:

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## Flone Initiative

Established in 2013, Flone Initiative is a women-led organization, working towards the creation of safe, sustainable and accessible public transportation spaces for women and vulnerable groups in Africa, by influencing behavioral change, generating knowledge, and movement-building.

For more information, kindly visit: <https://floneinitiative.org/>

## World Resources Institute

World Resources Institute (WRI) is a global research organization that spans more than 60 countries, with international offices in Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and the United States, regional offices in Ethiopia (for Africa) and the Netherlands (for Europe), and program offices in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Our more than 1,000 experts and staff turn big ideas into action at the nexus of environment, economic opportunity and human well-being.

For more information, kindly visit: <https://www.wri.org/>

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4<sup>TH</sup>, CAPITAL HOTEL & SPA, EXPANSION BUILDING

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9:00 – 9:30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

Beakal Fasil | WRI Africa

Naomi Mwaura | Flone Initiative

Haileselassie Medhin | Country Director, Ethiopia,  
WRI Africa

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9:30 – 10:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

Her Excellency Minister Dagmawit Moges, Ministry  
of Transport

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10:00 – 11:00 PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE THEMES RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

***Exploring conference themes – Accessibility &  
Safety, Employability, Environment - through stories***

Iman Abubaker | WRI Africa

Nahungu Lionjanga | Transport Truths

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11:00 – 11:30 GROUP PHOTO & TEA BREAK

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11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION: ACCESSIBILITY RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

***Understanding Accessibility Challenges in Public  
Transport***

Naomi Mwaura | Flone Initiative

Crystal Asige | Open Institute

Jeff Turner | DFID-Funded High-Volume Transport  
Research Programme

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13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK CAPITAL DINING,  
1<sup>ST</sup> FL.

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14:00 – 16:00 PARALLEL RESEARCH SESSIONS

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## WHAT IS "SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT?"

RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

What are the sustainability challenges facing public transport in African cities and how do those challenges impact vulnerable road users in particular? This session will explore this question by looking at sustainability as it applies to safety, infrastructure, finance and environmental considerations.

MODERATOR: JEFF TURNER & HEATHER ALLEN

Heather Allen | SUM4ALL

Ankita Kapoor | Safetipin, India  
Using data to create safer cities

Fatouma Malow | University of Djibouti  
How to Integrate Women's Mobility in a Paratransit System: Assessment from Djibouti

Paul Wafula | Flone Initiative  
Economic impacts towards sustainable public transportation; a business case.

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## WALKING AS AN INTERSECTIONAL TOOL TO FIGHT EXCLUSION

BARO ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup> FL.

This session will provide an increased awareness of the gendered experience of walking and cycling, and identify research gaps to better quantify and express these felt realities.

MODERATOR: DEYALA TARAWNEH & RONJA SCHIFFER

Segundo López | WRI Columbia  
Analyzing the current experience of women in Bogota's transportation systems

Claire Dungey | Durham University  
Peer Research as a method for mobilities research with girls, women and other vulnerable groups.

Nwabisa Gunguluza | University of Cape Town  
Using peer research as a base for mobilities research with young women in Cape Town

Mary Mwangi | Flone Initiative  
Presenting a Mombasa Safety Audit

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## WOMEN WORKING IN TRANSPORT: ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

OMO ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup> FL.

Women's employment in transportation jobs is low in African cities. This session will explore some of those challenges while also identifying the unique opportunities for women workers in transportation.

MODERATOR: SUSAN GOODWILLIE

Alexa Roscoe | Digital Economy Lead, IFC Gender Secretariat  
Presenting key findings and insights from three new studies on women and ride-hailing.

Claire Clarke | International Transportation Workers Federation

The impact of the future of work for women in  
transport

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16:00 – 17:00 RECAP & AFTERNOON TEA RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup>, CAPITAL HOTEL & SPA, EXPANSIAN BUILDING**

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9:00 – 9:40 WELCOME & SCREENING OF “MSUPA WA NGANYA” RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

Beakal Fasil | WRI Africa

Mary Mwangi | Flone Initiative

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9:40 – 11:00 PLENARY SESSION: EMPLOYMENT RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

**Experiences of Women Working in Transportation**

Anna Karume | International Transportation  
Workers Federation

Claire Clarke | ITF Deputy Women Transport Workers  
and Gender Equality Officer

Fatumah Nakalenzi | ATGWU, Uganda

Ndeye Diop | SDTR/3D, Senegal

Assita Ouedraogo | ITF Africa

Deborah Cele | SATAWU, South Africa

Nice Mwansasu | COTWUT, Tanzania

TBC | TCWIF, Ethiopia

Rebecca Kwashie | GTPCWU, Ghana

Kezia Newlands | Scania Sustainable City Solutions

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11:00 – 11:30 TEA BREAK

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11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION: ENVIRONMENT RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

***Creating Gender Responsive Urban Mobility:  
Challenges and Opportunities***

MODERATOR: ELLENI ASHEBIR | WRI AFRICA

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Seble Samuel | Addis Ababa's Car Free Day Initiative

Gomeju Taye | Transport Specialist, 100 Resilient Cities

Dorah Mwenye | Mobility for Africa, Zimbabwe

Constant Cap | Urban Planner, Kenya

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13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

CAPITAL DINING,  
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14:00 – 16:00

PARALLEL RESEARCH SESSIONS

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**WHAT IS “SOCIALLY JUST”  
PUBLIC TRANSPORT?**

RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

We will explore the idea of a “socially just” public transportation system by looking at different initiatives that seek to address more sustainable transport solutions in developing cities.

