

14th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration
15-16 November 2011
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PROVISIONAL REPORT

Day 1: November 15, 2011

Opening and welcome

Dr Etienne Krug, Chair of the UNRSC, welcomed the group. He reviewed the objectives for the meeting which included:

- Reviewing the launch of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2012 and initial progress.
- Focusing on identifying next steps as well as roles and responsibilities of the international community in general and UNRSC members in particular.

The programme was adopted as is (Appendix 1) and participants made introductions (participant list Appendix 2).

Mrs Eva Molnar, Director of Transport, UNECE welcomed participants on behalf of the regional commissions.

Colonel General V. Kiryanov, Deputy Interior Minister, Russian Federation provided the keynote address (Appendix 3a and Appendix 3b). He expressed support for the UNRSC and the Decade of Action for Road Safety and highlighted some activities in the Russian Federation. He highlighted activities under the Federal Target Programme 2006-2012 contributing to reducing road traffic fatalities and improved seat-belts. He also highlighted the participation of the Russian Federation in the Road Safety in 10 Countries (RS10) Project specifically in Ivanovo and Lipetsk provinces, with the implementation of the project being overseen by the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Health and Social Development, the Ministry of Transport, the Zaščita National Centre for Emergency Medicine, and other organizations. Finally he acknowledged the wholehearted commitment on the part of the provincial authorities, and consequently the initial stages of the project have got off to a positive start. He invited participants to hold the autumn 2012 UNRSC meeting in St Petersburg, to coincide with the Safe Roads for a Safe Life conference, which is being organized by the upper chamber of the Russian Parliament in St Petersburg.

The Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020: implementing the global plan

Dr Krug congratulated everyone on the successful launch of the Decade (Appendix 4). Laura Sminkey, WHO, provided an overview of the Decade (Appendix 5) and introduced the Decade of Action for Road Safety global launch brochure which is available at the UNRSC website

http://www.who.int/roadsafety/publications/decade_launch/en/index.html.

Dr Krug opened the floor to discussions about the next steps for the Decade of Action for Road Safety. He specifically posed the following questions to participants:

- How do we continue to ensure commitment and attention to the Decade?
- How do we ensure global facilitation for each of the pillars?
- How do we best support countries to implement activities for each of the pillars?

Dr Krug also presented options for discussion to help answer some of these questions, including: developing a 2012-2013 work plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety for UNRSC, and reconstituting the project groups to fit into each pillar.

The group identified several challenges to implementing the global plan that need to be addressed. Maintaining visibility is becoming more difficult as nongovernmental organizations are receiving less funding due to the global economic downturn; in some European countries like France and Sweden the public is saturated with information about road safety and view it as an intrusion on their activities; low- and middle-income countries have competing health crises, etc. Most countries are also facing challenges with regard to resource capacity, both financial and human, and in data collection for monitoring the Decade.

Several options were proposed to address the questions and challenges, including:

- Promote visibility through more regularly scheduled UN Global Road Safety Weeks.
- Greater participation by countries in UNRSC through a rotation mechanism or through country twinning projects and more focus on African countries.
- Work with regional bodies to determine how they can promote implementation of the plan; promote accession to UN legal instruments.
- Involve more private sector participation and leverage social investment programmes in the sector and make more road traffic safety publications available in French.

A vote was held and a majority decided:

- To develop a 2012-14 workplan for each pillar to ensure implementation of international activities.

- To modify the current structure of UNRSC project groups to align with the five Pillars in the Global plan for the Decade.

The Road Safety Fund

Mr David Ward, FIA Foundation presented on the status of the fund (Appendix 6) and announced the launch of the grants programme. More information about the grant programme is available at, <http://www.roadsafetyfund.org/Pages/default.aspx>.

Second UN Global Road Safety Week

Dr Krug led the discussion on themes and plans for future UN Global Road Safety weeks. Several themes were considered for the next Global Road Safety Week such as drink-driving, children, walkability, vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists, and pedestrians. It was agreed by majority vote:

- To hold the next UN Global Road Safety Week in 2013 with the theme of pedestrian safety.
- To hold global road safety weeks more regularly (approximately every two years) and propose a series of themes for consideration for all weeks to be celebrated during the period of the Decade.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Mr. Manuel Ramos, FEVR presented on plans for the November 20, 2011 World Day of Remembrance (Appendix 7). Dr Krug encouraged all participants to observe the day and register events. Visit <http://www.worlddayofremembrance.org/> for more information about this year's events.

