

African Road Safety Charter, and TAH Harmonisation (Safety)

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Decisions in support of road safety in Africa

- The Accra declaration by Ministers of Transport and Health, meeting at the African Road Safety Conference in February 2007
- The establishment of a Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 by the United Nations
- The Africa Road Safety Action Plan 2011-2020, adopted by the Conference of Ministers Responsible for Transport in Luanda in 2011

Objectives of the African Road Safety Charter

- Speed-up implementation of national, regional and continental road safety programs
- Contribute to the coordination of road safety in the continent
- Facilitate the formulation of comprehensive road safety policies at country level
- Enhance private sector, civil society organisation, and non-governmental organisations participation in road safety issues
- Promote the harmonization of the collection, treatment and dissemination of road safety data

Chapter IV Road Safety Management

- Creation of road safety lead agencies
- Institutional strengthening of road safety lead agencies
- Road safety strategies
- Road safety data management system
- Road safety collaboration

Other Significant Chapters

- Chapter V Safer Road & Mobility includes
 - Road safety audit
 - Vulnerable road users
 - Safer vehicles
 - Safer road users
 - Post-crash care
- Chapter VI Finance, Monitoring and Evaluation addresses further management matters

Follow-up Committee for Charter

- Chapter VI provides for a “follow up Committee” comprising representatives from
 - Regional Economic Communities
 - NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency
 - AU Commission
 - UNECA and other international institutions which may be invited
- In collaboration with all African lead road safety agencies, the Committee will
 - Promote/foster implementation of the Charter
 - Prepare/submit/publish through the AU Commission reports to African Ministers responsible for Transport
 - Recommend measures to speed up implementation of road safety programs by Member States
- The Conference of African Ministers responsible for Transport shall adopt the rules of the Committee

Trans African Highway Harmonisation of Norms and Standards

- Annex III B establishes guidelines for TAH road infrastructure management, including:
 - Road safety impact assessment for infrastructure projects
 - Road safety audits for infrastructure projects
 - Safety ranking and management of the road network in operation (best practice method is through iRAP)
 - Safety inspections
 - Data management
 - Appointment and training of auditors
 - Exchange of best practices