

25th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration**12-13 April 2018****United Nations Headquarters, New York City, USA****PROVISIONAL REPORT**

The 25th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) was convened at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, USA, on 12-13 April 2018. The objectives of the meeting, as provided in the agenda (see Appendix 1), were:

1. Discuss implementation of the UNGA resolution
2. Launch the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund
3. Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups
4. Review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities

The meeting convened over 90 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 Y. Li from the UNECE. HRH Prince Michael of Kent and the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety Mr J. Todt provided keynote remarks.

Day 1: 12 April 2018**Opening and welcome**

The meeting was opened by Dr E. Krug who welcomed all the participants and specifically the two key note speakers namely HRH Prince Michael of Kent, and Mr J. Todt, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety. He also formally introduced Dr Nhan Tran as the Coordinator for Unintentional Injury Prevention within the Department of NVI at WHO, replacing Dr Margie Peden who retired in August 2017.

Dr E. Krug began by summarizing the considerable progress made since the last meeting of the collaboration in March 2017. In particular he highlighted the success of the 4th UN Global Road Safety Week held in May 2017 which generated worldwide action on managing speed, with around 1000 events aimed at promoting key interventions to "Save Lives, Slow Down"; the adoption of a set of 12 voluntary global performance targets for road safety risk factors and service delivery mechanisms in November 2017; as well as work towards the implementation of the Save LIVES technical package – released during the road safety week – in a number of countries including Malawi, Tanzania and Tunisia with support from the World Bank. Dr Krug also acknowledged the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution A/72/L.48 titled "Improving global road safety" that among other things, welcome the new targets and the UN Road Safety Trust Fund, and stressed the need to start looking at a new timeframe to achieve significant reduction in road traffic death and injuries.

Mr. Y. Li then reflected on the challenges of improving road safety, emphasizing the complexity of the problem and the need for engagement with multiple sectors. He highlighted the role of UN legal instruments which address the different dimensions of road safety including: management, traffic rules, vehicles and infrastructure. Mr Li also highlighted that the UNECE Inland Transport Committee as well as all legal instruments have been opened to all member states. He concluded by mentioning UNECE's role as the interim

Secretariat for the newly established UN Road Safety Trust Fund and commented on the significance of this fund as an opportunity for partners to work together to address this global challenge.

Keynote speaker HRH Prince Michael of Kent congratulated the Collaboration on the adoption of UNGA Resolution A/72/L.48 and noted that many of the members of the UNRSC are alumni for his International Road Safety Awards which recognize excellence in road injury prevention. Reflecting on the need to deliver on the Decade of Action's promise, he outlined three initiatives that needed to be undertaken. First, he stressed that a new UN road safety target for 2030 has to be established in order to reinvigorate the road safety ambition of the SDGs and provide a framework for accountability and action. He stressed that without a new casualty reduction target, the road safety performance of UN Member States will be weakly measured and consequently poorly managed. Secondly, HRH Prince Michael of Kent highlighted the need for new resources mobilization to finance road injury prevention programmes. Thirdly, he called for stronger political commitment to road safety. HRH Prince Michael closed by re-iterating the importance of the UNRSC as a platform for road safety leadership and called upon members to continue in their role to coordinate work on road safety.

Keynote speaker, Mr J.Todt (UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety), commented on the progress that has taken place in the last 15 years and reflected on the work that he has engaged in as the UN Special Envoy for Road Safety. He indicated that though there have been significant developments in this time, current estimates by WHO and others show that the ambitious targets for reducing the number of road traffic deaths will not be met. Mr Todt re-iterated the importance of political support and noted that he has used his position as Special Envoy to engage with senior government officials and heads of state to call their attention to the need for urgent action. He emphasized also the importance of legislators and commended the efforts of WHO and the Towards Zero Foundation to establish and maintain the Global Network of Legislators for Road Safety. In addition to road safety legislation, Mr Todt emphasized the importance of UN Conventions and recognized the work that UNECE is carrying to support Member States in implementing these Conventions. The Special Envoy finished by announcing the launch of the UN Road Safety Trust Fund and shared his aspirations for the fund as an opportunity to engage with different actors and to strategically prioritize road safety investments.

Dr E. Krug then presented the agenda (cf. Appendix 1) which was adopted by participants.