Global activities by UNRSC members

Several updates on global activities were provided including:

- Mr. M. Adamantiadis, UNECE, updated participants on global road safety information campaigns organized under EuroBasket and World Scout Jamboree in 2011 as well as of the UNECE plan to implement the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 (Appendix 8)
- Dr M. Peden, WHO, updated participants on the progress of the data collection for the Global status report on road safety and a timeline which includes the expected launch of the report in autumn of 2012(Appendix 9).
- M J. Valmain, France, presented on the Québec-France cooperation to spread the Decade of Action for Road Safety in French-speaking countries (Appendix 10).
- Mr A. Pearce, GRSP, presented on the International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies General Assembly and International Conference and

activities to be undertaken to support the UN GA Resolution on Improving Road Safety (Appendix 11)

- Mr J. Witte, AMEND announced the creation of the Global Alliance of Nongovernmental organizations to serve as coordinating body of NGOs.
- Mr F. Lieshout, YOURS, presented mobilization of youth in Africa on road safety during the African World Youth Assembly (available at <http://prezi.com/zka5ujprhdpf/reporting-african-youth-assembly-for-road-safety/>)
- Mr J. Hanley, NETS, introduced NETS as representing private organizations and states its goal of encouraging and supporting members in road safety activities. He presented a step-by-step framework of private organizations on engaging in activities related to the Decade.
- Mr S. Billingsley, FIA Foundation updated activities to advocate for the inclusion of road safety in sustainable development at the RIO 2012 conference (Appendix 12).
- Status of the ISO Road traffic safety (RTS) management systems – Requirements with guidance to be finalized next year were tabled but not formally presented as Mr P. Hartzell was absent (Appendix 13)
- Mr R. McInerney discussed the Australian Road Safety Collaboration 33,900 as an avenue for visibility for the Decade of Action. More information available at, <http://www.33900.org.au/about>.

Day 2: November 16, 2011

During Day 1 of the meeting, the existing project groups (PG1-Implementing good practices, PG2-Work-related road safety, PG3-Infrastructure, mobility and access, PG4-Monitoring and evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety) were invited to discuss reconstituting themselves into new project groups aligned to the Pillars of the Decade, to propose a chairperson/coordinator for each group, and to propose how they will proceed to develop terms of reference, clear objectives and work plans for their groups as stipulated in the UNRSC TOR .

The existing project groups reported back in the afternoon (see Appendix 14 for the minutes of each project group). Following discussions in the general meeting it was decided to reconstitute some of the project groups along the lines of the pillars in the Decade of Action plan while maintaining two of the original project groups which are cross cutting. The project groups proposed are as follows:

Old project groups	Proposed project groups
Implementing good practices	Safer road users
Work-related road safety	Work-related road safety (<i>No change</i>)
Infrastructure, mobility and access	Safer roads and mobility
Monitoring and evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety	Monitoring and evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (<i>No change</i>)
	Road safety management (<i>New project group</i>)
	Safer vehicles (<i>New project group</i>)
	Post-crash response (<i>New project group</i>)

Provisional Chairs were appointed to serve on four of the project groups, as outlined below, with the remaining to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Road Safety Management to be coordinated by Soames Job, New South Wales Centre for Road Safety.
- Safer Roads and Mobility to be chaired by Sybille Rupprecht, International Road Federation.
- Safer Vehicles to be chaired by David Ward, FIA Foundation.
- Safer Road Users to be chaired by Gayle DiPietro, GRSP, with Safe Kids and the Australian government as Co-Chairs.
- Post-crash Response project group to be discussed between WHO and the NGOs.

It was agreed that Chairs and Co-Chairs of all reconstituted and new project groups will facilitate the development of objectives, terms of reference and work plans to be circulated for consideration and approval at the next UNRSC meeting consistent with Section 7 of the UNRSC TOR. The Safer roads and mobility project group (formerly Infrastructure and Mobility) under the leadership of Sybille Rupprecht had already initiated a work plan which will be shared with members.

It was also agreed that the existing project groups on Work-Related Road Safety, chaired by Awa Sarr, LASER and Monitoring and Evaluation, chaired by Dr Adnan Hyder, RTIRN will be maintained as they are cross cutting. These project groups will also provide objectives, terms of reference and work plans for approval at the next UNRSC meeting consistent with Section 7 of the UNRSC TOR.

Developing the terms of reference, objectives and work plan for the Road safety management project group should include a discussion of how they will work with the other project groups. As no provisional Chair was appointed for the Post-crash response project group, it was agreed at the general meeting that WHO and some NGOs will facilitate the drafting of terms of reference, objectives and a work plan to be presented and discussed further at the next meeting.

UNRSC membership

Four new members were admitted to the UNRSC: Global NCAP - a private non-profit organization; Fundación Gonzalo Rodriguez an NGO founded in Uruguay; BHP Billiton a private for-profit global mining organization; and FISITA a global NGO representing professional engineering societies in many countries.

Members asked that the UNRSC Terms of Reference concerning membership be reviewed in the context of fostering low- and middle-income country participation and clarifying criteria for private organization applications.

The **next meeting of the UNRSC** will be held at the World Bank in Washington DC in April 16-17, 2012.