

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Jeff Turner is an Economist with over 30 years' experience of consultancy and research on transport policy and planning in developing countries. This has focused particularly on developing capacity and providing policy advice on the sustainable urban transport planning and development in Africa. He has played leading roles in various donor funded projects to support development partners and national governments across Africa and Asia in providing high-quality research and analysis, capacity development, guideline development, policy dialogue and project implementation in sustainable urban and multi-modal transport planning and development.



Christos S. Xenophontos Assistant Director for RIDOT, has over 33 years of experience in the Transportation field as an Engineer, Project Manager and Administrator. He is currently one of RIDOT's leaders in the areas of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles and is actively involved in Research and Innovation. Among other Committee assignments, he is currently the Chair of the World Road Association's (PIARC) Technical Committee 1.1, Performance of Transport Administrations, the Vice-Chair of AASHTO's Committee on Performance Based Management, and the co-chair of TRB's A0020C Council on International Cooperation.



Anna Wildt-Persson is a Chief Strategist and Deputy Executive Director at the Swedish Transport Administration, Strategic Development. She works in areas such as long-term infrastructure planning, strategic management, urban and regional planning. She also represents Sweden in PIARC Technical Committee A1 "Performance of Transport Administrations". She has served as Head of Unit for Investigation as well as Head of Department of Societal Needs in the Southern Region of the Swedish Transport Administration.



Claire Clarke is the Deputy Women Transport Workers and Gender Equality Officer at the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF). She leads on the gender work within the ITF 'Our Public Transport' priority programme. Claire has worked at the ITF for 20 years and previously worked in the ITF Inland Transport Sections. In that role she delivered several activities for women road transport and railway workers, including playing a leading role in the first ever ITF action forum on violence against women in public transport in 2016.



Gina Porter is based at Durham University. She has undertaken field research in many countries in Africa and Asia but considers herself primarily an Africanist. Her research combines ethnographic approaches with a strong interest in spatial perspectives. She has undertaken advisory work for diverse organisations, including international NGOs, the British Council, UNHabitat, DFID, and the African Development Bank. Her current research focuses primarily on mobility, transport, and the use of mobile phones in sub-Saharan Africa. Uneven power relationships and associated issues of exclusion are linking themes through her work, much of which has a strong gender component.



Naomi Mwaura is the founder of Flone Initiative, an organization working to create a safe and professional public transport industry in Kenya. She was one of the lead organizers of MyDressMyChoice campaign that saw thousands of women protest gender-based violence in the Kenyan public transport. She has been involved in the development of the Cairo BRT Gender plan and study on expanding access to cycling for women in Cairo. She is also a co-founder of Mama Afrika Festival, an organization that highlights and celebrates women in the arts.



Fatima Adamu is a sociologist with expertise in gender, poverty, and equity issues in northern Nigeria. Fatima is also an expert in qualitative research and co-ordinated many qualitative studies. She has worked extensively in Nigeria, most recently with the Women for Health programme, which aims to train 6,000 new female health workers in five northern states. As the National Programme Manager for Women for Health since 2012, she has led advocacy work to ensure the promotion of women's empowerment issues.