Debriefing on the UNGA resolution and negotiation process

Mr Gorovoy, first deputy of the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation, provided a briefing on UNGA resolution A/72/L.48 titled "Improving global road safety". He spoke about the role of the Russian Federation in supporting global road safety and shared the Russian experience in increasing road safety through high level engagement, comprehensive approach through measure to address road users' behavior, enforcement, road infrastructure, data use, advocacy and post-crash care (Appendix 2). In addition to reiterating the importance of efforts on road safety, Mr Gorovoy highlighted that the UNGA resolution:

- welcomes the consensus on 12 targets (noting the work of the WHO, UNECE and other UN agencies in developing corresponding indicators);
- requests the WHO and UN Reg. commission to facilitate organizations of activities for the 5th UN GRS Week;
- welcomes establishment on UN Road safety trust fund;
- stresses the need to "define a new time frame for a reduction in road traffic deaths and injuries taking into account the voluntary global performance targets for road safety risk factors and service delivery mechanisms" (context end of DOA in 2020 and end of SDG target 3.6);
- welcomes the offer from Sweden to host the 3rd high level global conference on road safety in 2020 "to reviewing progress in achieving the goals of the DOA and the relevant targets of the 2030 agenda and providing an opportunity for MS to further discuss ways to achieve the goals of the Agenda so as to prepare a forward looking declaration on the period leading up to 2030"

- recommends a high level meeting to be held at an appropriate time after 2020 to assess the progress made in attaining the objectives of the road safety related target in the 2030 Agenda

Mr. Gorovoy concluded his briefing by acknowledging the efforts by all partners present in advancing this important global agenda.

Launch of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund

The United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund was launched at the UN Headquarters, with the participation of the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr Amina Mohammed, the UN Special Envoy for Road Safety, Mr Jean Todt, and UNECE Executive Secretary Ms Olga Algayerova. Other speakers included the Administrator for the UNDP, Mr Achim Steiner, the First Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr A.V. Gorovoy, as well as representatives from UNICEF, the World Bank, WHO and the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety. Representatives of three donor organizations, Mr Saul Billingsley (FIA Foundation), Ms Manoëlle Lepoutre (Total) and Omar Vargas (3M) made commitments to the fund - including an initial pledge of USD 10,000,000 by the FIA Foundation. The Trust Fund will focus on strengthening the capacity of government agencies, local governments and city authorities to develop and implement road safety programmes, prioritizing projects in low and middle-income countries. As a broad partnership mobilizing expertise and resources across different sectors - including government authorities, civil society organizations, multilateral development banks, United Nations entities, other international organizations and academia – the Fund will support a coordinated and holistic approach to improving global road safety

Global Network for Road Safety Legislators

Moderated by Barry Sherman, representatives of the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators provided an overview of their work to-date and highlighted some of the impact that this global network has produced. Established in 2016 as a collaborative effort between WHO and the Towards Zero Foundation, the network provides an open platform for parliamentarians to exchange best practices in road safety policies and law making to facilitate the adoption of comprehensive and effective road safety strategy. Since its establishment, a manifesto #4roadsafety, was launched by the network during the 2017 UN Global Road Safety Week. The manifesto proposes 10 recommendations for Parliamentarians worldwide to support the Decade of Action and SDG target 3.6. As part of this mission to New York to attend the 72nd UN GA debate, five members represented their countries and spoke in the debate. This is an unprecedented level of parliamentary engagement in UN level road safety deliberations. Moving forward, the network is encouraging the development of regional ‘chapters’ of the Global Network to promote exchange of best practice between MPs at regional level (Appendix 3).

3rd High Level Global Conference on Road Safety, 2020

Moderated by representatives of the Government of Sweden, the group explored some initial ideas regarding the theme and outcomes of the conference. In the context of the Decade of Action and SDG target 3.6 coming to an end in 2020, it was indicated that one of the desired outcomes of the conference would be political support for a resolution in April 2020 establishing new targets for road safety for 2030. As such, it was indicated that the conference is planned to take place in February 2020. It was agreed that the conference should be a ‘game changer’ and provide a clear strategy for road safety focusing on implementation and building upon the successes and lessons learned from the DoA. Various themes including a focus on cities, vision zero, integration with other health agendas (environmental health, child & adolescent health, equity, etc., and technology, were proposed. The involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from LMICs and youth was discussed and a suggestion to hold a youth assembly ahead of the high level conference was put forward.

5th UN Global Road Safety Week

The 5th UN Global Road Safety Week will be held in May 2019. UNRSC participants discussed possible themes for the upcoming meetings. A number of potential themes were discussed including among others leadership, cities, infrastructure for vulnerable road users, speed, vision zero, and safe journeys. Due to limitations in time, a small group met to refine the ideas and proposed using the week to highlight and empower individuals to demand change (better roads, better cities, safer journeys, slower speeds, etc.). This concept could contribute to the demand for change that would be called for in Sweden in 2020. As there was not enough time to conclude the discussion, it was decided that a work-group would continue to develop the concept for the next UNRSC meeting in October 2018. Two concept notes proposing themes for the next UN Global Road Safety Week had been shared by members' organization and were made available in paper version at the meeting (appendices 4 and 5).

