

APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT

Friday 24 October 2003 (1.30 – 5.00 p.m.)

SESSION AGENDA & INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Session Agenda

1. Opening remarks and presentation of C20 Committee's report

Mr. Kesogukewe M.I.M MSITA (C20 Committee Chairperson/TANZANIA)

2. Presentation of individual papers

a) Provision of Basic Access for the Rural Populations of Developing Countries

Mr. Dieter SCHELLING (The World Bank/USA)

b) Paving the Way for Rural Development & Poverty Reduction

Dr. Colin GOURLEY (TRL/UK)

Mr. Anthony GREENING (TRL/UK)

Dr. David JONES (CSIR/UK)

Mr. Robert PETTS (Intec Associates/UK)

c) Institutional Capacity Building in 11 Districts for Rural Roads Development and Management in Lindi and Mtwara Regions, Tanzania

Mr. Pauli HEIKKINEN (Finnroad/FINLAND)

Mr. Wambura M.S.R. WAMBURA (National Construction Council/TANZANIA)

d) Private-Public partnerships for Low Volume Roads: the Swedish Private Roads Association

Mr. Sven IVARSSON (REV/SWEDEN)

Ms. Christina MALMBERG CALVO (The World Bank/USA)

3. Presentation of Summaries of 18 individual papers received

Mr. Phill HENDRICKS (C20 Committee English-speaking Secretary/SOUTH AFRICA)

4. Discussion on Papers

5. Presentation of the Draft Work Program for the period 2004-2007

Mr. Abdennebi RMILI (C20 Committee French-speaking Secretary/MOROCCO)

6. Discussion on Draft Work Program

7. Closing

Mr. Kesogukewe M.I.M MSITA (C20 Committee Chairperson/TANZANIA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee C20 Session during the Congress is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, 24 October 2003. During the session, an overview of the work programme and products will be given and proposals on the future work programme will be considered. About two thirds of the time will be used for the seminar on Theme: State of the Art on Rural Road Transport Planning, Development and Management.

The Committee has been conscious of the need to include a number of interests in the sector, and making sure that it reached out to as many geographical, cultural and institutional groups as possible. Since the Congress generates a unique opportunity to document and disseminate important innovations and best practices, the theme and sub-themes for the seminar have been proposed with these ideas in mind.

Papers to be presented shall cover the following sub-themes:

- Basic access needs
- Appropriate rural planning for rural road development and management

- Standards and specifications for rural accessibility
- Economics and financing of basic access needs
- Effective maintenance
- Research and innovation needs, and
- Institutional capacity building for rural roads development and management.

The Committee received 30 papers covering all the sub-themes. In view of the high number of quality papers and limitation of time for meaningful presentation of each paper, summary presentations of all the papers accepted under each sub-theme will be made. Emerging key issues and recommendations will be elaborated. The Session will be supported by a poster session of papers. The summary texts of all accepted papers and full text of papers will be made available to delegates as part of the Congress proceedings. The discussions during the Session will be an important contribution towards the definition of the work programme of the Technical Committee and the strategic theme of PIARC in the four-year cycle after the Durban Congress.

PIARC boasts of 105 national member governments; three quarters of whom are developing countries (DCs) or countries in transition (CITs). It is no wonder that one of the PIARC aims is to improve international cooperation and to foster progress in the field of roads and road transport by providing support to developing countries and countries in transition. Committee C20 is particularly tailored to meeting the special needs of these countries. A higher level of participation in the Session by delegates from developing countries will facilitate the formulation of a future work programme which is relevant to their needs.

ORGANISATION OF THE SESSION

The C20 Session during the XXIInd World Road Congress in Durban is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, October 24, 2003. The Session will deal with three substantive issues: an overview of the work programme and products, seminar on the state of the art on rural roads transport planning, development and management and recommendations on the future work programme for the Committee. Accordingly, the programme of the Session will be as follows:

- Introductory remarks by the Chair,
- Overview of C20 work programme and products for the period 2000 to 2003,

- Seminar on the state of the art on rural transport planning, development and management,
- Conclusions and Recommendations for future work programme,
- Conclusion by the Chair.

THE THEME AND SUB-THEMES

Theme – State of the Art on Rural Roads Transport Planning, Development and Management

PIARC Technical Committee C20 on Appropriate Development contributes to PIARC's goal of fostering the development of road transport policies and programmes which take into account the particular needs of developing nations (DC) and countries in transition (CIT) and of rural and remote areas of the 105 member countries; 75% of whom are DCs and CITs.

At least 60% of the road network in developing countries is rural in nature; it also happens that most of the population in those countries is rural-based. Thus, rural road transport is key to the development of the economies of developing countries; particularly at this point in time when poverty eradication measures are being pursued. Accordingly, it is considered prudent to provide a special focus on most of the key issues pertaining to rural road transport during the Congress, as depicted by the sub-themes.

Sub-theme A - Basic Access needs

Sub-theme B - Appropriate rural planning for rural road development and management

Sub-theme C - Standards and specifications for rural accessibility

Sub-theme D - Economics and financing of basic access needs

Sub-theme E - Effective maintenance

Sub-theme F - Research and innovation needs

Sub-theme G - Institutional capacity building for rural roads development and management

SITE VISIT

The province of Kwa Zulu-Natal, where the Congress will be based, has increased its budget for the rural roads development from R3 million in 1994 in excess of R300 million in 2002. The money is being spent on a very successful Vukugakhe Programme (Engineering Contractor Development Programme) which incorporates a flagship labour intensive road maintenance programme. There will be a presentation on this project. A site visit to the project is planned for 22nd October 2003.

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

The terms of reference of Committee C20 for the period 2000 – 2003, have been considered by members of the Committee to be very ambitious, requiring a longer time frame, with resources that were not readily available. It is the intention of Committee C20 to reach conclusions and to propose a future Work Programme for the period 2004 – 2007, which is pragmatic and most relevant to its members and particularly should optimally meet the needs of developing countries and countries in transition. While the Session is open and welcomes participants from all who will be at the Congress, delegates from developing countries and countries in transition are highly recommended to participate.

Their participation will ensure that the road and road transport related needs of DCs and CITs are widely recognized so that priority issues and problems are addressed by PIARC within the appropriate development context. This should equally motivate delegates from DCs and CITs to effectively participate in PIARC activities in future, starting with the Durban Congress. Further modalities for ensuring an enhanced level of participation in the Committee will be addressed.