POLICY BRIEF

Establishing a Public Transport Authority in African Cities

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While the unique socio-economic or political characteristics of a city may present differentiated challenges to the establishment of a TA, it is possible to identify several pre-requisites for successful TA’s that can be replicated in a variety of contexts.
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THANK YOU!

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