



2024 UCI MOBILITY & BIKE CITY FORUM

Shaping the Future of Active Mobility

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UCI PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), I am delighted to welcome you to Abu Dhabi for the 6th edition of the UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum.



This event brings together the active travel and cycling communities, alongside representatives from the UCI Bike City and Region network, National Federations, Continental Confederations, advocacy and marketing partners, sustainability experts and industry representatives. Together, we can strengthen the positive impact of cycling and create a sustainable future for populations around the world.

I am delighted this is taking place in Abu Dhabi, which was awarded the UCI Bike City label in 2021 – and is the first city in Asia to receive this distinction. This prestigious label goes to cities and regions that not only host international UCI events, but also promote cycling for transport, leisure, health and the environment. Currently 28 cities and regions in 15 different countries have received the UCI Bike City label, recognising their efforts to make cycling a way of life. Abu Dhabi is a perfect example of a city that caters to the elite as well as everyday riders. Its ambitious cycling strategy includes “Bike Abu Dhabi”, which places the city as a leading global cycling hub and promotes citizens and visitors to use bikes to get around.

When it comes to UCI events, Abu Dhabi is a prominent host. This includes the 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships taking place this week - for the second time after 2022 - and just two months ago, the 2024 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships. We look forward to returning to Abu Dhabi for the 2028 UCI Road World Championships, the 2028 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships and the 2029 UCI Track World Championships.

During this Forum, expert speakers will share valuable insights on many areas linked to cycling promotion, including urban mobility, sustainability, cycle tourism, road safety and the valuable inspirational role of athletes outside the field of play. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming two distinguished keynote speakers: Safiya Al Sayegh, the first Emirati professional cyclist to join a UCI Women's WorldTeam, UAE Team ADQ, and Jean Todt, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety since 2015.

The organisation of this Forum could not have been possible without the involvement of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council and the Abu Dhabi Cycling Club.

My thanks also go to all delegates of the 2024 UCI Mobility and Bike City Forum for your commitment to promoting our sport as one of the solutions to a better, healthier and sustainable society.

I hope you can inspire each other and leave the Forum with new ideas, projects and collaborations.

David Lappartient
UCI President

WELCOME FROM ABU DHABI

I am pleased to welcome you here in Abu Dhabi, to the UCI Mobility and Bike City Forum 2024, held for the first time in the UAE and on the Asian continent.

Over the years, Abu Dhabi has been a pioneer in promoting sustainability, combating climate change and adapting to its effects. The emirate has also taken advanced measures to reduce the usage of materials that are harmful to the environment by encouraging the use of recyclable tools and working to improve biodiversity.

The 6th session of this Forum is further distinguished by Abu Dhabi having been awarded the title of "UCI Bike City" in 2021, becoming the first in the Middle East and Asia to receive this title. Hence, this is a great opportunity for us to review experiences and exchange expertise.



Abu Dhabi has successfully won the rights to host and organise the UCI Road World Championships 2028 and the UCI Track World Championships 2029.

We are preparing to host the 3rd edition of the UAE Tour Women and the 7th edition of the UAE Tour next February, which not only confirms the Emirate's position as a global sports destination but is also proof of the confidence the international sports community has in Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi has taken many steps to develop the infrastructure that makes it a model centre for sustainable transportation, namely working to increase the coverage of the island-wide cycling track network.

It is expected to reach more than 1,200 kilometres by 2028. It is a huge leap forward in our enhancement of the emirate's urban mobility and sustainability. This in turn will encourage more people of all ages and backgrounds to take up cycling as their preferred means of transport.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all participants in the Forum, who are meeting today to work towards a sustainable and healthy future.

We hope that your discussions will contribute to promoting a culture of sustainable mobility and developing innovative solutions to serve future generations.

Thank you, and I wish you a pleasant stay in Abu Dhabi.

Aref Hamad Alawani
General Secretary
Abu Dhabi Sports Council

AGENDA

2024 UCI MOBILITY & BIKE CITY FORUM

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024

- 8.30 – 9.30** **Welcome coffee and sign-in at Bab Al Qasr Hotel**
- 9.30 – 9.50** **Official welcome**
- H.E. Aref Hamad Al Awani - General Secretary, Abu Dhabi Sports Council
 - David Lappartient – President, Union Cycliste Internationale
 - H.E. Dr. Saif Al Nasserri – Undersecretary, Department of Municipalities and Transport
- 9.50 – 10.15** **Opening keynote address**
- Safiya Al Sayegh – Professional rider and UAE National ITT and Road Champion, UCI Women’s WorldTeam UAE Team ADQ
- 10.15 – 10.30** **UAE Cycling Roundtable**
- Mr. Mansoor Juma Nasser Ahmed Buosaiba - UAE Cycling Federation President
 - Mr. Alnekhaira Al Khyeli – Abu Dhabi Cycling Club CEO
 - Safiya Al Sayegh – Professional rider and UAE National ITT and Road Champion, UCI Women’s WorldTeam UAE Team ADQ
- 10.30 – 11.15** **Champions roundtable**
- Moroj Adil – First Saudi rider on Liv AlUla Jayco Women’s Continental Team
 - Denise Schindler – German Paralympic cyclist and 3x World Champion
 - Peter Sagan – 3x consecutive UCI Road World Champion
 - Carlos Mario Oquendo – Olympic BMX Racing medalist
- 11.15 – 11.45** **Coffee break & networking**
- 11.45 – 12.00** **2024 UCI Bike City Label Awards**
- 12.00 – 12.45** **Cycling cities around the world**
- Samson Ndayishimiye – President, Rwanda Cycling Federation
 - Akiko Nagano – Senior Director, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
 - Euan Jardine – Leader, Scottish Borders Council
 - Abu Dhabi representative - Department of Municipalities and Transport & Al Dar
- 12.45 – 13.45** **Lunch**
- 13.45 – 14.15** **The Second Decade of Action for Road Safety**
- Jean Todt – United Nations Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety

- 14.15 – 15.00** **Cycling towards a sustainable future**
- Melissa Moncada – President, UAE Team ADQ
 - Mauro Gianetti – Team Principal & CEO, UAE Team Emirates
 - Caroline Julian – Brand & Engagement Director, British Cycling
 - Mike Laflin – CEO and Founder, Global Sustainable Sport
- 15.00 – 15.30** **Coffee break and networking**
- 15.30 – 16.00** **Abu Dhabi's cycling vision**
- H.E. Aref Hamad Al Awani - General Secretary, Abu Dhabi Sports Council
 - TBC – Department of Municipalities and Transport
 - Dr. Arif Al Hammadi – Advisor, Department of Community Engagement
- 16.00 – 16.45** **Strategies to grow cycle tourism**
- Jill Warren – CEO, European Cyclists' Federation
 - Qondisa Ngwenya – President, Cycling South Africa
 - Sandro Araujo – Vice-President, Portuguese Cycling Federation
 - Samara Sheppard – UCI Bike City Coordinator, Destination Wollongong
- 16.45 – 17.15** **Wrap-up and closing remarks**
- Tony Mitchell – President, UCI Cycling for All & Sustainable Cycling Commission
 - Announcement of future Forum editions
- From 19.30** **Gala dinner**
- UCI Cycling for All & Sustainability Awards Ceremony

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024

- 9.00 – 9.30** Sign-in to workshops at Abu Dhabi Cycling Club (on Al Hudayriyat Island)
- 9.30 – 13.00** Morning workshops at the Abu Dhabi Cycling Club
- 9.30 – 11.00 Workshops round 1
- Building a Sustainable Future Through Cycling (with UAE Team ADQ)
 - Pathways to progress: Active mobility as a catalyst for development in Africa and beyond (with UN Environment)
 - Developing a sustainable cycling future using the 7 Sustainable Pillars of Sport (with Global Sustainable Sport)
- 11.00 – 11.30** Coffee break & networking
- 11.30 – 13.00 Workshops round 2
- Building a Sustainable Future Through Cycling (with UAE Team ADQ)
 - Pathways to progress: Active mobility as a catalyst for development in Africa and beyond (with UN Environment)
 - Developing a sustainable cycling future using the 7 Sustainable Pillars of Sport (with Global Sustainable Sport)
- 13.00 – 14.30** Lunch break
- 14.30 – 16.00** Bike tours of cycling infrastructure
- Road cycling circuit on Al Hudayriyat Island
 - Mountain biking circuit on Al Hudayriyat Island
 - Urban infrastructure tour
- From 17.00** Visits to UCI Urban Cycling World Championships – with additional optional visits to be organised on 20 and 21 December

DETAILED PROGRAMME

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DAY 1 - CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

OFFICIAL WELCOME

H.E. Aref Hamad Al Awani, General Secretary of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, the UCI President **David Lappartient** and **H.E. Dr. Saif Al Nasser**, Undersecretary at the Abu Dhabi Department of Municipalities and Transport, will officially welcome delegates to Abu Dhabi for the 6th edition of the UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum.

