

ROAD SAFETY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Tuesday 21 October 2003 (8.30 – 12.00 a.m.)

SESSION AGENDA & INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Session Agenda

Introduction

Mr. J. Stuart YERRELL (Session Chairman, PIARC C13 Committee member/UK)

1. Two-wheeler Safety in Mixed Traffic

Ir. Jamilah MOHD MARJAN (PIARC C13 Committee member/MALAYSIA)

2. Educating Young Road Users

Mr. Justice AMEGASHIE (Global Road Safety Partnership-Ghana/GHANA)

3. Road Safety in Developing Cities: A Challenge for the Future

Mr. Nicole MUHLRAD (INRETS/FRANCE)

4. Partnership and Organization for Global Road Safety

Mr. David SILCOCK (Global Road Safety Partnership/SWITZERLAND)

a) Partnerships in Ghana

Mr. Justice AMEGASHIE (Global Road Safety Partnership-Ghana/GHANA)

b) Partnerships in South Africa

Mr. Athol ARAGULHAS (Global Road Safety Partnership-SA/SOUTH AFRICA)

5. A World Bank perspective on Global Road Safety Priorities

Dr. Henry KERALI (The World Bank/USA)

6. PIARC's Road Safety Program: The Last Quadrennium and the Next

Mr. Josef MIKULIK (PIARC C13 Committee member/CZECH-REPUBLIC)

Closing Remarks

Mr. J. Stuart YERRELL (Session Chairman, PIARC C13 Committee member/UK)

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Introduction

*by the Chairman of the session, **J Stuart Yerrell**, former Director of the Overseas Unit of the Transport Research Laboratory, UK*

The developing and emerging nations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East account for 80% of the world's road accident fatalities, and half of these take place in the Asia-Pacific region. It is therefore highly appropriate that one of the sessions on road safety at the first World Road Congress of the new millennium should be dedicated to the needs and problems of developing countries.

The session will consist of six items. Five of these will be papers/presentations and the sixth a form of 'round table'. The presentations will be structured around five characteristics which many, if not all, developing and emerging countries have in common, and which to some degree distinguish them from the industrialized nations.

1. Two-wheeler Safety in Mixed Traffic

*by **Jamilah Mohd Marjan**, Road Safety Unit of the Public Works Department (JKR), Malaysia*

Many developing countries have low, but rapidly increasing, levels of motorisation. This is particularly marked in the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, where annual growths in the vehicle fleet are greater than 15%. This results in dangerous combinations of motorised cars, buses and trucks with motorised and non-motorised two-wheelers, which are particularly vulnerable. The situation in the ASEAN region will be discussed, with particular reference to recent and future activities in Malaysia.

2. Educating Young Road Users

*by **Justice Amegashie**, former Chief Executive of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, Ghana.*

In many developing countries the majority of the population is under 20 years old. The challenges this poses to road safety in the areas of education and training for young road users will be discussed. The speaker will concentrate on the situation in sub-Saharan Africa, illustrated by current activities in the state of Ghana.

3. Road Safety in Developing Cities: A Challenge for the Future

*by **Nicole Muhlrad**, of the National Transport and Safety Research Institute (INRETS), France*

The majority of the 'supercities', and those growing the fastest, are in the developing world. These present peculiar problems of land-use planning and urban transport, which interact with road safety policy and actions for such areas. The speaker will review the situation and highlight the key issues and challenges for the future.

4. Partnership and Organisation for Road Safety

by David Silcock, Chief Executive of the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), and Justice Amegashie, Technical Director of GRSP-Ghana

Almost by definition the majority of developing countries lack resources- technical, professional and financial. The presentation reviews organisational models for road safety in developing countries and identifies their strengths and weaknesses. The role of tri-sectoral partnerships is discussed, with particular reference to the GRSP. The example of GRSP- Ghana is used to demonstrate the way in which a partnership approach can complement government activities and bring additional resources to bear, both professional and financial. The presentation also demonstrates how Partnership provides channels to market issues of Road Safety and raise level of awareness amongst community groups and leaders. Partnership provides an opportunity to husband and better utilize resources and underpins the inter-dependency of Road Safety work. Partnership can also reduce duplication of effort in Road Safety.

5. A World Bank Perspective on Global Road Safety Priorities

by a representative of the World Bank (name to be announced)

Most developing countries have linkages to aid donors, be they national or international. This presentation will give the World Bank's views on road safety, and how road safety components can be included within broader transport road sector projects.

6. PIARC's Road Safety Programme-the Last Quadrennium and the Next

by Josef Mikulik, Director of the Transport Research Centre (CDV), Czech Republic

Josef Mikulik will present a brief resume of what has been done in the past quadrennium by PIARC's Road Safety Committee which is of particular relevance to developing countries. This will be followed by an informal discussion on road safety in developing countries, including the five topics of the preceding presentations. The ambition is to get some useful pointers for C13's programme for the quadrennium following the World Congress.