

ARSO 3rd Workshop Marrakesh
TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY IN AFRICA
Marrakech, 14-15 November 2018

1. Background

At their meeting in Lomé in March 2017, the African Ministers of Transport adopted a recommendation to accelerate implementation of the African Road Safety Action plan. In this regard, they have recommended that The Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) work with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), to develop a minimum set of road safety indicators for each country to monitor in order to ensure comparability between African countries. This work is a key step towards the development of an African Road Safety Data Observatory.

The International Transport Forum, the World Bank and the FIA signed in 2018 an agreement with the objective to work together towards the establishment of regional road safety observatories. The three organizations indicated their willingness to work with African governments towards the establishment of a regional road safety observatory for Africa. A first workshop was held in Dakar in February 2018 with representatives from seven countries to initiate discussion on the objectives of a regional road safety observatory for Africa, including a minimum set of traffic safety data required. The workshop culminated in a resolution signed by the representatives from the seven countries committing to work further on this issue.

A second workshop was held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 2-3 July 2018, with the participation of 29 African countries. The workshop presented to and discussed with participants, the proposal to develop a Regional road safety observatory for Africa. It also gave the participants an opportunity to present the challenges and opportunities faced around road safety data collection in their countries. Participating countries discussed and agreed upon: (i) the variables to be included as minimum set of indicators, with their operational definition, and preferred data sources; and (ii)

performance indicators. Three working groups were created to lead the work on matters concerning the establishment of the observatory: an Interim Task Force on the development of a work plan 2019-2020, an interim Task Force on governance issues, and an Interim Steering Committee.

2. Objectives of the workshop:

The objectives of this third workshop are to pursue the discussions initiated in Dakar and Abuja, to shape the way towards the establishment of a road safety observatory in Africa and to reach decisions on:

- to reach decisions on the governance options of the Observatory;
- to reach decisions on the initial work programme for the period 2019-21;
- to discuss co-operation with main stakeholders (international organisations, NGOs, private sector, etc.)

3. Audience:

- Open meeting, although the following have been specifically invited
- Some 60 Government representatives from African countries, including all members of transitional Task Forces and Steering Committee
- Representatives from Regional Economic Groups and Corridor management authorities (e.g., AU, ADB, ISDB)
- Representatives of development partners (e.g, AFD, Total)
- International road safety experts.

4. Agenda

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018		
MODERATOR: PLACID BADJI		
Activities	Speakers	Timeline
<i>Opening remarks, objectives and expected outcomes of workshop</i>	<i>Etienne Krug WHO Tawia Addo-Ashong SSATP</i>	<i>11:00-11:30</i>
<i>Introduction¹</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>11:30-11:45</i>
<i>African Road Safety Observatory Road Traffic deaths: data sources and quality</i>	<i>Maria Segui-Gomez FIA Kacem Jaych WHO</i>	<i>11:45-12:30</i>
<i>Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems as a preferred data source</i>	<i>Doris Ma Fat, WHO</i>	<i>12:30:12:45</i>
<i>Initiatives in countries to improve data systems: road traffic deaths</i>	<i>Danie Cobos, Swiss TPH</i>	<i>12:45-13:00</i>
<i>Group picture²</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>13:00</i>
<i>Lunch Break</i>		<i>13:00 - 14:30</i>
<i>Approval of remaining of agenda Overview of ToR for the Transitional Task Forces Short report from Chairman of the Transitional Steering Committee since last workshop held in Abuja in July 2-3 2018³ Review of workshop objectives</i>	<i>Benacer Boulaajoul</i>	<i>14:30 - 16:00</i>
<i>Tea Break</i>		<i>16:00 - 16:30</i>
<i>Governance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outcome of the work of the Task Force</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Statutes</i> ○ <i>Funding mechanisms</i> ○ <i>Secretariat</i> 	<i>Sidney Ibeanusi (and Benacer Boulaajoul)</i>	<i>16:30 - 18:00</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transitional into Permanent committees ○ Milestone of this workshop and next milestone 		
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WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018 MODERATOR: GIRMA BEZABE		
Activities	Speakers	Timeline
<i>Work Plan 2019-2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of the work of Task Force • Priorities • Discussion • Next steps 	<i>Duncan Kibogong and Georges Anagonou</i>	<i>09:00 – 10:30</i>
<i>Tea Break</i>		<i>10:30 - 11:00</i>
<i>Ministerial Declaration of the Marrakech Forum</i>	<i>Veronique Feypell</i>	<i>11:00-12:00</i>
<i>Funding and partnership- discussion with key stakeholders</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AU • SAFER Africa – Outcome and co-operation proposal • Total Foundation • French development Agency • French national road safety observatory • Spanish Dirección General de Tráfico • IRF • Others <i>Brainstorming discussion on the possible contributions of each partner to the observatory</i>	<i>Veronica Raffo</i> <i>(3 ´ introductions from each)</i>	<i>11:00 – 13:00</i>
<i>Lunch break</i>		<i>13:00-14:30</i>
<i>Next steps</i> <i>Tasks and Calendar, including WHO 2019 workshop</i> <i>Other business</i>	<i>Maria Segui-Gomez</i> <i>Tawia Addo-Ashong</i>	<i>14:30- 16:00</i>