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Safiya Al Sayegh, a professional rider – and first Emirati woman - on the UAE Team ADQ Women's World Team will deliver the Forum's opening keynote address. Safiya is an inspiration to many other female athletes, both in the UAE and worldwide, as she juggles her university graphic design studies with her vigorous training schedule. In 2023, Safiya became the first Arab female cyclist to participate in a UCI Women's WorldTour race, and in 2024, she also became the first Emirati woman to qualify for the Olympic Games, taking part in the Paris 2024 road race. During her keynote, Safiya will be able to share her story and how both she and UAE Team ADQ strive to inspire more women to take up cycling, in particular in the Middle East.

UAE CYCLING ROUNDTABLE

Following the keynote delivered by Safiya Al Sayegh, this short roundtable discussion will see key cycling representatives from the UAE join Safiya on stage to discuss how cycling is growing in the UAE, on a national level.

Speakers :

- Mr. Mansoor Juma Nasser Ahmed Buosaiba – UAE Cycling Federation President
- Mr. Alnekhaira Al Khyeli – Abu Dhabi Cycling Club CEO
- Safiya Al Sayegh – Professional rider and UAE National ITT and Road Champion, UCI Women's WorldTeam UAE Team ADQ

CHAMPIONS ROUNDTABLE

This first roundtable will bring together riders from diverse disciplines who act as role models through their extra-sporting commitments. From getting more women on bikes, to promoting social inclusion, to championing the role of the bicycle as a tool for sustainable mobility, the panel will showcase tangible actions taken outside of the field of play to get more people experiencing the benefits of cycling.

Speakers :

- Moroj Adil – First Saudi rider on Liv AlUla Jayco Women's Continental Team
- Denise Schindler – German Paralympic cyclist and 3x World Champion
- Peter Sagan – 3x consecutive UCI Road World Champion
- Carlos Mario Oquendo – Olympic BMX Racing medallist

UCI BIKE CITY LABEL AWARDS

The UCI President will award the new UCI Bike City Label trophies to the 2024 recipients: the city of Tokyo (Japan) and the province of Treviso (Italy).

CYCLING CITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Cycling can act as a catalyst for redesigning streets to be more people-centred, accessible, and climate-friendly. Cities around the world have recognised the benefits of active mobility, and in particular of cycling as a sustainable, accessible and healthy mode of transport. This panel session will feature speakers from cities on three different continents committed to the development of strategies, programmes, and infrastructure to promote safe cycling for all, with examples of how sport can promote further cycling use.

Speakers :

- Akiko Nagano – Senior Director, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
- Samson Ndayishimiye – President, Rwanda Cycling Federation
- Euan Jardine – Leader, Scottish Borders Council
- Abu Dhabi representatives – Department of Municipalities and Transport & Al Dar

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The afternoon session will begin with a keynote presentation from **Jean Todt**, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety since April 2015. In his role, Mr Todt helps mobilise sustained political commitment towards making road safety a priority, advocates and raises awareness about the United Nations road safety legal instruments, shares established road safety good practices, and generates funding for advocacy efforts through strategic partnerships between the public, private and non-governmental sectors. In 2023, the UN Special Envoy launched the [#MakeASafetyStatement](#) campaign, in collaboration with JCDcaux, a French multinational specialising in urban advertising. It aims to promote road safety through celebrity messages focusing on reducing risk factors on the road. Over two years (2023-2025), the campaign is expected to reach more than 80 countries and 1,000 towns and cities, using a variety of media including billboards, modes of transport, the media and social media. At the UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum, Jean Todt will reveal the new campaign visual featuring Tadej Pogačar and speak on the theme of road safety.

CYCLING TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Cycling represents one of the planet's great hopes to shift society towards lower or zero-carbon methods of transport and address some of the greatest threats to humanity: climate change, air pollution and premature death from inactivity. This panel, composed of distinguished representatives from professional cycling teams, a National Federation and a recognised leader combining sustainability and sport, will highlight importance of sustainability for cycling and the sport's role in helping tackle the climate crisis and ensuring sustainable and inclusive development around the globe.

Speakers :

- Melissa Moncada - President, UAE Team ADQ
- Mauro Gianetti - Team Principal & CEO, UAE Team Emirates
- Caroline Julian - Brand & Engagement Director, British Cycling
- Mike Laflin – CEO and Founder, Global Sustainable Sport

ABU DHABI'S CYCLING VISION

Abu Dhabi received the UCI Bike City Label in 2021, becoming the first city in the Middle East and Asia to receive this distinction. In addition to the 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships in December, the city will also host the 2024 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships, the 2028 UCI Road World Championships, the 2028 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships and the 2029 UCI Track World Championships. However, welcoming events is only one of the means pursued by the city to encourage cycling through long-term emirate-wide commitments. In 2021, the Abu Dhabi Government launched Bike Abu Dhabi, an enabling platform designed to advance the development of Abu Dhabi as a leading global cycling hub, and increase uptake of the sport as a means of mobility, leisure and sport.

Speakers from Abu Dhabi will highlight examples of the city's leadership in promoting cycling as a key component of sustainable urban mobility, community development, and sports.

STRATEGIES TO GROW CYCLING TOURISM

Cycle tourism is a sustainable and immersive way to explore destinations, offering a unique blend of adventure, health benefits, and low-carbon travel. It allows tourists to connect deeply with local cultures and landscapes, promoting slower, more meaningful travel experiences. Additionally, cycle tourism boosts local economies by supporting small businesses like cafes, lodgings, and bike rental shops, especially in rural areas. This panel of experts, from several continents, will explore practical solutions to increase its adoption, and in particular highlight the key role of sporting events and organisations in strengthening its positive impact for local communities.

Speakers :

- Jill Warren – CEO, European Cyclists' Federation
- Qondisa Ngwenya – President, Cycling South Africa
- Sandro Araujo – Vice-President, Portuguese Cycling Federation
- Samara Sheppard – UCI Bike City Coordinator, Destination Wollongong

WRAP-UP AND CLOSING REMARKS

The UCI's Cycling for All & Sustainable Cycling Commission President Tony Mitchell will summarise the key messages shared throughout the day's presentations and exchanges.

Looking towards the future, the UCI will provide more information on the 2025 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum, which will take place on 20-21 June 2025 in Copenhagen, Denmark, in collaboration with the next event hosts.

GALA DINNER

All delegates are cordially invited to attend the official Forum dinner which will take place in the gardens of the Bab Al Qasr Hotel as of 19.30. The evening will also feature the first ever UCI Cycling for All & Sustainability Awards ceremony, which will recognise outstanding projects that have positive social and environmental impact, promote active mobility and encourage everyday cycling.

The dress code for both the conference and gala dinner is business casual.

DAY 2 - WORKSHOPS & BIKE TOURS

TRANSFERS

As the second day of the Forum will be organised on Al Hudayriyat Island, shuttle bus transfers will be available for all participants, leaving directly from the Bab Al Qasr Hotel. Participants taking part in the morning workshops are asked to meet in front of the hotel reception at 8:15. Participants only taking part in the bike tours are asked to meet in front of the hotel reception at either 12:00 (to join the lunch) or at 13.15 (to arrive directly for the bike tours).

Return shuttles from Al Hudayriyat Island back to the Bab Al Qasr Hotel as well as to the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships will also be organised. The full schedule of bus transfers can be found in the Practical Information section of this brochure. .

EXPERT WORKSHOPS

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two rounds of workshops hosted at the Abu Dhabi Cycling Club headquarters, located on Al Hudayriyat Island.

Forum delegates will be able to choose between the 3 following workshops:

Building a Sustainable Future Through Cycling

This workshop will explore how UAE Team ADQ is championing sustainability and inclusivity within the cycling ecosystem. We will highlight key initiatives, including democratizing cycling access, fostering educational outreach, and creating lasting positive impacts through partnerships. We will share actionable strategies to drive sustainable development and support long-term objectives.

