

TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY

STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-2021 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 Steering Committee was established during a meeting in Nigeria in July 2018.

Set up of Steering Committee (SC), made up of ten participating countries, and the WB-FIA-ITF-UNECA team, was to ensure coordination and fulfilment of the task forces and ensure preconditions for the official launch of the observatory in Marrakech, and to serve as liaison body between the observatory and governments and international organizations. The SC will take on the following tasks:

- (i) Engage with relevant international partners in the establishment of the observatory, e.g. WARSO, corridor transport observatories;
- (ii) Review and approve documents produced by the task force on Governance and the Task Force on the Work Plan;
- (iii) Validate the strategic orientations and priorities of the Observatory up to the launch of the Marrakesh;
- (iv) Organize smooth transition to the permanent steering committee;
- (v) Liaise and coordinate with officials from African Union and UNECA to ensure that the initial work of the African Road Safety Observatory is submitted to the statutory Ministerial Conference to be held in early 2019 for endorsement

Through a number of teleconferences and in person meetings in Marrakech on November 12th, a few of the above issues have been discussed and others added to the considerations of the Committee.

The following pages include some thoughts in relation to the above items and a few extra ones. However, note that they are not presented in same order.

1. Working arrangements

Following the meetings in Dakar (February 2018) and Nigeria (July 2018), a total of 10 WebEx-based meetings have been held to facilitate the work of the Observatory transitional working groups. Three meetings for the Transitional Task Force on Work Program 2019-2020, three for the Transitional Task Force on Governance, and four on the Transitional Steering Committee.

In person meetings for the members of the 3 transitional Task Force groups were scheduled for Monday November 12th in Marrakech, ahead for the full Workshop to be celebrated on the 14th and 15th of November. These preparatory meetings extended well beyond the initially scheduled hours.

The table at the end of this document summarizes the dates and times of the meetings between Nigeria and Marrakech, the transitional working group conveyed and the list of actual attendees. All meetings were recorded in the WebEx system and minutes have been produced and filled.

2. On the launching of the Observatory in Marrakech

Regarding the establishment of Observatory, there are several milestones to note:

Dakar 's communique ' following the Feb 2018 workshop, (2) WB-ITF-FIA press release in Leipzig in May 2018, (3) Nigeria 's workshop.

The expectation is that the Observatory be launched during the Morocco meeting even though additional ratification and support will be sought after in subsequent African meetings.

In the meantime, a EU-funded project under the name of Safer Africa (2016-2019) has launched the so called African Road Safety Observatory (www.africanroadsafetyobservatory.org). Safer Africa representatives were invited to the meetings in Dakar in Nigeria and members of our team have participated in several Safer Africa meetings. Currently we are working on an integration of both initiatives which are different in scope but bring mutual benefit.

Since we intend to start operational work for the Observatory –we have prepared for some communication issues: (1) a statement for inclusion in the First Forum for

Road Safety in Africa Declaration, (2) A post workshop communiqué ¹, (3) A group picture. We will request the help of members to assist with 2) Media dissemination through interviews.

3. Proposed wording of the Declaration

To be proposed to workshop attendees:

"Following the March 2017 meeting of African Ministers of Transport in Lome, and workshops in Dakar in February 2018, and Abuja in July 2018, participating countries established the African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO). All African countries are invited to join ARSO, under proposed bylaws which have been established. It is the intention that ARSO will be housed within the African Union, and a meeting in Addis Ababa 19-23 November 2018 shall begin this process of consideration."

4. Proposed wording on a communiqué

To be shown and discussed during workshop using the Dakar communiqué as a basis

5. Deciding on the name of the Observatory

Over the past months we have referred to this initiative under different names: African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO), African Regional Road Safety Observatory (ARRSO), Road Safety Observatory in Africa, and African Road Safety Data Observatory.

A decision was reached to go with the name of:
African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO) (in English) and
Observatoire Africain de la Sécurité Routière (OASR) (in French)

¹ We need to include a reference to the CVRS work, for example

Preamble

Recognizing the need to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in producing information on causes of death to support national policies at reducing road traffic deaths in the continent. Expressing the need for all national institutions that collect information on road traffic deaths to collaborate in improving such data.

The Forum,

Affirms the need for countries to improve their mortality statistics and recording of causes of death, and requests all sectors that produce mortality data from road traffic to collaborate closely with a view to promoting the reliability of such data. Reiterates that a well-functioning civil registration and vital statistics system is fundamental in producing information on causes of death including road traffic. Encourages the countries in the continent to prioritize the development of their civil registration and vital statistics system with the involvement of all stakeholders and international partners.

