

23rd Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration**17–18 November 2016****World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland****PROVISIONAL REPORT**

The 23rd Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) was hosted by WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 17-18 November 2016. The objectives of the meeting, as provided in the agenda (see Appendix 1), were:

1. To discuss activities required to meet the road safety related SDGs
2. To discuss the implementation of the UNGA and WHA resolutions
3. To inform participants on recent or upcoming global events
4. To discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups
5. To review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities

The meeting convened 92 people, representing international organizations, governments, NGOs, academia, foundations and private companies.

The meeting was chaired by Dr E. Krug from WHO and co-chaired by Mr C. Friis Bach and Dr E. Molnar from the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety Mr Jean Todt was the keynote speaker.

Day 1: 17 November 2016**Opening and welcome**

The meeting was opened by Dr E. Krug who welcomed all the participants and specifically Mr J. Todt, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety and Mr C. Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the UNECE.

Dr E. Krug recalled the progress made since the 22nd UNRSC meeting including the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution (A/10/260) and the WHA resolution (WHA 69.7), the work towards the development of a road safety fund, the development of a near-final version of the Save LIVES package, and the articulation of global road safety targets and indicators. He also mentioned a number of global events to be further detailed in the course of the meeting including Habitat III (Quito, Ecuador, 17–20 October 2016), the World Day of Remembrance (20 November 2016), the 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion (Shanghai, China, 21–24 November 2016), the Global Sustainable Transport Conference with a road safety side event (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 26–27 November 2016), as well as the global forum for road safety legislators (London, United Kingdom, 12 December 2016) and the 4th UN Global Road safety week (8–14 May 2017).

Keynote speaker, Mr J. Todt (UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety), stressed the importance of road safety funding and emphasized the work done by the UNECE to support the establishment of a UN road safety fund, as referred to in the latest UN General Assembly resolution on Improving Global Road Safety. He also highlighted that part of his mandate is to promote accession to the UN legal instruments. Finally Mr J. Todt gave examples of progress being made in countries and emphasized the inclusion of road safety in the agenda of global events (see Appendix 2).

Keynote speaker and co-chair, Mr C. Friis Bach (UNECE) presented the work done in relation to the establishment of a UN Road Safety fund. He mentioned that a new economic analysis had revealed that there is a funding need of \$7.7 billion over the coming decade to leverage an additional \$262 billion for road safety investment to achieve SDGs 3.6 and 11.2 in low- and middle-income countries in order to save 5 million lives and avert 50 million serious injuries. He referred to the possibility to link the proposed road safety fund to the Convention of Road Traffic of 1968 and provided information on sources of funds, grantees, reporting and monitoring (see Appendix 3). Finally Mr C. Friis Bach invited the participants to comment on the latest draft proposal for the establishment of a UN Road Safety Fund (see Appendix 4) to be launched at the meeting in Turkmenistan in November 2016.

This presentation was followed by a discussion around timeline and modalities for the establishment of this fund, some participants also discussed the focus on governments as main recipients of the funds.

Then Dr E. Krug invited the participants to briefly introduce themselves, he then presented the agenda (cf. Appendix 1) which was adopted by participants.

Discuss activities required to meet the road safety related SDGs

Dr M. Peden (WHO) provided an overview of the Save LIVES package and its structure (see Appendix 5). Mr A. Silverman (UNICEF) then explained how this package applies to children (see Appendix 6). Mr M. Schotten (World Bank) announced that the Global Road Safety Facility (partnership programme administered by the World Bank) is going to award a grant to support the implementation of the Save LIVES package in selected countries; he also shared information on the World Bank's new transport framework entitled "Sustainable Mobility for All" (see Appendix 7).

Discussion followed around the importance of speed and enforcement as well as education and road user behaviour as components of the Save LIVES package.

Dr J. Fleiter (GRSP) addressed the issue of coordination of country work. She provided background information on this initiative and proposed an example of a platform that can be used to support the coordination of country work. Dr J. Fleiter then invited the participants to reflect on the modalities and characteristics of such a platform (see Appendix 8).

Participants discussed the scope of this initiative (which organizations / countries / activities would be covered), the appropriate process to collect information and update it and also raised the issue of the accessibility of such platform to non-English speaking countries. A participant mentioned a similar platform and agreed to provide relevant information to GRSP.

Discuss the implementation of the UNGA and WHA resolutions

Ms L. Sminkey (WHO) reminded participants of the dates (8-14 May 2017) and theme (speed management) of the 4th UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW). She then invited Mr F. Lieshout (YOURS) to provide a more detailed presentation on this event.

