



SPEAKER PROFILE

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Chris Kost is a transport planner with two decades of experience advancing sustainable urban mobility. His expertise spans bus rapid transit (BRT) planning, public transport reform, complete street design, and land use-transport integration. Chris previously spent 17 years with the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), where he supported transformative public transport and active mobility projects. His early work included pioneering initiatives such as the Janmarg BRT system in Ahmedabad and complete street transformations in Chennai. Later, as Africa Program Director, Chris led multidisciplinary teams delivering sustainable mobility projects in Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and other countries. He advised national governments, transport authorities, and local bodies on BRT system planning, bus network optimisation, business and financing models, and public transport industry transition strategies. He also supported the preparation of national and city-level walking and cycling strategies, urban street design manuals, and complete street projects. Chris now works as an independent consultant, supporting governments and development partners to deliver urban transport solutions that prioritise equity, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. He also serves as director of the Advanced Urban Mobility Initiative, an Addis Ababa-based non-governmental organisation focused on guiding the transition to an inclusive, low-carbon mobility future for cities in Ethiopia and beyond.