Workshop facilitator:

- Melissa Moncada – Founder and CEO, Aurora Private Group

Pathways to progress - Active mobility as a catalyst for change

This workshop will explore the intersection and synergies of sport, sustainability and climate justice - including the environment, air quality, road safety, development, access and human rights. It will include interactive group activities and a short documentary screening, to help participants identify actionable strategies for leveraging sports as a platform for sustainable development and climate action.

Workshop facilitators:

- Carly Gilbert-Patrick, Team Leader – Active Mobility, Digitalisation & Modal Integration, Sustainable Mobility Unit, United Nations Environment Programme
- Lyndsay Hayhurst, Associate Professor, Research Chair in Sport, Gender & Development and Digital Participatory Research, York University, Toronto, Canada

Developing a sustainable cycling future using the 7 Sustainable Pillars of Sport

The workshop will explore a framework that has been designed to help cycling events, organisations and key stakeholders express their true sustainable value through the 7 Sustainable Pillars of Sport. The interactive workshop will explore how the 7 pillars: Partnerships, Participation, People, Planet, Power, Profile and Prosperity, can help cycling organisations measure and report on their sustainability activities. The workshop will examine case studies and examples of how different stakeholders are already helping to deliver a sustainable future for the cycling industry.

Workshop facilitator:

- Mike Laflin, CEO and Founder of Global Sustainable Sport

BIKE TOURS

In the afternoon, delegates will set off on one of the following three rides:

- **Road cycling tour on Al Hudayriyat Island:** Hudayriyat Island features several cycling tracks with varying loops, which participants will have the opportunity to discover.
- **Mountain bike circuit on Al Hudayriyat Island:** Participants will be able to discover [Trail X](#), the one and only mountain bike trail in Abu Dhabi, which spans 15 km in length.
- **City infrastructure tour:** Participants will ride from Al Hudayriyat Island to the site of the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships, via Abu Dhab's network of cycling paths.

Bikes and helmets will be provided to all participants. Changing rooms will also be available for the road and mountain bike tours, to allow participants to change into comfortable sports clothes.

UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Taking place from the 17 to 21 December, the 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships will be held in Abu Dhabi, featuring Trials, BMX Freestyle Park and BMX Flatland competitions.

Forum delegates will receive official accreditation, allowing them to attend the event, which will be held within walking or cycling distance from the Bab Al Qasr Hotel.

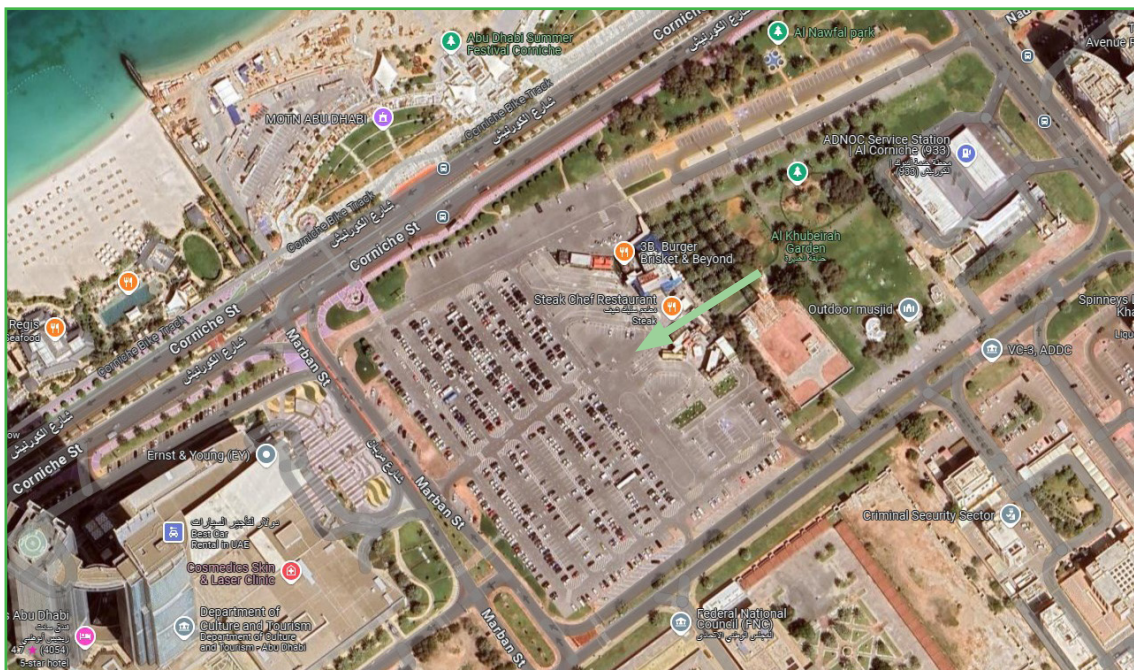
The full competition schedule can be accessed on the UCI website [here](#), and the competition guide can also be downloaded [here](#).

Venue Map and Information

Address:

- 1st St - Corniche Rd - Abu Dhabi – UAE

Venue Location:



GUEST SPEAKERS

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EVENT MC

| SÉBASTIEN PIQUET

CYCLING COMMENTATOR, LA VOIX DU TOUR



A former journalist (and still a journalist at heart and in the head), his passion for sport drove him to his job and way of life. Cycling entered the world of Sébastien Piquet while watching the Tour de France in the early nineties. Destiny saw him become the voice of Radio Tour in 2005, a function he went on to develop at the UCI Road World Championships and Olympic Games. Other than producing films for various companies and Federations, and conducting interviews for live broadcasters (Tour de France, Ballon d'Or), he also hosts galas and seminars for the UCI such as the UCI Junior Conference and UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour seminar. Throughout twenty years of experience, his way of thinking and working has remained the same: the star and main attention will always be the interviewee, not the interviewer.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

| SAFIYA AL SAYEGH

PROFESSIONAL RIDER

Safiya Al Sayegh is the first Emirati woman cyclist to turn professional. Member of the UCI Women's WorldTeam UAE Team ADQ, Safiya is an inspiration to many other female athletes, both in the UAE and worldwide, as she juggles university graphic design studies with a vigorous training schedule. In 2023, Safiya became the first Arab female cyclist to participate in a UCI Women's WorldTour race, and in 2024, she also became the first Emirati woman to qualify for the Olympic Games. She competed in the Paris 2024 road race. During the Forum's opening keynote, Safiya will share her personal story and explain how both she and UAE Team ADQ strive to encourage more women, in particular in the Middle East, to take up cycling.



JEAN TODT

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY



Jean Todt is the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety since April 2015. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Peace Institute (IPI) and the Chairman of the SUU Foundation. He is the former President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), first elected to this post in October 2009 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017 until 2021. Between 2006 and 2009, Todt was Chief Executive Officer of Ferrari. Prior to that, he held senior level positions overseeing racing and sporting activities at Ferrari and PSA Peugeot Citroën Group. He started his career in 1966 as a rally co-driver, which he ended in 1981, when he won the World Rally Championship for Manufacturers with a Talbot Lotus. Todt also devotes his time to several charitable causes as one of the Founders and Vice-President of the Institut du Cerveau et de la Moelle Epinière (ICM), an institute devoted to medical research for brain and spinal cord disorders. Todt received the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the United Nations Association of New York in 2016 and is a recipient of the Grand-croix de la Légion d'Honneur. Born in 1946 in Pierrefort, France, Todt studied economics, business, and marketing at the Ecole des Cadres in Paris. He has one son, a grandson, and shares his life with Oscar-winning actress, film producer and UNDP Goodwill Ambassador Michelle Yeoh.

EXPERT SPEAKERS

MOROJ ADIL

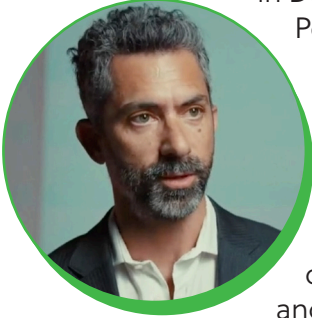
PROFESSIONAL RIDER - LIV ALULA JAYCO WOMEN'S CONTINENTAL TEAM

Moroj Adil is a 26-year-old cyclist from Saudi Arabia. She rides for Liv AlUla Jayco Women's Continental Team. Moroj initially started cycling as a hobby, which then became a passion. Whilst it was challenging to start cycling in Saudi Arabia, where women weren't at the time allowed to ride or do outdoor sports, and where neither bike shops nor a cycling community were present, she is delighted to see how the situation is evolving, and providing more opportunities for both cyclists to ride, and women to take part in sporting activities. Moroj is an ambitious athlete who rides on the road 99% of the time, and works in the motorsports field 1% of the time. She also plays guitar and violin in her spare time, alongside her passion for books and arts. One of Adil's biggest goals is to race in Paris-Roubaix Femmes in 2026.