In his presentation, Mr F. Lieshout (YOURS) addressed the goal and objectives of the UNGRSW highlighting the need to develop positive messages around speed management (benefits of reducing speed rather than focusing on negative aspects of speeding and blaming drivers who speed); he also reflected on the target audience of the UNGRSW. The slogan for this Week will be "Slow Down". In addition Mr F. Lieshout stressed the need to adopt a long-term strategy for the Weeks which could be used as a "living" global campaign weaving together the successes of previous Weeks and providing a continued story on how to save lives (instead of a succession of single messages every two years). Finally he proposed the creation of a website dedicated to the UNGRSW and informed participants about the objectives of such website (this presentation is accessible on: <https://prezi.com/19xxjt7j1yet/fourth-un-global-road-safety-week/#>.)

Participants agreed on the need to develop positive messages around speed management and develop a long term strategy for the UNGRSW. Some participants also expressed an interest in funding the development of the website dedicated to the UNGRSW. In addition, discussion arose regarding the frequency of the UNGRSW, its target audience as well as appropriate messages to promote speed management.

Prof M. Ramos (FEVR) presented on the World Day of Remembrance (WDoR). He reminded participants that the main theme of the WDoR during the Decade of action for Road Safety is “From Global Remembrance to Global Action across the Decade”. Prof M. Ramos then indicated that the sub theme for 2016 would be “VITAL POST-CRASH ACTIONS, Medical care, Investigation, Justice” and referred to the activities conducted in relation to the 2016’s theme including dissemination of videos and posters, social media activities and national events. Prof M. Ramos also proposed the following theme for 2017 “2020 Target: reduce road fatalities and serious injuries by 50%” based on the SDG target 3.6 (see Appendix 9). The WHO document entitled “Post-crash response: Supporting those affected by road traffic crashes” was made available to participants, see http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/post-crash-response/en/.

Dr T. Toroyan (WHO) provided an update on the WHO-lead development of global targets and indicators for road safety. She informed participants on the process followed and criteria used for developing these targets and indicators as well as reporting on them. Finally Dr T. Toroyan invited participants to comment on the discussion paper on global targets and indicators (see Appendix 10).

Questions arose around the articulation of the global targets and indicators with the Save LIVES package, the process for data collection and methods for data harmonization.

Dr M. Peden (WHO) presented the UN Task Force on NCDs. She explained that the Task Force coordinates the activities of relevant UN organizations and other inter-governmental organizations to support governments to meet high-level commitments to respond to NCD epidemics worldwide. She also indicated that additional thematic groups were being discussed including one for road safety. Dr M. Peden stressed that this UN task force would not replace or duplicate the work of the UNRSC but would ensure interagency technical support to countries should the thematic group be approved in the next meeting in early 2017 (see Appendix 11).

Inform participants on recent or upcoming global events

Mr S. Billingsley (FIA Foundation) debriefed on the United Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development “Habitat III” held in Quito, Ecuador from 17–20 October 2016. He indicated that for the first time recommendations on road safety have been specifically included in the New Urban Agenda; he also highlighted the process that led to such inclusion (see Appendix 12).

Dr E. Molnar (UNECE) provided an update on the Global Sustainable Transport Conference, taking place in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 26–27 November 2016 and including a parallel session on road safety called “Global vision zero: reaching a new era” (see Conference’s website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/Global-Sustainable-Transport-Conference-2016>). She also informed participants that the Global Road Safety Film Festival (<http://www.roadsafetyfilmfestival.org/>) will take place in the conjunction with the Inland Transport Committee Session (<http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2017/itc-70th-anniversary-global-road-safety-film-festival.html>).

Dr M. Peden (WHO) provided an update on the 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion taking place in Shanghai, China on 21–24 November 2016. She indicated that a parallel session for mayors would be held on 21 November dedicated to improving road safety at a city level. She indicated that while the Shanghai Declaration does not specifically refer to road safety it alludes to it in a number of clauses (<http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/9gchp/en/>).

Mr D. Ward (Towards Zero Foundation) informed participants on the Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators taking place in London, UK, on 12 December. He explained that the Forum is intended to provide

a platform for exchange for parliamentarians and legislators serving in national or local government with an interest or responsibility for road safety. He also indicated that the Forum will identify mechanisms to encourage International Parliamentary bodies such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to engage in road safety and include it among their policy priorities. Finally he mentioned that in conjunction with this event, attendees will be invited to the 27th annual Westminster Lecture on Transport Safety organized by PACTS and will also be invited to join the Annual Lunch for the Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards.

