

TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT

Friday 24 October 2003 (8.30 – 12.00 a.m.)

SESSION AGENDA & INTRODUCTORY REPORT

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1. Opening remarks and Introduction

Mr. Oscar de BUEN RICHKARDAY (Chairperson of C3 Committee/MEXICO)

2. Report on Committee achievements in the period 2000-2003

Mr. Bertrand GUELTON (Secretary of C3 Committee/BELGIUM)

3. Presentations on the role of transportation and highways systems in developing countries

Minister Roberto WHITE (Ministry of Transport/MOZAMBIQUE)

Minister Jose Angel QUIROS NOLTENIUS
(Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Housing and Urban Development/EL SALVADOR)

4. Presentations on how multinational agencies' efforts helped to improve local practice and what specific benefits they generated for local agencies

Mr. Charles MELHUISE (The Asian Development Bank)

Mr. David SILCOCK (The Global Road Safety Partnership)

5. Presentations on what constitutes a successful effort and what conditions need to exist both before, during and after the technology transfer initiative takes place

Dr. David T. OLODO (Ministry of Public Works and Transport/BENIN)

Mr. Mahinda SARANESEKERA (Ministry of Highways/SRI LANKA)

Mr. N. BERRETTA (ARGENTINA)

6. Discussion

7. Conclusion and closure

Mr. Oscar de BUEN RICHKARDAY (Chairperson of C3 Committee/MEXICO)

The Session that the Technical Committee C3 on Technological Exchanges and Development will organize at the Durban Congress will start with a brief introduction by the Chairman in which the main lines of work and accomplishments of the period 2000-2003 will be presented.

After this introduction, the session will proceed as follows:

First, a speaker (probably a transportation minister from a developing country or a highly placed officer of a multinational agency) will address the audience with a presentation on the role of transportation and highway systems in developing countries, stressing the importance of mobility for development and for living standards.

After this initial presentation, three speakers from multinational agencies engaged in road technology transfer will present case studies of successful recent efforts undertaken by their respective organizations. In these presentations, they will highlight how their efforts helped to improve local practices and what specific benefits they generated for local agencies.

Three representatives from developing countries, one from each major region of the world (Africa, Asia and Latin America) will also present their views on what constitutes a successful effort and what conditions need to exist both before, during and after the technology transfer initiative takes place.

These presentations will be followed by a discussion led by a facilitator. In it, the audience will have an opportunity to share its views about the topic and it will be asked to propose ideas and initiatives that PIARC might pursue in the future to enhance the value of its technology transfer efforts for developing countries.

At the end of the session, a summary of the discussions will be presented. Initiatives about technology transfer to developing countries that PIARC might include in its Strategic Plan for 2004-2007 will also be presented and a brief conclusion on the way forward will also be shared with the audience.