SANDRO D. ARAÚJO

VICE-PRESIDENT - PORTUGUESE CYCLING FEDERATION



Degree in Economics from ISCTE - IUL, with a postgraduate qualification in Doping Prevention (FMH-Lisbon University). Vice-president of the Portuguese Cycling Federation (2012-2024), with the sports areas of paracycling and "Cycling for All", having coordinated the World Paracycling Road Championship - Cascais 2021, among other events and national initiatives, such as "Cycling goes to School" and "Cyclin' Portugal". He was part of the team that formulated the ENMAC - National Strategy for Active Cycling Mobility. Vice-president of the Portuguese Paralympic Committee, in charge of marketing and communication, including the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Paralympic Missions. Member of the "Cycling for All and Sustainability" Commission of the International Cycling Union (UCI) since 2020. Member of the Working Group for Gender Equality in Sport (2022-23). Member of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Sports Foundation (2018-2023). Consultant and event producer in the areas of active mobility, sports tourism and bicycle culture, having directed projects such as the "Bicycle Film Festival" (Lisbon). Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Apordoc - Associação pelo Documentário. He cycles (almost) every day, in the city and beyond.

MAURO GIANETTI

CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER - UAE TEAM EMIRATES

Mauro Gianetti is a legendary Swiss cyclist who transitioned seamlessly into a highly successful managerial career after his retirement from professional racing. Born in Lugano in 1964, Gianetti's racing achievements included winning 3 World Cup Races, Liege Bastogne Liege, Amstel Gold Race and the Japan Cup, becoming World Cup leader in 1995 and vice World Champion in 1996. However, his impact on cycling truly expanded when he became the CEO and General Manager of UAE Team Emirates. Since joining the team in 2017, Gianetti has played a pivotal role in elevating the team to global prominence, leading a group of young talents including Tadej Pogacar to numerous major wins, including 3 Tour de France, 1 Giro d'Italia and Monument Classics. Under his leadership, UAE Team Emirates has not only become a powerhouse in world cycling but has also contributed significantly to the development of cycling in the United Arab Emirates. Gianetti has been instrumental in fostering local talent, bringing cycling to the forefront in the region, and expanding the sport's popularity, both in the UAE and internationally. His vision continues to shape the future of the team and the sport.



EUAN JARDINE

LEADER - SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL



Councillor Euan Jardine, leader of Scottish Borders Council, is a former international mountain runner and a passionate advocate for the transformative power of sport. Under his leadership, the Scottish Borders has embraced cycling as a catalyst for health, sustainability, and community engagement, with initiatives focused on making cycling accessible for both recreation and daily transport across the region. In 2023, the South of Scotland, including the Scottish Borders, was awarded the prestigious UCI Bike Region label, recognising its commitment to world-class cycling facilities and active community involvement. This achievement followed the successful hosting of the UCI Cycling World Championships, which brought global attention to the area and highlighted its cycling potential. Euan's vision aligns with the UCI's mission, and he continues to champion efforts to expand cycling infrastructure and promote active lifestyles. His participation in the UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum reflects his dedication to advancing cycling in Scotland and beyond.

CAROLINE JULIAN

BRAND AND ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR - BRITISH CYCLING

As Brand and Engagement Director, Caroline oversees British Cycling's communications, marketing, research and membership, and leads the organisation's public affairs and international relations activity. With a personal passion and professional background in environmental sustainability, Caroline has also led the development of British Cycling's environmental sustainability strategy, overseeing the organisation's first assessment of its carbon footprint and working with members, partners and more to determine priority actions and champion best practice from across the cycling community. Caroline was previously Director of Policy and Public Affairs at Creative UK, spearheading several effective campaigns on behalf of its diverse membership. She is a mentor in the Uplift programme, which was established in 2023 to support women in their early careers in the cycling industry. Caroline can often be found seeking out new hills and country lanes on her road bike.



MIKE LAFLIN

FOUNDER AND CEO - GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE SPORT



Mike is the founder and CEO of a digital media company focused on driving sustainability through sport, called Global Sustainable Sport. He has worked as a technology specialist across a range of international federations including World Athletics, World Sailing, ITF, World Archery and World Badminton. In 1991 he launched a media information company focused on the business of sport called Sportcal which went on to deliver impact reports on many major sporting events including the World Games in 2017, various Universiade's and world championships from a variety of sports. In December 2022 he launched Global Sustainable Sport to showcase sports organisations active in the area of sport and sustainability, helping to promote best practice and education. Supported by academics and practitioners he has developed the seven Sustainable Pillars of Sport which aims to provide a broad and comprehensive framework that captures the true sustainable value of sport.

TONY MITCHELL

UCI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND UCI CYCLING FOR ALL & SUSTAINABLE CYCLING COMMISSION PRESIDENT



Tony Mitchell is an advocate for people on bikes and has held many roles in the world of cycling. His current positions include that of Chair of Bike Auckland (New Zealand), an organisation that represents and advocates for people on bikes, safer streets, better infrastructure, and action against climate change. He is also a member of the UCI Management Committee, President of the Oceania Cycling Confederation, and of course President of the UCI's Cycling for All and Sustainability Commission. With an extensive background in business and governance, Tony Mitchell is the former CEO of the New Zealand Marketing Association, and former Executive Chair of the New Zealand Shareholders Association. The Auckland-based father of five children was born and raised in New Zealand but spent many years in Oxford in the United Kingdom where he established a cycling club and racing team. Tony Mitchell received the UCI Merit Award in September 2022 for his services to cycling, and sees his purpose as creating a platform for change that communities can benefit from.

MELISSA MONCADA

PRESIDENT - UAE TEAM ADQ AND CEO OF AURORA GROUP



Melissa Moncada, President of UAE Team ADQ and CEO of Aurora Group, is a ground breaker in the global cycling ecosystem and an advocate for sustainable and inclusive development. Under her leadership, UAE Team ADQ has emerged as a symbol of progress in women's cycling, championing gender equality and environmental sustainability awareness while elevating the sport in the UAE and beyond. The project's initiatives through Aurora Group have positioned the UAE as a global cycling hub. She was pivotal in bringing key international events like the UAE Tour to the region, enhancing its reputation as a premier cycling destination. Aurora's commitment extends beyond events, focusing on community impact through programs like Women Moving Forward, which empowers women by organizing rides, skill workshops, and events to break cultural and social barriers in sports. Through the Emirati Talent Program, the team has driven the discovery and development of top local athletes, including Safiya Alsayegh, the first Emirati cyclist to compete in the Paris Olympics. The programme bridges the gap between emerging talents and professional opportunities, emphasizing mentorship and development. UAE Team ADQ, under Melissa's leadership, has also set new standards for gender equality in the sport, including fair salaries, increased representation in governance, and fostering a corporate team led predominantly by women. Melissa's innovative approach integrates corporate responsibility with cycling, offering sponsors an opportunity to align with impactful ESG strategies. These strategies focus on empowering women, promoting healthier lifestyles, and building long-term community legacies.

AKIKO NAGANO

SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR SPORTS, BUREAU OF CITIZENS, CULTURE AND SPORTS - TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

As a civil servant of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, NAGANO Akiko works for the promotion of sports. She was part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games bid project, and in 2014 seconded to the Organising Committee, where she served as the head of planning and coordination at the Games Delivery Office throughout the seven-and-a-half-year journey. After her return to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) in 2021, she was tasked with the development of TMG's sports vision, and the Games legacy initiatives. She is currently in charge of international relations, including the support to the promotion of the Grand Cycle Tokyo Project internationally.