Voluntary Global Performance Targets for Road Safety Risk Factors and Service Delivery Mechanisms

The first meeting day was closed with a brief presentation on targets and indicators for road safety risk factors and services delivery mechanisms provided by Dr N. Than. He recalled the consensus reached in November 2017 by Member States on a comprehensive set of 12 voluntary global performance targets for road safety. He also indicated that during the discussions, Member States invited WHO and other UN agencies to continue the work by developing a set of related indicators. To complete this work, he indicated that an Informal Consultation of Member States on 33 Road Safety Indicators was convened on 22-23 February 2018, attended by representatives of more than 35 Member States as well as several UN agencies including UNECE and UNICEF. At its conclusion a set of indicators covering process and outcomes for each of the 12 global targets was identified by the group. Dr N. Tran concluded his presentation by highlighting that these indicators along with the global targets will help to guide action and ensure measurement of progress at the national and global levels (appendix 6).

Day 2: 13 April 2018

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 present at the meeting reported back in plenary (see Appendices 7-13 for the minutes and presentations of all project groups).

Review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities

New members

Three organizations were welcomed as new members into the UNRSC. They are BRAKE Road Safety Charity, CITA International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee, and the Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport (EASST) (see Appendices 14 – 16).

Update on partner activities

Participants provided an update on their global activities:

- UN road safety strategy, presented by Ms F. Poussin from UNDSS
- CDC's US and global road safety activities, presented by Ms E.K. Sauber-Schatz, US CDC
- 3-Star and better roads worldwide, presented by Mr R McInerney, iRAP (Appendix 17)

- WRI update on safe system publication, presented by Ms C. Adriaola-Steil, WRI & Mr Saul Billingsley, FIA Foundation (Appendix 18)
- Survey on progress made under the Decade of Action, presented by Ms L. Brondum, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (Appendix 19)
- New FEVR structure and planning of the World Day of Remembrance, presented by Prof M. Ramos (Appendix 20)
- Safer Africa Project, presented by Ms S. Zammataro, IRF & Mr E. Fernandez, CITA (Appendix 21)
- Transporting children on motorcycles in Latin America, a presentation of the study results, Ms F. Lambrosquini, Fundacion Gonzalo Rodriguez (Appendix 22)
- Opportunities to publish in the JACRS, presented by Ms C. Sakashita (Appendix 23)
- Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards, presented by Mr D. Lindsey, RoadSafe (Appendix 24)
- ISO 39001 and ISO 39002, presented by Mr P. Hartzell, ISO (Appendix 25)
- NETS road safety efforts, presented by Ms S. Pratt (on behalf of NETS), initial presentation from NETS attached (Appendix 26)
- SafeKids Worldwide update, Ms T. Creppy, Safekids Worldwide (Appendix 27)
- Report on the helmet law impact in Viet Nam after 10 years, presented by Mr G. Craft, AIP Foundation (Appendix 28)

Upcoming projects/events

- 23-25 May 2018, International Transport Forum Summit 2018, Leipzig, Germany
- 12-13 June 2018, International Child Road Safety Forum, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 4-5 July 2018, Launch of African Regional Chapter of Global Network of Road Safety Legislators, Abuja, Nigeria
- 22 July – 3 August 2018 JHU/GRSP Global Road Safety Leadership Course, Baltimore, USA
- September 2018: Launch of UN Strategy for Road Safety, (location TBD)
- 5-8 November 2018: World Congress for Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion, Bangkok, Thailand
- 12-16 November 2018: WP 29 Meeting, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
- 14 December 2018: Annual Leadership Council on 14 December 2018 in London, United Kingdom
- 13-14 December 2018: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) High Level Workshop on Speed Management

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

Closing and next meeting

In closing Dr E. Krug thanked participants for their collaboration and re-emphasized the significance of the resolution and the opportunities provided by the establishment of the UN Trust Fund. He left the group with a reminder that while much progress has been achieved, still much is needed. Through this platform, we have been able to raise the profile of the field and now that we have this recognition, we must act – swiftly and thoughtfully.

The next UNRSC meeting will take place **on 3-4 October 2018 in Geneva**, Switzerland hosted by WHO.