Day 2: 18 November 2016

Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups

Project groups met during the second day to discuss their activities on implementing their work plans. These included the following project groups: road safety management, safer roads and infrastructure, safer vehicles, safer road users, post-crash response, monitoring and evaluation and work-related road safety. All groups reported back in plenary. See Appendices 13–19 for the minutes of all group discussions.

Review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities

New members

One UN body and two non-governmental organizations were welcomed as new members into the UNRSC. They are the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the *Federación Iberoamericana de Asociaciones de víctimas contra la violencia vial* (FICVI) (see Appendix 20) and the *Institut belge de la sécurité routière* (IBSR) (see Appendix 21).

Other membership related issues

Dr M. Peden referred to the adoption of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) by the latest World Health Assembly (WHA 69/2016/REC/T) and explained that the FENSA applies to any hosted entities subject to the WHO Rules and Regulations. She subsequently indicated that the terms of references of the UNRSC should be modified to bring them in line with the FENSA (see Appendix 22). She informed the group that a revised draft of the UNRSC terms of reference would be prepared and shared for discussion/adoption at the next UNRSC meeting.

Participants agreed on the principle of modifying the terms of reference and stressed the need to have clear rules for engaging with non-state actors. One member also requested that meeting attendance by UNRSC members be addressed in modification of the terms of reference.

Update on partner activities

Participants provided an update on their global activities:

- Road safety situation in France and cooperation with Francophone countries, presented by Mr J. Valmain, France (Appendix 23);
- CDC. Motor vehicle crash deaths: International Comparison, presented by Ms E. Sauber-Schatz, CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2016-07-vitalsigns.pdf>);
- The ITF/OECD Safe System report, presented by Ms V. Feypell, ITF/OECD (Appendix 24);
- ISO 39001 and 39002 : where do we stand?, presented by Mr P. Hartzell, International Organization for Standardization (Appendix 25);

- EU project for a safer Africa, presented by Ms. S. Zammataro, IRF (Appendix 26);
- The Alliance's response to SDGs presented by Ms L. Brondum, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (http://prezi.com/htnbiztudmzv/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share);
- Two year impact evaluation of AMEND's school-area infrastructure programme presented by Mr J. Witte, AMEND, Ms E. Sauber-Schatz, CDC, Mr A. Guerrero, MD(Appendix 27);
- SAFE KIDS call to action for Safe School Zones presented by Ms K. Carr, SafeKids (Appendix 28);
- Safe schools and helmets for kids presented by Mr G. Kardos, Johnson & Johnson (Appendix 29);
- The Alliance Empowerment Programme presented by Mr S. O'Connor, FedEx (Appendix 30);

Upcoming projects/events

20 November 2016: World Day of remembrance (<http://worlddayofremembrance.org/>)

21-24 November 2016: 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion, Shanghai, China (<http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/9gchp/en/>)

26-27 November 2016: Global Sustainable Transport Conference, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/Global-Sustainable-Transport-Conference-2016>)

26- 27 November 2016: 16th Summit of the International Organization of the Francophonie, Antananarivo, Madagascar (<http://www.francophonie.org/Le-Sommet.html>)

12 December 2016: Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators, London, UK (<http://www.towardszerofoundation.org/>)

20-21 February 2017: Road Safety Film Festival (<http://www.roadsafetyfilmfestival.org/>)

21-24 February 2017: Inland Transport Committee (<http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2017/itc-70th-anniversary-global-road-safety-film-festival.html>)

14-16 March 2017: Intergovernmental Tenth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia, Vientiane, Lao PDR (<http://www.unrcd.or.jp/>)

14-17 November 2017: IRF World Road Meeting (<https://www.wrm2017.org/>)

Visit [UNRSC partner websites](#) for additional information about upcoming events.

Closing and next meeting

In closing Dr E. Krug thanked participants for their collaboration during 2016 and encouraged members to begin preparations for the 4th UN Road Safety Week as early as possible. He also thanked Gayle di Pietro (GRSP) and David Sleet (CDC) for their contributions to global road safety over many years and wished them both well in their retirement. He also thanked Gabriel Kardos for his collaboration and wished him well in his new position at Johnson & Johnson.

The next UNRSC meeting will most likely take place on 16-17 March 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand hosted by UN ESCAP.