**MODERATOR: ANNE KAMAU, UNIVERSITY OF  
NAIROBI**

Constant Cap | Urban Planner, Kenya  
Socially Just Public Transport Working Group,  
Nairobi

Socially Just Public Transport – the Kenyan Scenario

Texel Teresa Cossa | Country Manager, Amend,  
Mozambique

The impact of 'Kids' Court' road safety interventions  
on knowledge, attitudes and practices in Maputo,  
Mozambique

Sayson Rossette Meya | Cities and Infrastructure for  
Growth, Uganda

Addressing the gap between policy and  
implementation of the bus rapid transit system in  
Uganda

Livia Moreira Soares De Souza | Movimenta La  
Frida, Brazil

Inclusion strategies around issues faces by black  
women in the mobility of the bicycle

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**INTERVENTIONS TO  
CREATE SAFE WALKING  
& CYCLING SPACES**

**MODERATOR: JEFF TURNER**

BARO ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup>  
FL.

Learning about innovative initiatives that African cities are taking to promote walking and cycling. This session will explore challenges as well as what has worked and not worked in promoting walking and cycling schemes.

Gashaw Aberra | Institute for Transport Development and Policy (ITDP) Ethiopia

Marita Walther & Hilya Ekandjo | SunCycles, Namibia  
How e-mobility is changing rural mobility

Shirley Sang & Carolyn Ndanu | Safer Nairobi Initiative, Kenya  
Nairobi Walkability Project, Luthuli Avenue, Nairobi CBD

Regatu Solomon | Division Lead NMT, Addis Ababa Road and Transport Bureau  
Addis Ababa's safe cycling program

Jan Rickmeyer | TUMI  
Innovative soft measures and pilot projects for promotion of safe cycling and walking in African cities

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## INTERVENTIONS ON INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT

OMO ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup> FL.

### MODERATOR: MARY MWANGI, FLONE INITIATIVE

Featuring initiatives and projects that are seeking to level the field of employment for women in transport

Shrinivas Rao | Azad Foundation, India  
Presenting the case study of Azad and Sakha; making inroads into the 'male' dominated sector of professional driving

Dorah Mwenye | Mobility for Africa, Zimbabwe  
Electric two-three wheelers for women in rural Zimbabwe

Anbessa Bus, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Amiene van der Merwe | GreenCab, South Africa  
"Women's Driving Academy" addressing barriers to entry for women

Sam Clark | Transaid  
Freight Transport Drivers and the Gender Imbalance: Case Study – Professional Driver Training – Uganda Programme

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16:00 – 17:00

RECAP & AFTERNOON TEA

RIVER NILE, 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 6<sup>TH</sup>, HORN OF AFRICA REGIONAL CENTRE AND NETWORK AT THE GULLELE BOTANIC GARDEN**

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9:30 – 10:00 INTRODUCTION TO SEMINAR DAY MAIN HALL

Paul Wafula | Flone Initiative

Jeff Turner | DFID-Funded High-Volume Transport Research Programme

Segundo Lopez | WRI

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10:00 – 13:00 PARALLEL SEMINARS

**Tea Break from 11:00-11:30**

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**WOMEN IN TRANSPORT SEMINAR**

**MODERATOR:**

**LOWER DECK**

**PAUL WAFULA | FLONE INITIATIVE**

This seminar, designed for women currently working in public transportation jobs, seeks to equip participants with basic organizing skills to mobilize and support women in their home countries.

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**RESEARCH SEMINAR**

**MODERATOR:**

**MAIN HALL**

This seminar will share the outcome of a series of studies undertaken by the DFID-funded High-Volume Transport (HVT) Applied Research Programme. It will also provide dedicated space for researchers to come together to share on different challenges faced while gathering data around transport in Africa as well as different methodologies developed to overcome those challenges

**JEFF TURNER | DFID-FUNDED HIGH-VOLUME TRANSPORT RESEARCH PROGRAMME**



“Gender approach in road safety: benefits and strategies”: Gender focus in road safety is often ignored and this brings negative externalities for women. This seminar will aim to build a set of recommendations for gender approaches in road safety as well as a benchmark strategy for positioning this topic among road safety practitioners.

MODERATOR: SEGUNDO LOPEZ | WRI

13:00-14:00

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