SAMSON NDAYISHIMIYE

PRESIDENT - RWANDA CYCLING FEDERATION



Samson Ndayishimiye is the President of Ferwacy, the Rwanda Cycling Federation since 2023. With over 23 years of diverse experience spanning various sectors in both Rwanda and the United Kingdom, Ndayishimiye has cultivated a versatile skill set that includes production, care homes, warehouse management, transport and project management across sectors such as construction, television, sales, marketing and self-employment. He lived in the UK for 20 years where he studied business studies before coming to Rwanda. Throughout his career, Ndayishimiye has consistently demonstrated trustworthiness, pro-active, reliability and a strong commitment to safety. Ndayishimiye has experience in the world of sports includes representing Rwanda in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and his involvement with the Rwanda Automobile Club since 2021 when he joined the Safety Drivers team for the Mountain Gorilla Rally. In 2022, he was the manager of Rwanda's first female Driver Queen Kalimpinya in 2022 before he started professionally competing as a Rally Driver in 2023.

QONDISA NGWENYA

PRESIDENT - CYCLING SOUTH AFRICA

Qondisa Ngwenya (otherwise known as Q) is the President of Cycling South Africa, and a board member of the South African Sports Confederation, Olympic and Paralympic Committee, with more than 30 years of experience in sports administration, executive leadership, and corporate sponsorship. Formerly Deputy CEO of the South African Sports Commission, Q is an entrepreneur and runs his own company Breaking the Mould (BTM) and is the former Managing Director of PRISM Sport + Entertainment and Octagon Africa. Q has expansive sponsorship, broadcasting experience as well as major events execution, content development and aggregation, rights negotiations and sales across Sub-Saharan Africa. He has consistently championed the transformation of sport, with a strong emphasis on inclusivity, grassroots development, and creating opportunities for elite athletes. His vision is to ensure that sport in South Africa is more accessible to individuals from all backgrounds and is an important for social change and development.



CARLOS MARIO OQUENDO

OLYMPIC BMX MEDALLIST



Carlos Mario Oquendo, Olympic BMX medallist, made history at the London 2012 Olympic Games by becoming the first Colombian man to win a medal in the BMX discipline. With a remarkable 30-year career in BMX, he represented Colombia at the Olympic Games of Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016, and Tokyo 2020, solidifying his reputation as a symbol of resilience and dedication in sports. As an administrative engineer and sports management specialist, Carlos has applied his academic expertise to sustainable development and project management.

His commitment to addressing climate change has led him to train with organizations like the Green Acting Forum and EcoAthlete, focusing on environmentally responsible sports practices. Currently, he is leading sustainable urbanism projects in Colombia, where sustainable mobility serves as a key link between urban areas and tourist destinations. With his innovative vision, Carlos is pioneering a model that integrates sports, sustainability, and environmental responsibility, creating a positive impact on communities.

PETER SAGAN

3-TIME UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPION

Peter Sagan, born in Žilina, Slovakia, is a world-renowned professional cyclist celebrated for his versatility and charismatic personality. Turning professional in 2010, Sagan quickly established himself as one of the most formidable riders of his generation, leaving an indelible mark on the peloton. He is the only male rider to have won three consecutive UCI Road World Championships (2015, 2016, 2017) and holds the record for the most Tour de France green jerseys, claiming the points classification seven times. Sagan's sprinting prowess and bike-handling skills have led him to 121 victories, including stage wins in all three Grand Tours, record-breaking performances in the Tour of California and Tour de Suisse, and victories in Classic Monuments like the Tour of Flanders and Paris-Roubaix. Beyond his competitive achievements, Sagan is a passionate advocate for cycling as a sustainable and environmentally friendly mode of transportation. Since 2017, he has served as the Cycling Goodwill Ambassador for C40, an organization representing the world's largest cities in the fight against climate change. In 2021, Sagan was awarded by the United Nations for his active promotion of World Bicycle Day, a global initiative he has supported since its inception in 2018. Through his influence, Sagan continues to champion the benefits of cycling, both as a sport and a tool for sustainable mobility.



DENISE SCHINDLER

GERMAN PARALYMPIC CYCLIST AND 3-TIME WORLD CHAMPION



Your expert for the topics: inclusion, motivation, diversity, sustainability, mindset, change, team building, resilience and change! Our speaker's sporting motto is "Never give up!". At the age of two, she lost her right lower leg in an accident. At 18, she discovered cycling and climbed her way to the top of the world as a para-cyclist. A touching life story that shows what is still possible. Thanks to a strong team, wonderful parents, excellent doctors, perfect medical technicians and her incredible will, Denise can stand on her "two" legs again. With courage, fighting spirit, persistence and a lot of motivation, she managed to overcome resistance and live with her handicap. Success proves her right: 3-time World Champion and 4-time Paralympic Medallist. Today she works as a keynote speaker, presenter, parasports expert for TV and is a representative and member of the IPC Athletes Commission.

SAMARA SHEPPARD

UCI BIKE CITY COORDINATOR – DESTINATION WOLLONGONG

Samara Sheppard is Wollongong's UCI Bike City Coordinator, working with Destination Wollongong to develop cycle tourism initiatives and create a bike-friendly environment for both the community and visitors. With 15 years of experience as a professional mountain biker and a background in public health, Samara is dedicated to expanding cycling opportunities for all. Following the 2022 UCI Road World Championships, Samara is focused on ensuring the legacy of the event benefits the region. She drives projects like the Bike Friendly Business Programme, helping local businesses become more accessible to cyclists and fostering a lasting cycling culture that brings economic benefits to the city. Samara is committed to driving sustainable progress for Wollongong's UCI Bike City, ensuring cycling remains an integral part of the city's community life and tourism future.



JILL WARREN

CEO - EUROPEAN CYCLISTS' FEDERATION



Jill Warren is CEO of the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), a Brussels-based NGO that advocates for cycling as a sustainable and healthy form of transport and leisure. Under her leadership, ECF has successfully influenced a range of legislative and other policy initiatives in the EU and beyond in favour of more and better cycling. This has included working with our members, partners and other stakeholders to help shape the European Declaration on Cycling. Jill was recognised for her achievements with the 2023 Danish Cycling Embassy Leadership in Cycling Promotion award.

DISTINGUISHED ABU DHABI SPEAKERS

HE AREF HAMAD AL AWANI

GENERAL SECRETARY, ABU DHABI SPORTS COUNCIL



HE Aref Hamad Al Awani is General Secretary of Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) which was established in 2006 and is aligned to the emirate's leadership vision to develop sport and youth activities. The Council promotes an effective, emirate-wide sports calendar that stimulates the desire to participate in quality sports among all Abu Dhabi residents and helps the talented and motivated reach their sporting potential. The Council also hosts and supports the staging of international world-class sporting events to position the emirate as a hub of world-class sporting action and a major events destination. HE Al Awani, who holds a Master of Science in Leadership and Organisational Development (MS LOD), brings to his ADSC role a wealth of management experience which spans key roles within the UAE's telecommunications, transportation, media and sports landscapes. He has held a number of high-profile positions at sports committees and clubs in the UAE. Under HE Al Awani's guidance, ADSC has greatly increased Abu Dhabi's international sporting calendar. He has played an integral role in securing the renewal of the five-year headline sponsorship of HSBC for the annual, European Tour season-opening Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship and in launching, together with the bank, the emirate's biggest grass roots initiative to encourage take up of the sport among its youth. HE Al Awani was also instrumental in bringing key major events to Abu Dhabi across a range of sporting disciplines including the 2017 and 2018 FIFA Club World Cup; 2019 AFC Asian Cup; ITU Abu Dhabi World Series Triathlon; the Gary Player Invitational; the Abu Dhabi Invitational, FIBA 3 x 3 Basketball and the Abu Dhabi Tour cycling together with the UCI. He is also currently overseeing the bidding for additional world-class events to be hosted in the emirate. HE Al Awani is fully committed to garnering community engagement for ADSC events and in promoting sport as a key element in developing a healthy society. He envisages grass roots engagement of youth through school and university links as integral to the development of a sporting excellence culture throughout the emirate.