(Note that African Road Safety Observatory is the name used by Safer Africa – need to check whether they have registered the name)

ACTION ITEM: In the next weeks we should initiate registration of the names and the websites names for use in the whole of African under any type of print/media use.

6. Engage with relevant international partners in the establishment of the observatory, e.g. WARSO, corridor transport observatories.

The following organizations have been a part of this development to date: SSATP, The International Transport Forum, World Bank, FIA, UN-ECA, African Development Bank, African Union and the Corridor Abidjan - Lagos Organization.

Other organizations have expressed interest in the Observatory and will be heard during the workshop.

7. Validate the strategic orientations and priorities of the Observatory up to the launch in Marrakesh

This was done.

8. Review and approve documents produced by the transitional task force on Governance and the Task Force on the Work Plan

Same as before

9. Organize smooth transition to the permanent steering committee

As included in the proposed bylaws, the intent is to maintain the current Transitional Steering Committee for as long as the permanent set up under (hopefully) the auspices of the AU take place.

10. Liaise and coordinate with officials from African Union and UNECA to ensure that the initial work of the African Road Safety Observatory is submitted to the statutory Ministerial Conference to be held in early 2019 for endorsement.

Work on this will start next week with meetings with both organization representatives.



Summary of meetings since July 2018				
Date	Nairobi Time	Transitional Task Force	Attendees	
			Names	Organization/Country
12-Sep-18	1:00 PM	Work Plan	Benacer Boulaajoul	Morocco
			Duncan Kibogong (Co-Chair)	Kenya
			Georges Anagonou (Co-Chair)	Benin
			Sydney Ibeanusi	Nigeria
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile
			Tawia Addo-Ashong	SSATP
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank
			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP
13-Sep-18	1:00 PM	Governance	Benacer Boulaajoul (Co-Chair)	Morocco
			Sydney Ibeanusi (Co-Chair)	Nigeria
			Mr. Cheikhou Oumar Gueye	Senegal
			Mr. Duncan KIBOGONG	Kenya
			Zacharie Ngoumie	Cameroon
			Veronica RAFFO	World Bank
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile
			Tawia ASHONG	SSATP
			Patrick Diame Dione	SSATP
Lynnette Muthoni Kimani	SSATP			

14-Sep-18	1:00 PM	Steering Committee	Benacei Boulaajoul (Chair)	Morocco
			Duncan Kibogong	Kenya
			Georges Anagonou	Benin
			Girma Bezabeh	African Development Bank
			Tawia Addo-Ashong	SSATP
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP
26-Sep-18	1:00 PM	Work Plan	Mamadou KONATE	Mali
			Georges Anagonou (Co-Chair)	BENIN
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Federation Internationale de l'Automobile
			Veronique FEYPELL	International Transport Forum
			Patrick DIONE	Intern
			Lynnette KIMANI	Intern
28-Sep-18	1:00 PM	Steering Committee	Benacer Boulaajoul (Chair)	Morocco
			Georges ANAGONOU	Benin
			Sydney IBEANUSI	Nigeria
			Veronica RAFFO	World Bank
			Girma BEZABEH	African Development Bank
			Patrick DIONE	Intern
3-Oct-18	1:00 PM	Governance	Benacei Boulaajoul (Co-Chair)	Morocco
			Duncan Kibogong	Kenya
			Georges Anagonou	Benin
			Sydney Ibeanusi (Co-Chair)	Nigeria
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Federation Internationale de l'Automobile
			Tawia Addo-Ashong	SSATP
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank

			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP
30-Oct-18	1:00 PM	Work Plan	Benacei Boulaajoul	Morocco
			Duncan Kibogong (Co-Chair)	Kenya
			Georges Anagonou (Co-Chair)	Benin
			Tawia Addo-Ashong	SSATP
			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP
31-Oct-18	1:00 PM	Governance	Benacei Boulaajoul (Co-Chair)	Morocco
			Georges Anagonou	Benin
			Duncan Kibogong	Kenya
			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Federation Internationale de l'Automobile
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP
2-Nov-18	1:00 PM	Steering Committee	Benacei Boulaajoul (Chair)	Morocco
			Sydney Ibeanusi	Nigeria
			Georges Anagonou	Benin
			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
			Maria Segui-Gomez	Federation Internationale de l'Automobile
			Veronica Raffo	World Bank
			Patrick Dione	SSATP
			Lynnette Kimani	SSATP

6-Nov-18	1:00 PM	Steering Committee	Benacei Boulaajoul (Chair)	Morocco
			Sydney Ibeanusi	Nigeria
			Tawia Addo-Ashong	SSATP
			Veronique Feypell	International Transport Forum
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