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6. Declaration

1st African Road Safety Forum 13th – 15th November 2018 Marrakech

Declaration

We African Ministers who participated to the 1st African Road Safety forum held in Marrakech from 13th to 15th of November 2018, committed to the following:

Considering the facts:

With only 2.3 percent of the world's vehicles, the lowest level of motorization globally, Africa has the highest road traffic fatality rates in the world: 26.6 per 100,000 population. The average road traffic mortality across the OECD countries is 8 deaths per 100,000. This translates to 650 deaths per day, half which are pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. As a result, road crashes sap Africa's youth and working age population and also rob the Continent of precious resources it could use for growth and development, which instead go to treating and caring for the consequences of crashes. Between 1990 and 2013, there has been an 89 percent increase in the number of road injury deaths, and road trauma in Africa is expected to worsen further, with fatalities per capita projected to double by 2030 from 2015 figures.

Ministers agreed that it was crucial that Africa halts and reverses these trends. Countries must implement effective road safety policies and strategies now, to mitigate the worsening epidemic of road fatalities and serious injuries.

Ministers committed to the following actions to be implemented during the calendar year 2019:

- Review and eventually, update the legislative and regulatory framework of the transport sector, to ensure comprehensive road safety provisions are included;
- Develop sound policies and effective strategies, backed up with appropriate action plans;
- Create lead agencies to manage road safety (for countries that have not yet done so);
- Allocate adequate funding to road safety activities.
- Promote the adoption of regulations for importation of cleaner, safer and more efficient vehicles, including used vehicles.
- Encourage countries to prioritize the development of their civil registration and vital statistics system with the involvement of all stakeholders and international partners.
- Encourage countries to promote partnership with civil society as a key player in the implementation of national road safety strategy.

Ministers commit to funding all aspect for Road safety, beyond the funding of the road safety lead agency operational costs: infrastructure, vehicle safety, speed management, effective behaviour change and post-crash care. It is not possible to improve safety effectively without significant funding, and such funding is well justified by the benefit/cost ratios of evidence-based road safety actions, as well as the human, social, and economic costs of crashes.

2. Mayors committed to the following:

Steady economic growth (about 5% overall) in most African countries leads to unprecedented growth in urbanization (4.5%) and motorization in their cities. 472 million live in urban areas in Africa, and this number is expected to double over the next 25 years. Among challenges that emanate from this rapid urbanization, resulting from rural-urban migration and an increasing population, are traffic congestion and road crashes. Traffic congestion costs about 850 billion USD and road crashes about 518 billion USS. With 70% of the total fleet vehicles in average registered in urban centers, Africa has a big share of this financial burden. Exposure to road traffic injury is increasing at a rapid rate. Fatalities are rising in our cities as a result of increasing populations in expanding cities where growth is not being matched by increases in sustainable transport services. The victims are most among vulnerable people (pedestrians, cyclists,...) and include notably the youth (15-24 years). SSATP has shared the experiences with Addis and Accra. As a matter of fact, been working alongside the Bloomberg Initiative on Global Road Safety to support the city administrations in Accra and Addis Ababa to tackle the issue. SSATP began this work with the City of Addis Ababa in 2016, assisting the city to prepare a road safety strategy to guide its efforts through to 2030. SSATP is also carrying on this work with the Accra Metropolitan Assembly during 2018. In fact, the Mayor of Accra launched the Accra Road Safety Strategy 2018-2030 on Tuesday 30 October. Building on these experiences, Mayors have committed to:

- Ensuring equity of use of public space and sidewalks on urban roads for all road users with special emphasis on pedestrian safety
- Promote mass transport systems to favor shift from private cars to public transport
- Create dedicated routes/lanes for bicycles and motorcycles
- Take the lead at local level on ownership for awareness campaigns and law enforcement.

3. Regarding the African Road Safety Observatory:

During the March 2017 meeting of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructures, Energy and Tourism (THIET) in Lome, the African Ministers requested partners to support the AUC to establish the minimum RS indicators which led to the conceptualisation of the African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO). During workshops in Dakar in February 2018, and

Abuja in July 2018, participating countries have put in place the tools and instruments to set up the African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO). In November 13th – 15th in Marrakech, African countries met to discuss and conclude on the proposed governance arrangement (including ByLaws) and the initial work plan of the observatory. Partners and Donors are requested to support this initiative. All African countries are invited to join ARSO, under the established bylaws. It is the expectation that ARSO will be adopted through the procedures of the African Union and a meeting in Addis Ababa 19-23 November 2018 shall begin this process of consideration.