H.E. DR. SAIF AL NASSERI

UNDERSECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND TRANSPORT



Dr. Saif Al Nasri is the Undersecretary of Municipalities and Transport (DMT), a key government entity whose extensive remit includes strategic urban planning, infrastructure and facilities, construction and development, public transport and traffic systems, emergency and crisis management, public health services, and real estate across the emirate of Abu Dhabi. Dr. Saif provides ongoing strategic counsel on DMT business strategy and directs the entity's change management and corporate transformation programmes. Joining in DMT in 2023, he oversees all DMT shared services, sets operational and strategic objectives for business planning and champions employee wellbeing initiatives to drive professional growth and personal development for employees across DMT and affiliate entities. He sits on the Board of Directors at Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council (ADQC), the government entity established to raise the quality of Abu Dhabi's exports and products traded locally. Prior to joining DMT, Dr. Al Nasri held several senior positions within ADNOC Group, one of the world's leading energy producers, and a primary catalyst for Abu Dhabi's growth and diversification. These positions include: Director of Group Human Capital of ADNOC, Chief Executive Officer of ADNOC Gas Processing, General Manager of ADNOC Industrial Gases among others. Dr. Saif holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Griffith in Australia, a Master's degree in Economics from California State Polytechnic University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona both in the United States. He has also completed the Senior Executive Leadership Programme at Harvard Business School.

DR. ARIF AL HAMMADI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi serves as a Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Khalifa University of Science and Technology and currently he is on secondment to the department of community development as an advisor to the chairman. He has previously held several prominent leadership positions, including Interim Founding President of Khalifa University College, President of Etisalat University College, Executive Director of Higher Education at the Abu Dhabi Education Council and the Chairman of the Board at Emirates College of Advanced Education. Dr. Al Hammadi is currently the Chairman of the Executive Committee at the Board of Trustees of the National Academy of Childhood Development and the Chair of the Steering Committee for the UAE Graduate Studies Research Conference (UAE-GSRC). He has also chaired several major international conferences, including the IROS 2024 International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems and the Global Communications Conference (Globecom) in 2018 and 2027. He is the Founding Chair of the Smart Mobile Application Contest (SMAC) and serves as a member of the Emirates Scientists Council and UAE Water Aid (Suqia). Dr. Al Hammadi is also on the Board of ADNOC Schools and the Italian International School in Abu Dhabi. He is a cycling enthusiast and serves on the Board of Directors of Abu Dhabi Cycling Club. He holds a PhD in Telecommunications (2000) from Queen Mary University of London and a Bachelor's in Telecommunications Engineering with Honors (1994) from Khalifa University (Etisalat University College, UAE).



H.E. MANSOOR JUMA NASSER AHMED BUOSAIBA UAE CYCLING FEDERATION PRESIDENT



His Excellency Mansour Buosaiba was born on 8 August, 1972. He has a bachelor's degree in Communications Engineering, having graduated from the College of Communications Engineering, Sharjah in 1995. He is the CEO of Nedaa, a Dubai-based telecommunication company. Mansour also holds an Executive Master's of Business Administration with Distinction from Zayed University. After his graduation, Mansour completed the Wharton School's Leadership Development Program in 2008. Since 2004, he has occupied many positions in management and communication. From 2013, he has been an active member of the Board of Directors at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre. Alongside his professional career, Mansour is the President of the UAE Cycling Federation. As a cyclist, he took part in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Since then, he has engaged in the development of UAE cycling and was elected General Secretary of the UAE Cycling Federation in 2004. He was also the Chairman of the National Team Committee. From 2014 to 2017, Mansour was the General Manager of Skydive Dubai Cycling Team and Al Ahly Club team manager. Since 2020, he has held the position of President of the UAE Cycling Federation, and under his leadership, the UAE has won more than 250 medals and titles at the GCC Games and Asian Games, as well as various Arab and Asian cycling championships and international races. Three athletes qualified for the World Championship for the first time, including a female cyclist. Additionally, Mansour is an advocate for People of Determination, playing a role in the national team winning medals and titles in many Arab and Asian Continental Championships. He is a strong voice for women's empowerment, having established an excellent women's team and for the first time ever in the history of UAE cycling, Safia Alsayegh became the first Emirati female cyclist to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Finally, with his long term vision in mind, he supported the Abu Dhabi's successful bids to host the UCI Road World Championships in 2028 and UCI Track World Championships in 2029.

AL NEKHAIRA ALKHYELI CEO OF ABU DHABI CYCLING CLUB

Al Nekhaira is a seasoned executive with over 5+ years of leadership experience as the CEO of the Abu Dhabi Cycling Club, on secondment from the Tawazun Council. With a strong foundation in business administration and economics from Tennessee State University. Al Nekhaira brings a unique blend of strategic thinking and operational expertise to his role. His extensive experience at Tawazun Council has equipped him with a deep understanding of the UAE's economic landscape and a commitment to fostering sustainable growth. Since joining Abu Dhabi Cycling Club in 2019, AlNekhaira has been leading the club to new heights, solidifying its position both locally and internationally. At Abu Dhabi Cycling Club, Al Nekhaira has been instrumental in:

- Talent Development: Nurturing and developing local cycling talent, providing opportunities for growth and international recognition.
- Community Engagement: Fostering a vibrant and engaged cycling community through various initiatives and events.
- Global Impact: Elevating the club's global presence and achieving significant milestones on the international stage.



Al Nekhaira is passionate about the power of cycling and sports in general to inspire and unite people. He is committed to driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and delivering exceptional results.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

FORUM VENUES

The 2024 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum, organised in partnership with the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, will be hosted in the Al Dana Ballroom of the **Bab Al Qasr Hotel**, located on the Abu Dhabi Corniche, on 18 December.

On 19 December 19, all participants will be transferred by shuttle buses to the **Abu Dhabi Cycling Club**, on Al Hudayriyat Island, where the workshops and bike tours will take place.

TRANSFERS TO AND FROM AL HUDAYRIYAT ISLAND

Please find below the full schedule of shuttle bus transfers to and from Al Hudayriyat Island on December 19th:

JOURNEY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Bab AlQasr to Abu Dhabi Cycling Club	8:30	9:00
Bab AlQasr to Abu Dhabi Cycling Club	12:15	12:45
Abu Dhabi Cycling Club to Bab AlQasr	13:00	13:30
Bab AlQasr to Abu Dhabi Cycling Club	13:30	14:00
Abu Dhabi Cycling Club to Bab Al Qasr	14:30	15:00
Abu Dhabi Cycling Club to Bab AlQasr to 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships venue	16:15	17:00
2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships venue to Bab AlQasr	20:00	20:15

ACCOMMODATION

The official UCI hotel for the 2024 UCI Mobility & Bike Forum is the Bab Al Qasr Hotel.

With iconic architecture and an exclusive address on Abu Dhabi's Corniche, Bab Al Qasr impresses on all levels. One of the capital's largest private beaches and a sumptuous spa provide guests with the ultimate in urban relaxation. The hotel's multiple restaurants and cafes extend from signature dining to authentic Arabic coffee experience while the stunning ballroom provides a very special venue for celebration. A signature of authentic hospitality that is not easily forgotten.

ABOUT ABU DHABI

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population

Abu Dhabi is the largest and most populated of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates, home to over 80% of its landmass. The emirate's population is approximately 3.79 million. Across the UAE, Emirati citizens make up nearly 20% of the total population, with the other 80% being expatriates from Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe and North America.

Local time

The UAE is four hours ahead of UTC (Coordinated Universal Time, formerly known as GMT) and there is no daylight saving. Hence, when it is 12.00 midday in Abu Dhabi, it is 3am in New York, 8am in London, 10am in Johannesburg, 1.30pm in New Delhi, and 6pm in Sydney (not allowing for any summer time-saving in those countries).

Social and business hours

Generally speaking, government departments, embassies and consulates work from 8am to 4pm. Embassies and consulates may designate specific times of day for processing certain requests (such as passport applications) so always call before you visit. The Islamic holy day is Friday and most organisations operate a Friday/Saturday weekend. Shops and visitor attractions are open on both days, though usually towards the end of the day or in the early evening on Fridays. During the holy month of Ramadan shops often change their hours by closing during the day, reopening an hour or two after sunset, and staying open later at night. Food outlets and restaurants generally remain closed or offer takeaway services only during the day and then open up for Iftar – the meal that breaks the fast – after sunset.

Safety

Recognised as one of the safest cities on earth, Abu Dhabi's virtually crime-free environment and well-organised emergency services will bring you peace of mind and a relaxing stay.

BIKE ABU DHABI

Bike Abu Dhabi is an Abu Dhabi government initiative designed to spearhead the emirate's long-term cycling ambitions and foster links between three critical elements for cycling growth: mobility, health and leisure, and sport.

