

# Strengthening Road Safety Lead Agencies in Africa

Wednesday, 01 June 1 202 | 13h-15h East Africa Time (EAT)

Report Launch Webinar

## WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

Road traffic fatalities and injuries are a global concern and a significant development challenge for low- and middle-income countries, including those in Africa. The cost of road traffic crashes in Africa was estimated at US\$128 billion in 2016, equivalent to 9 percent of the continent's gross domestic product (GDP).

Despite the presence of coordination institutions in charge of road safety in many countries, road safety performance remains a concern, management systems are inadequate, and interventions are weak. Recognizing this problem, the Global Road Safety Facility (GRSF) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) commissioned the Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) to conduct a study to review the performance of Road Safety Lead Agencies (RSLAs) in sixteen countries of Africa. This study is part of a global study on RSLAs being conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO).

This webinar will present the main findings and recommendations of this study and learn about: (i) the different institutional arrangements being implemented by countries, (ii) what contributed to the success of some RSLAs, and (iii) recommendations to improve the performance of African RSLAs based on good practices. Participants will also hear from the heads of RSLAs who will share their practical experiences.

Presentations and discussions will be in English and French with simultaneous translation available.

## AGENDA:

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| 13:00-13:05 | 5 minutes  | <b>Welcome Remarks</b>   | <b>Mustapha Benmaamar</b> , SSATP Program Manager   |
| 13:05-13:35 | 30 minutes | <b>Presentation of Study on Road Safety Lead Agencies in Africa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction and methodology</li><li>- Data analysis and conclusions</li><li>- Recommendations</li></ul> | <u>Moderator: Haileyasus Adamtei</u> , SSATP Road Safety Pillar Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Winnie V. Mitullah</b>, Research Professor, Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi</li><li>- <b>Mustapha Azzouzi</b>, International Transport &amp; Road Safety Specialist</li><li>- <b>Martin Small</b>, Road Safety Expert, Martin Small Consulting</li></ul> |

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| 13:35-14:25 | 50 minutes | <b>Panel discussion / sharing perspectives of practitioners from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>South Africa:</u></b><br/> <b>Thabiso Ndebele,</b><br/> <i>Executive Manager, Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC)</i></li> <br/> <li>- <b><u>Morocco:</u></b></li> <li>- <b>Benacer Boulaajoul</b><br/> <i>General Director of the Kingdom of Morocco's National Road Safety Agency (NARSA) and Chair of the ARSO Steering Committee</i></li> <br/> <li>- <b><u>WHO:</u></b><br/> <b>Evelyn Murphy</b><br/> <i>Technical Officer and Public Health Lawyer, World Health Organization (WHO)</i></li> <br/> <li>- <b><u>Mali:</u></b><br/> <b>Diadji Sacko</b><br/> <i>Director General, National Road Safety Agency (ANASER), Mali</i></li> </ul> | <b>Moderator: Haileyasus Adamtei,</b><br>SSATP Road Safety Pillar Lead |
| 14:25-14:55 | 30 minutes | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |  |
| 14:55-15:00 | 5 minutes  | <b>Concluding Remarks</b>  | <b>Mustapha Benmaamar,</b> SSATP Program Manager                       |

**PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. **Morocco (autonomous agency with a good legal and financial foundation)** – How has road safety in Morocco benefited from the establishment of a road safety agency with financial and organizational autonomy?
  
2. **South Africa (autonomous agency with a good strategy base)** – How has the RTMC in South Africa been leading implementation of the national road safety strategy, and what road safety lessons have you learned from this which may be applicable for other lead agencies?

3. **For representative from Mali** – Implementing the “ Safe System” approach is the way forward for better road safety management and outcomes. However, coordination among different agencies and stakeholders is often challenging. How do you address the coordination challenges in Mali?
4. **For WHO representative** – Given WHO’s global footprint on road safety, how can the WHO help countries strengthen road safety management?
5. **For WHO representative** – The WHO has started the preparations for the next Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023. How can RSLAs contribute to the preparation of the report? What do you expect form RSLAs in each country ?

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#### SPEAKER BIOS:



**Winnie V. Mitullah**

*Research Professor, Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi*

**Winnie is a Research Professor at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi** with a background in Political Science and Public Administration. She is specialized in policy, institutions and governance, with research interest on provision and management of urban services. She has researched, taught, consulted and collaborated with several academic colleagues across countries and regions. Some of her publications in transport include an edited Routledge volume on Non-Motorized Transport Integration into Urban Planning in Africa, and a journal article on ‘Mainstreaming Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) in Policy & Planning in Nairobi: Institutional Issues and Opportunities’.



**Mustapha AZZOUZI, P.Eng, MSc**

*International Transport & Road Safety Specialist*

**Mustapha is an international transport and road safety specialist with 12 years of experience in +25 countries in the government, consultancy and research sector.** As a certified RSA/RSI & qualified trainer, he has conducted over 700 road safety audits globally, trained over 1200 professionals and developed numerous strategies and studies. He is a frequent speaker and co-instructor at IRF and many other organizations.



**Martin Small**

*Principal, Road Safety Expert, Martin Small Consulting*

**Martin Small is a leading road safety management consultant and has worked extensively across Africa and Asia for a variety of clients, including with SSATP on projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Lesotho, Eswatini, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia, and Senegal.** Martin is also President of the Australasian College of Road Safety, the regional peak body for road safety, and a Non-Executive Director of RAA (Royal

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Automobile Association). He previously held road safety leadership roles in Australian and New Zealand governments.

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**Thabiso Ndebele**

*Executive Manager, Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), South Africa*

**Thabiso is an Executive Manager at the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), overseeing Road Safety, Stakeholder Management as well as Marketing since March 2020.** He has a passion for numbers and engaging with individuals – which drive him to better understand the socio-economic challenges of road safety fatalities and serious injuries in South Africa. He has a BSc in Engineering and an MBA degree from Wits University.

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**Benacer Boulaajoul**

*General Director, National Road Safety Agency (NARSA), Kingdom of Morocco and Chair of the ARSO Steering Committee*

**Benacer Boulaajoul is the General Director of Morocco’s new National Road Safety Agency since May 2019.** In this position, Mr. Boulaajoul leads efforts to develop a sustainable road safety strategy in collaboration with all stakeholders from the public and private sectors and NGOs. He is also the Chair of the African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO) Steering Committee and has served as President of *La Prévention Routière Internationale*, a global road safety organization since 2015.

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**Evelyn Murphy**

*Public Health Lawyer, World Health Organization*

**Ms Evelyn Murphy is a public health lawyer. Her focus for the past 10 years at WHO has been on supporting the development of legislative and policy frameworks for sustainable transport in developing countries, facilitating engagement with parliamentarians, and strengthening institutional capacity for sustainable transport law or policy.** Previous experience includes policy and health reform analysis and solutions for public and private sectors in the USA focusing on specific populations including aging, persons with disabilities and mental health needs.

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**Diadji Sacko**

*Director General, National Road Safety Agency (ANASER), Mali*

**Ms Diadji Sacko is the Director General of the National Agency for Road Safety (ANASER) of Mali. She is also the current President of the West African Road Safety Organization (WARSO).** Ms. Sacko holds a post-graduate diploma in International Business Law.

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