BRIEF ON

THE FIRST WORKSHOP

“TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY IN AFRICA

20TH-21ST FEBRUARY 2018 IN DAKAR, SENEGAL

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FIRST WORKSHOP

The first workshop “Towards The Establishment of Road Safety Observatory in Africa” was held on the 20 and 21 February 2018 in Dakar, Senegal.

Organized jointly by the SSATP, The World Bank, FIA and International Transport Forum (ITF).

Present were other partners - UNECA, WHO, Islamic Development Bank, GRSF, Rep of Sweden & France, Safer Africa Project.

The objective of the workshop “to shape the way towards the establishment of a road safety observatory in Africa, in view to foster the development of a synergistic environment to empower countries to collect useful and timely information to address the road safety ongoing epidemic.”
In the meeting, countries presented on their expectation of the road safety observatory and

- Presentation on counties’ current data systems including
  - The governance structure on road safety and road safety data
  - the status of road safety
  - The data sources available
  - The data sources linkages status and level (in any)
  - The Exposure data availability
  - strengths,
  - Weaknesses and challenges,
  - their potential areas of collaborations
  - The level of IT use in data systems

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Notable findings

• Underreporting of road crash data in Africa is widespread
• High rates of road deaths in Africa is high
• Different countries collect different road safety data elements
• Use of vital registration data and hospital data is limited
• Largely, countries collect data on road crash deaths and minimally on non-fatal injuries, crashes among others
• Largely, different data sources are not interlinked or the linkages are weak
• Use of IT exists with different levels across countries
• There is no standardization of data systems including minimum set of data in Africa
• The sharing of road safety data and road safety practices in Africa is very limited if not non-existent
• Road Safety Performance Indicators are barely used in African region
• Where SPIs are utilized, it is not standardized as per the major risk factors
RESOLUTIONS

• Formalize the establishment of road safety observatory in Africa
• That road safety observatory be more than a repository but a network of experts and government officials
• The observatory to
  • Improve data analysis for evidence based policy making
  • Capacity Building
• Adopt the workplans towards the establishment of African Road Safety Observatory
• Inclusion of the African Road safety Observatory in the SSATP General Assembly in July 2018
• Meetings to facilitate the achievements of sets goals for the establishment of the observatory
Thank you