Abu Dhabi boasts a rich tradition of cycling, with established cycling hubs including a total of 28km of cycling track at Hdayriyat Island and a total of 40km of track at Al Wathba, which offer world-class facilities for all levels – from group rides, to solo cyclists and families. The emirate's thriving cycling community also has access to a well-developed network of cycling paths that have recently been extended and enhanced by the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT). The world-famous Yas Marina Circuit Formula One track on Yas Island opens its doors twice a week to enable all levels of cyclists to train for free.

The initiative will also see significant infrastructure enhancements, including an extension of the emirate's 300km cycling network to more than 1,000km.

For more information: <https://www.bike.abudhabi/>



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THE UCI BIKE CITY LABEL NETWORK

The current network of UCI Bike Cities and Regions – which includes 28 cities and regions in 15 countries - brings together diverse places that are united by a common commitment to develop and strengthen cycling in all forms, as an elite sport and as an everyday form of transport and leisure.

ABU DHABI - UAE

Abu Dhabi is the first city in the Middle East and Asia to receive the UCI Bike City label. The city will host the 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships, 2028 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, 2028 UCI Road World Championships, and the 2029 UCI Track World Championships. In 2021, the Abu Dhabi government launched Bike Abu Dhabi, an enabling platform designed to advance the development of Abu Dhabi as a leading global cycling hub and increase uptake of the sport as a means of mobility, leisure and sport. Its initiatives include extending the emirate's existing 300 km cycling network to around 1,000 km in the near future.

AIGLE - SWITZERLAND

Home of the UCI and the UCI World Cycling Centre, Aigle has been on the map of world cycling for a long time, welcoming numerous young riders at the very beginning of their career. The city has a genuine cycling tradition offering events for families, amateurs and elite athletes throughout the year. Aigle has launched a comprehensive vision focusing on sports, energy, and mobility, with a specific cycling master plan created to maximise the integration of cycling promotion within the city.

BERGEN - NORWAY

Host of the 2017 UCI Road World Championships, the coastal city of Bergen is known as the gateway to the fjords and city of seven mountains. Aiming for 10% of all trips to be made by bike, the city is investing to significantly increase bike infrastructures (including a new cycling bridge and bike routes) and focusing on programmes to enable children to cycle.

COPENHAGEN - DENMARK

First awarded the UCI Bike City Label in 2008, Copenhagen's Bicycle Strategy 2011-2025 has numerous ambitious goals to keep growing bicycle use. The city is working towards being climate neutral by 2025. The Cycle Track Priority Plan 2017-2025 calls for establishing 40-50km of new tracks, 30-40km of green cycle routes, and 62km of cycle superhighways. Up to 55,000 new bicycle parking spaces are planned by 2025. Cycle usage for trips to education and work represented 49% in 2018, whilst the same year Copenhageners owned 672,000 bicycles - five times the number of cars in the city. It will host the 2025 UCI BMX World Championships and 2029 UCI Road World Championships.

DRENTHÉ - THE NETHERLANDS

A province in the north of the Netherlands, Drenthé aims to increase bike use by 20% and become the healthiest province in the country. The region has hosted a 2018 UCI Road Para-cycling World Cup, the 2019 UCI Road Para-cycling World Championships and also hosts the Ronde Van Drenthé each year. 'Op fietse' ('go by bike'), a specific marketing identity for Drenthé's cycling activities, and Drenthé Fiets4Daagse, a 4-day festival for thousands of recreational riders, are examples of the region's commitment to promoting cycling among all citizens and tourists.

FAYETTEVILLE - USA

Fayetteville hosted the 2022 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships and has a comprehensive bicycle master plan that was most recently updated in 2020 with a goal to build an "all ages and abilities" network of bicycle infrastructure – primarily focused on building out the 100-mile paved trail network and adding on-street connections to points of interest and residential areas over the next decade. Its Active Transportation Plan outlines goals for connecting trails to within a ½ mile of every Fayetteville resident and reaching 15% in active transportation mode share.

FLANDERS - BELGIUM

After hosting UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships and UCI Road World Championships in 2021, Flanders will host the 2027 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships. The Flemish cycling policy plan was adopted in 2016, with the priorities focused on enhancing bicycle use (commuting and school traffic) and increasing road safety for cyclists. Investments in cycling infrastructure should increase to 300 million euro a year by 2024, this target being already exceeded in 2021 with more than 329 million euro invested. The network of cycling highways in Flanders includes 119 individual routes, for a total of 2.650 km, while Flanders citizens use their bike for 16% of their daily trips.

FYN - DENMARK

An island region in Denmark, Fyn is promoting cycling under the Bike Island strategy, with the aim of becoming the most attractive cycle holiday destination in northern Europe. After a round of the 2017-2018 Telenet UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup, the 2019 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships were held in the town of Bogense. The region also hosts numerous elite and recreational cycling events every year, which include the Fyn Rundt, the Bissen mountain bike race, track cycling events and stages of the Tour of Denmark. The 900km long N8 Baltic Sea Route opened in 2018 in the region.

GELDERLAND - THE NETHERLANDS

Each year, the province of Gelderland, located in the central eastern part of the Netherlands, welcomes a round of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup at Papendal. In 2018, the UCI Track Cycling World Championships were hosted in the region at the velodrome in Apeldoorn. The regional tourist bike network is 6,000km in length, and 90% of the region's 1,200km of provincial roads have a segregated cycling path. With 31% of all trips being made by bike in Gelderland, the province is working towards meeting a target of 34% of all trips.

GLASGOW - SCOTLAND - GREAT BRITAIN

Glasgow has hosted, alongside several cities in Scotland, the first ever UCI Cycling World Championships in 2023. Its high-level target is to achieve a 10% modal share for cycling, based on the vision: to create a vibrant Cycling City where cycling is accessible, safe and attractive to all. The current Strategic Plan for Cycling 2016-2025 commits to build a network of protected, segregated cycling routes leading into the city centre. Glasgow organises multiple mass participation events and grassroots cycle races, whilst several children's cycling education programmes are delivered in schools and across the city.

HEUSDEN-ZOLDER - BELGIUM

The municipality of Heusden-Zolder is located in the Belgian province of Limburg. Every year, it hosts rounds of the Telenet UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup and of the UCI BMX World Cup. In 2019, Heusden-Zolder hosted the UCI BMX World Championships. Many mass participation events are hosted at the Circuit Zolder - a race track in the municipality, including the annual '24 Hours of Cycling' event, and 'Avondfietsen', during which the Circuit is open to the public.

LEOGANG SAASFELDEN - AUSTRIA

Saalfelden Leogang has been successfully implementing a multi-year cycling promotion strategy for years to position as Europe's N°1 bike destination. The strategy focuses on infrastructure to offer the best experience possible to mountain-bike-oriented visitors while reducing the human caused impact on nature. Saalfelden Leogang's 900 km of existing trails are clearly marked to keep cyclists off wildlife habitat and new routes are created in the most sustainable way possible. Also, public transport is coordinated for better accessibility to bike parks and e-bike stations are currently being expanded.

LIMBURG-VALKENBURG - THE NETHERLANDS

A hilly province in the Netherlands, bordering Belgium and Germany, Limburg-Valkenburg is a world leader when it comes to cycling. Five UCI Road World Championships have been hosted in the city of Valkenburg, as well as the 2018 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships. Over 150 cycling events (both Elite and mass-participation) take place in the Province of Limburg each year. Partnering with UCI WorldTeam Jumbo-Visma, Limburg Cycling has been able to increase the number of young and old on bikes in the last years and continues to invest in the next generation of cyclists.

MONTRÉAL - CANADA

The City of Montréal has pursued a strong cycling promotion strategy for the last 15 years, establishing the Plan Velo, a cycling network that is updated every 5 years. The latest update of the plan targets a modal cycling share of 15% by 2027. With currently more than 1'600 km of bike lanes in the city centre and more than 3'200 km in the greater Montréal area, the city has established itself in the top 5 North American cycling cities, aiming to become the number one by 2031. It will host the 2026 UCI Road World Championships.

NORTH BRABANT - THE NETHERLANDS

While cycling runs through their veins, the Dutch province of North Brabant has identified opportunities to grow cycling even further. Thanks to a collaboration with Breda University as well as with the province's main cities of Eindhoven, Tilburg, Breda, 'S-Hertogenbosch and Helmond, the Province of North Brabant has implemented a cycling plan connecting all cities to their 5 to 15 km surroundings. A cycle highway plan aims to connect all larger cities between them. Connecting public transport and active travel by bike is facilitated by increased bike parking facilities at bus and train stations whilst the regional cycling network offers a comprehensive transport alternative to car use.

