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“NEXT STATION 2015”, the 5th International conference on Railway Stations jointly organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and Moroccan State Railways (ONCF) to take place from 21 – 22 October 2015 in Marrakech

(Paris/Rabat, 21 October 2014) Following a series of editions successfully held in Rome (2005), Paris (2007), Brussels (2011) and Moscow (2013), the 5th **“NEXT STATION 2015” International Conference on Railway Stations** will take place for the first time on the African continent in Marrakech, from 21 – 22 October 2015.

This international conference, which is a global reference on the themes of station development and operations, is jointly organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), and Moroccan Railways (ONCF), whose Director General, Mr Mohammed Rabie Khlie, is also the Chairman of the UIC African Region.

The development of stations is currently a strategic issue in the Kingdom of Morocco, in connection with the development of a high performance railway system – incorporating high speed links – serving the economy and society. The recent inauguration of Casa-Port railway station bears witness to this dynamic growth.

Since 2005, several thousand decision-makers from higher railway management and the transport world, economy and finance, banks, business and trade, architecture and urban planning have actively participated in the debates and exchanges organised within the UIC “NEXT STATION” international conferences.

“NEXT STATION 2015” will provide a unique opportunity for high-level speakers and panellists to address all strategic issues related to the creation, development or operations of railway stations, such as project development and financing, station management, station and urban planning, the sustainable, eco-friendly railway station, facilities and design, commercial use of station space and services, multimodality and accessibility.

Due to the success of its four previous editions, “NEXT STATION” has become a benchmark event, a privileged venue for sharing information and experience on the development and operation of stations across the world.

Developing a new generation of railway stations that meet the needs of mobility and society – whilst respecting the aims of sustainable development – is a strategic goal for all UIC member railway companies, including ONCF, the host country of this “Next Station 2015” conference in Marrakech.

“NEXT STATION 2015” will comprise the conference, a professional trade fair open to all partners and suppliers from the station sector, as well as a programme of technical and cultural visits.

So, save 21 – 22 October 2015 in your diary to attend the 5th “NEXT STATION 2015” in Marrakech!

The NEXT STATION 2015 conference website will be open soon.

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