



# **CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP FOR ROAD SAFETY: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY FRAMEWORKS FOR THE DECADE 2021-2030**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2022,  
Videoconference, 11:00am – 2:00pm, EAT,

## **CONCEPT NOTE AND WORK PROGRAMME**

**November 2022**

# CONCEPT NOTE

## ***I. Background***

In September 2020, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/74/299 "Improving global road safety", proclaiming the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030. Road safety continues to be a global challenge after the end of the first Decade that was proclaimed in 2011. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) global status report on road safety published in 2018, approximately 1.3 million people die every year on the world's roads, and another 20 to 50 million sustain non-fatal injuries as a result of road traffic crashes. Economically, road traffic injuries are estimated to cost low- and middle-income countries around 3% of their gross national product, estimated at over US\$ 100 billion a year.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, and Energy (STC-TTIIE) meeting in Cairo in April 2019, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union Commission (AUC) formulated Africa's post-2020 Strategic Directions for Road Safety. A draft of Africa's Road Safety Action Plan for the decade 2021-2030 was also prepared by ECA and AUC in 2019. Both documents were validated by African experts at the 4<sup>th</sup> African Road Safety Conference held in Addis Ababa in December 2019.

Taking note of these strategic directions for the decade 2021-2030, and the UN Resolution A/RES/74/299 "Improving global road safety", the STC-TTIIE adopted an updated version of the 'Strategic Directions for the post-2020 Decade: African common position' with the target to reduce road deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030 as well as to promote the safe system approach in implementing Africa's road safety agenda. The STC-TTIIE also requested AUC to finalize the Action plan in collaboration with ECA, taking into consideration the Global Action Plan for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety.

ECA in collaboration with the AUC is organizing a three-hour continental meeting to popularize the continental agenda on road safety and discuss approaches for countries to develop and implement national road safety action plans that enable them to meet the target to reduce road deaths by 50% by 2030.

## ***II. Objectives***

The main objective of this meeting is to popularise the continent's post-2020 Strategic Directions for Road Safety and the African Road Safety Action Plan 2021-2030. It is envisaged that these documents will provide the basis for AU member States to develop or update their national road safety strategies, also taking into consideration national specificities and the Global Plan for the 2021-2030 Road Safety Decade.

Specifically, the objectives of the meeting are:

- i- Popularize Africa's post-2020 Strategic Directions for Road Safety and the continent's Road safety Action plan for the Decade 2021-2030.
- ii- Share best practices with AU member States to mainstream the Global and Continental Action Plans in their national frameworks.
- iii- Define the fundamentals for improving road safety at the national level.
- iv- Stimulate the debate on the way forward after the African Road Safety Charter enters into full force,

- v- Promote the African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO)..

### ***III.Outcomes***

The outcomes of the meeting are as follow:

- Africa's post-2020 Strategic Directions for Road Safety and the African Road Safety Charter popularised;
- Capacity of AU member States to develop effective national road safety action plans enhanced;
- Clarity on the requirements to implement the African Road Safety Charter.

### ***IV.Participants***

The following entities will be invited to participate in the meeting:

- a. Heads of Road Safety Agencies;
- b. National Data Coordinators of the African Road Safety observatory (ARSO);
- c. African Union Commission (AUC);
- d. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- e. Regional Economic Communities (RECs);
- f. African Transport Policy Programme (SSATP);
- g. African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD);
- h. Specialised Agencies (WARSO, CLRT, AFRICATIP, ARMFA, AFRICARAP, NCAP, etc);
- i. World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB);
- j. Corridor Management Institutions; and
- k. Other African partners as appropriate.

### ***V.Date and venue of the meeting***

The meeting will be held online, the 30 November 2022 from 11:00am to 02:00pm, EAT. ECA will provide interpretation and translation services.

### ***VI.Further Information***

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<b>WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022</b>
<b>11:00-11:15 OPENING CEREMONY &amp; PROCEDURAL MATTERS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Remarks of the Director for Infrastructures and Energy of the African Union Commission (5mn)</li> <li>➤ Remarks of the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety (5mn)</li> <li>➤ Remarks of the Director of the Private Sector Development and Finance Division of ECA (5mn)</li> <li>➤ Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme</li> </ul>
<b>11:15 -12:10 Session 1: From global to continental and national action plans for road safety (Robert Lisinge, Chief Energy, Infrastructure and Services Section - ECA)</b>
The Global road safety Action plan 2021-2030 (Matts-Ake BELIN, WHO) 10mn
From the African Road Safety Action Plan to National Road Safety Action Plans (Placide Badji, ECA) - 10mn
Experience sharing: Gambia Road Safety Action plan 2021-2030: process and deliverables (Essa Drammeh, Director of Transport, The Gambia) - 5mn
Experience sharing: Ethiopia Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030: process and deliverables (Road Safety Agency, Ethiopia) - 5mn
Experience sharing: Morocco's Road Safety Action plan 2021-2030: process and deliverable (Benacer Boulaajoul, Director National Road Safety Agency, Morocco) - 5mn
Experience sharing: Action plan for road safety in Namibia 2021-2030: process and deliverable (Eugene Tendekule, Director National Road Safety Agency, Namibia) - 5mn
<b>Update on the Kofi Hannan Road Safety Award – (ECA) 10mn</b>
Discussions (10mn)
<b>12:20-13:20 Session 2: Ongoing road safety projects and initiatives / Mandla Ntshalintshali, Road Safety Council of Eswatini</b>
The ten steps project – Tanzania (Susanna Zammataro, Director General – International Road Federation - IRF) 10mn
Let's protect the head – Rwanda (Janvier Twagirimana, Director of Transport representing the Chief Technical Advisor in charge of Transport – MININFRA, Rwanda) 10mn
Ongoing efforts for vehicle inspections in Africa: Road safety perspective (Eduard Fernandez, Executive Director for the International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee - CITA) 10mn
Status of used vehicle standards in Africa - UNEP (Veronica Ruiz Stannah, Programme management Officer - UNEP) 10mn
<b>Road Safety capacity building Options in Africa (Luca Persia, Director Centre for Transport and Logistic – University of Sapienza) – 5mn</b>

Discussions (10mn)
<b>13:20-13:50 Session 3: African Road Safety Charter and African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO) / Georges Anagonou (Agence Nationale de sécurité Routière, Bénin)</b>
African Road Safety Charter: Status of ratification and the way forward (Placide Badji, ECA) 10mn
Overview on the African Road Safety Observatory (Benacer Boulaajoul, Chair of the Steering Committee, ARSO) 10mn
Discussion and Wrap-up (10mn)
<b>13:50-14:00 CLOSURE</b> Remarks from: - <b>AUC</b> - <b>ECA</b>