PARIS - FRANCE

Paris hosted the 2024 Olympic Games, which include 5 cycling disciplines: road, track, mountain bike, BMX racing and BMX freestyle. Political leadership in City Hall has strong ambitions to make Paris a 100% cycling city by 2026. The city aims to create 180 km of new permanent segregated bike lanes and 120,000 new secure bicycle parking spots by 2026. The new Plan Velo 2021-2026, which boasts a budget of €250 million, is set to capitalise on the COVID-19 pandemic cycling boom, to make Paris a city where everyone, including children, will be able to cycle safely during their daily commute.

SAKARYA - TURKEY

The Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality developed a 10-year action plan and is investing heavily to become a city that not only hosts championships – including the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships and a BMX World Cup - but also ensures bikes are used more actively in transportation, encourages people to lead healthier lives and promotes a cycling culture. Dedicating approximately 15% of the total annual budget to cycling, it has developed multiple cycling infrastructures and programmes, including the multi-disciplinary Cycling Valley and public events.

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES - FRANCE

St-Quentin-en-Yvelines is the home city of the Fédération Française de Cyclisme (FFC) and France's National Velodrome. The city has hosted the 2015 UCI Track World Championships, a 2018 BMX Supercross World Cup, a 2018 Track World Cup, and a 2019 BMX Supercross World Cup. The city also welcomed the BMX, track and mountain bike events during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, while also developing cycling for all actions linked to the Games. It features over 400km of bike lanes, with €2m having been invested in the network over the past years.

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND - SCOTLAND - GREAT BRITAIN

During the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships taking place in Glasgow and across Scotland, the the South of Scotland region hosted the mountain bike cross-country events in Glentress as well as the para-cycling events in Dumfries and Galloway. Integrating numerous stakeholders, the South of Scotland Cycling Partnership Strategy was officially endorsed by the Convention of South of Scotland in September 2022, with a 10-year strategy plan focusing on Innovation & Technology, Destination Development & Promotion, Events, Sustainable Economy & Communities, Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing.

TIROL - AUSTRIA

Innsbruck-Tirol hosted the 2018 UCI Road World Championships. Tirol's multi-year strategy to promote cycling for tourism focuses on four main objectives: improving cycling infrastructure, enforcing training and education, developing safety campaigns, and organising events. There are over 130 km of cycling paths in Innsbruck, and over 800 km across the region, whilst continuous investment in mountain bike trails is made across Tirol. Numerous mass participation events and child cycle training programmes are run within the region.

TOKYO - JAPAN

Tokyo hosted the Olympic Games in 2021, featuring five cycling disciplines: road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle. In 2021, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government launched a plan to promote the use of bicycles until 2030. Tokyo aims to increase its cycle network from 403km to 621km, with the aim of improving cyclists' safety. The Grand Cycle Tokyo Tama, a mass participation race, is held annually on the Olympic route, and is one of the events created as a legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to increase the use of bicycles.

TREVISO – ITALY

The Province of Treviso hosted the second UCI Gravel World Championships in 2023, as well as a round of the 2024 UCI Nations Cup. The province has stepped up its efforts to promote cycling for all as part of the plan entitled 'PRT Veneto 2030: Sustainable mobility for a connected and competitive Veneto'. The Province of Treviso has 2,715km of bicycle lanes, and the aim is to reach 2,904km by 2025. The province offers an attractive range of cycle tourism options, with 11 routes on its roads and 20 others dedicated to gravel, backed up by cyclist-friendly accommodation in more than half of the region's hotels.

VAL DI SOLE - ITALY

Val di Sole has consistently been hosting UCI Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships and/or World Cups since 2016. A multi-year strategy for cycling – aimed to increase bike usage by 15 to 20% - is endorsed by political leadership and includes numerous initiatives, including cycle path extensions, financing local bike associations, incentives for cycling to work, introductory cycling activities, and volunteer opportunities at UCI events. Existing infrastructures include 35km of bike paths, the Val Di Sole Bike Park, several bike parks, pump tracks for kids, and 300km of mountain bike trails.

VANCOUVER - CANADA

In the Canadian city of Vancouver, cycling is the fastest growing mode of transport - rising from 4% in 2013 to 7% in 2016. The city had planned to host the 2020 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships and hosted a UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier in 2019. The city has made a commitment to ensuring that 2/3 of all trips are made by walking, cycling and transit, a strategy built around the creation of an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) network that is accessible for all. Today, approximately 45% of the transport budget is spent on active transportation.

VAUD - SWITZERLAND

Home to the UCI World Cycling Centre – located in Aigle – the Canton of Vaud has both a strong political will and vision for tourism to support and develop cycling as part of the local heritage. After integrating cycling in cantonal transport policies, Vaud approved its new long-term cycling strategy called “Horizon 2035”. This strategy aims to increase the modal share of cycling to 10% by 2035. It will also strengthen cycling’s role as a mode of transport and leisure activity and create synergies with other modes of transport.

WOENS DreCHT - THE NETHERLANDS

Situated in the south of the Netherlands, the community of Woensdrecht has a long history of hosting an annual UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in Hoogerheide. At the heart of the 2016-2020 cycling plan was the aim to strengthen and expand cycling opportunities for residents and visitors alike. It features the only cycling college in the Netherlands, where students combine their academic education with structured cycle training. While road safety and child cycle training are a priority, specific programmes promote physical activity amongst the elderly, the disabled and low-income groups.

WOLLONGONG - AUSTRALIA

Wollongong’s Cycling Strategy 2030 sets out a 10-year vision where cycling is a preferred transport option. Since 2013, Wollongong has built, renewed, and upgraded 27km of cycling routes; by 2030 it seeks to provide an additional 85km. It recently opened the city’s first Mountain Bike Park at Cringila Hills. In partnership with AusCycling’s Ride Nation programme, Wollongong’s cycling skills and education programme will see over 10,000 students trained in riding and 1,000 teachers undertaking bike instructor training. The Australian city hosted the 2022 UCI Road World Championships.

YORKSHIRE - GREAT BRITAIN

In 2019, the Northern England region of Yorkshire hosted the UCI Road World Championships. Many of the projects in the region are a direct legacy of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Départ; with a clear vision to make “more people cycle more often” across the 22 Local Authorities of Yorkshire, the Cycle Yorkshire initiative was launched. More mass participation and closed road cycling events are held in Yorkshire than in any other region of the UK. In 2018, the 50th Yorkshire Bank Bike Library was opened; from these libraries, children and families can rent bikes free of charge.

THE UCI

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the world governing body of cycling, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It was founded on 14 April 1900 in Paris (France). Its headquarters is at the UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC) in Aigle (Switzerland). The UCI has 205 National Federations spread across five Continental Confederations.

Its primary missions – in collaboration with its members and partners – are as follows:

- to manage and promote cycling as a competitive sport in the ten disciplines under its aegis;
- to ensure the organisation of the UCI World Championships, UCI World Cups and other UCI series (for example, road cycling's UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour) for all disciplines;
- to offer cyclists from the five continents the possibility to access the highest level thanks to solidarity programmes and an international network of training and education centres;
- to encourage the development of cycling as a healthy leisure activity and a sustainable means of transport;
- to guarantee the integrity of cycling (governance, sport, sustainable development, and equity, including gender equality).

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ROAD

UCI Road World Championships
UCI Gran Fondo World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup

MOUNTAIN BIKE

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships
UCI Pump Track World Championships
UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike World Cup
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup
UCI E-Mountain Bike Cross-country World Cup

GRAVEL

UCI Gravel World Championships
UCI Gravel World Series

TRACK

UCI Track World Championships
UCI Junior Track World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships
UCI Track Champions League
UCI Track Nations Cup
UCI Masters Track World Championships

CYCLO-CROSS

UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships
UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup
UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships

COMBINED

UCI Cycling World Championships (every pre-Olympic year).

CYCLING ESPORTS

UCI Cycling Esports

BMX

UCI BMX Racing World Championships
UCI BMX Racing World Cup

BMX FREESTYLE

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships
UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup

TRIALS

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships
UCI Trials World Cup
UCI Trials World Youth Games

INDOOR CYCLING

UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships
UCI Cycle-ball World Cup
UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup

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