

# The First African Conference of the Road **Maintenance Funds**

and

The Constitutive General Assembly of the ARMFA\*

Libreville, Gabon, December 15-18, 2003

# **Program**

\* African Road Maintenance Funds Association:

Monday	MORNING	AFTERNOON
December 15	Official Opening	• 5:00 Inauguration of the new office of the Gabonese Road Maintenance Fund By the Minister of Public Works, Equipment and Building
	<ul> <li>9:30. Word of Introduction on the First African Conference of the Road Maintenance Fund, presented by Mr. Steve Brushett on behalf of Mr. Nigel INGS, Director of the SSATP / World Bank</li> </ul>	
	9:45. Welcome Speech, by the Minister of Public Works, Equipment and Building (His Excellency Mr. Egide BOUNDONO-SIMANGOYE)	
	10:00. Opening Speech, pronounced by the Prime Minister, Head of the Government (His Excellency Jean François NTOUTOUME-EMANE)	
	Gabonese Day	
	<ul> <li>10:30. Introductory Speech: "What road maintenance strategy for Gabon?":</li> </ul>	
	His Excellency Mr E. Boundono-Simangoye, Minister of Public Works, Equipment and Construction of the Gabonese Republic	
	10:45	
	A) The example of the Ghana Road Fund:     Mr Kingsford AMOAH (Secretary of the Ghana Road Fund) [20 mn]	
	B) The example of the Cameroon Road Fund : Mr Claude GWED-BI-MENYEM (Manager of the Cameroon Road Fund) [20 mn]	
	12:00. Dialogue between the Gabonese Authorities and the Donors in the road sector	
	Moderator: Mr Jerome Obi ETA, former Minister of Public Works of the Republic of Cameroon	
	A) The evolution of the Gabonese RMF	
	B) Gabon's membership in the SSATP	

# Tuesday, December 16

# Seminar: "The practical experience of the African Road Maintenance Funds"

#### MORNING

- 9:00. Preliminary expose, "The 2<sup>nd</sup>-generation Road Maintenance Funds (comparative experiences)": Mr Stephen J. BRUSHETT, Head of the Road Management Initiative, RMI/ SSATP, The World Bank
- 9:30. Introductory speech: "Missions and organization of the RMFs": Mr Louis FERNIQUE (RMI / SSATP, World Bank)
- 10:30. Theme 1. "Channels for revenue collection": Mr. Mory KANTE (Director of the Roads Authority of Mali); Mr. Ahmed DJAMALLADINE (Executive Director of The Road Maintenance Fund of Chad)

### **AFTERNOON**

- 2:30. Theme 2. "Management methods and accounting tools": Mr. Jean-Valentin LEYAMA (Manager of the Gabonese Road Maintenance Fund)
- 4:30. Theme 3. "Supervising roadwork programs": Mr. Kingsford AMOAH (Secretary of the Ghana Road Fund); Mr. Claude GWED-BI-MENYEM (Director of the Cameroon Road Fund)
- ...to be continued the next day...

# Wednesday, December 17

### MORNING

The continuation and end of the seminar:

- 8:30. Theme 4. "Fair revenue distribution to the road authorities": Mr Claude GWED-BI-MENYEM (Director of the Cameroon Road Fund)
- 10:00. Theme 5. "Performance monitoring tools": Mr. Louis FERNIQUE (RMI / SSATP, World Bank; Mr. Armand DER STEPANIAN (Road Department, ISTED) and Mr. Idossou TCHONA (consultant)
- 11: 30. Closing round-table session of the technical seminar

## **AFTERNOON**

3:00. The Constitutive General Assembly of the African RMF Association:

- Presentation of the project by the originators
- Examination and amendments of the draft statutes
- Orientation debate
- Candidacies for the Bureau of Officers of the Association
- Voting on the statutes.
   Elections of the officers of the Association

# Thursday, **December** 18

### MORNING

8:30. Field Visits:

The experience of performance-based contacts for road maintenance in Gabon

## **AFTERNOON**

- 4:00. Report of the conclusions of the General Assembly Meeting and proposals of the officers before all members, partners and observers
- 6:00. Official Closing