

TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY

GOVERNANCE ISSUES AFTER DISCUSSION IN MARRAKECH

13th November 2018

Background

Following a number of Ministerial recommendations and working meetings, and with the commitment to establish an African Road Safety Observatory, a transitional Task Force to develop a governance structure was established during a meeting in Nigeria in July 2018.

The terms of reference for this task force include:

- (i) Design proposals for the institutional framework: what this observatory is going to be (a working group, an association, part of African Union organizational set up, or other options);
- (ii) Proposals on organizational structure: governing bodies (a) General Assembly; (b) Permanent Steering Committee; (c) Working Groups;
- (iii) Define Membership categories and criteria for participation (including member states and other partners and how to integrate them);
- (iv) Criteria for Technical Secretariat (hosting organization, budget, resources, work plan);
- (v) Proposal for Bylaws/Rules of Procedure for the Observatory and its governing bodies;
- (vi) Identification of potential funding sources (member state contributions (in cash or in kind), international organizations financial support, other sources of funding), and fund-raising strategy; and
- (vii) Initial design of Business Plan for next 3 years.

Following a number of teleconferences, a number of the above items have been covered while others deserved attention and discussion during the meeting on November 12th ahead for the open meeting on the 14th and 15th.

The following pages include some thoughts in relation to the above items and a few extra ones that emerged in the past months.

1. Design proposals for the institutional framework: what this observatory is going to be (a working group, an association, part of African Union organizational set up, or other options)

This is now addressed in the proposed Bylaws.

2. Proposals on organizational structure: governing bodies (a) General Assembly; (b) Permanent Steering Committee; (c) Working Groups

This is now addressed in the proposed Bylaws.

3. Proposal for Bylaws/Rules of Procedure for the Observatory and its governing bodies;

This is now addressed in the proposed Bylaws which have been edited both in FR and EN. The proposed bylaws will be circulated and comment during the workshop on November 14 and 15 in Marrakech.

4. Define Membership categories and criteria for participation (including member states and other partners and how to integrate them)

This is now addressed in the proposed Bylaws.

5. Criteria for Technical Secretariat (hosting organization, budget, resources, work plan)

The proposal is that the technical Secretariat to be hosted by African Union, if approved by AU Technical Committees.

Proposed Bylaws define procedure for appointment and tasks.

Support for establishment of ARSO in hosting institution/support for Technical Secretariat tasks: Estimated cost US\$/100,000 per year, for first three years US\$300,000. Logistics, computing costs, staff time, website maintenance, newsletter and other dissemination efforts; preparation of Annual ARSO report with updated data for previous year.

Considering it will take some time for the AU to evaluate and implement ARSO's Technical Secretariat it is suggested that the above funds be used to hire some personnel which could get the proposed work plan started.

ACTION ITEM: SSATP/World Bank have requested Steering Committee Members to submit proposals for potential candidates for the Technical Secretariat by November 23, 2018.

6. Identification of potential funding sources (member state contributions (in cash or in kind), international organizations financial support, other sources of funding), and fund-raising strategy

Potential sources of Funding:

1. United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund: Proposal to be submitted through UNECA. So far, AFD has committed 3 Million euros towards Road Safety in Africa, although how much can be used by Observatory is to see.
2. European Union
3. Other potential sources: Other Development Banks (AfDB, IsDB); private sector (Total Foundation, 3M, Uber, ViVo, etc.)

Sources that have committed funding¹:

4. SSATP: *Additional funding available to supplement specific expenses. Estimated amount: US\$150,000 for next three years*
5. World Bank – GRSE: *Proposal submitted for funding to UK Aid, and approved. Available funding from UK Aid and DFID: US\$1,000,000 for three years*
6. FIA Foundation – FIA: *Approved funds for training workshops on vital registration systems in coordination with WHO. Available funding: EUROS 80,000 for next year.*

Other possible activities to link to new sources of funding are set out below, but these are to be discussed and prioritized by the TTF working group:

1. Design of ARSO website (ongoing discussions with Safer Africa for collaboration with their platform).
2. Research Initiatives
3. Police Training
4. Audits of Crash Data
5. Twinning Arrangements
6. Survey on Vehicle Registration practices
7. Survey on Driver Licensing systems
8. Infrastructure Data (potential collaboration with IRF and iRAP)

7. Initial design of Business Plan for next 3 years

This task will need to be done by Steering Committee and Governance Task Force after the meeting in Marrakech.

¹ The Funds outlined here have mostly been earmarked for specific activities which have been identified in the 2019-2021 work plan