

**African Road safety Conference**  
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The African Road safety Conference was co-organized by Ghana, ECA, WHO, SSATP.

Venue and date: Accra 5-7 February 2007

The Ministerial Round Table took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The Conference was attended by over 200 participants. The following recommendations were adopted:

# Recommendation 1: Institutions

Improving road safety requires the designation of a lead agency that has proper legal backing, and is empowered and supported by adequate financial resources to ensure that it is well equipped and staffed with appropriately trained personnel

## Recommendation 2: Data

Data collection is necessary for road safety management but only **reliable data** can be useful for planning purposes. Accordingly, efforts should be made to address the non reporting of accidents, and to harmonise data that originate from different sources

# Recommendation 3: Management

Given Africa's dismal record, efforts must be made to improve **road safety management** on the continent. In this regard, good practices example from within the continent should be recognized, widely disseminated and emulated.

# Recommendation 4: Policy Harmonization

Harmonization of national policies and actions at sub-regional level (databases, regulations, infrastructure and equipment standards)

# Recommendation 5: Quick Wins

- Encourage African countries to enforce existing **road safety legislation**, particularly related to **speed control, use of helmets, alcohol control, strengthening emergency trauma care and enhancing visibility**
- Where such legislation is non-existent, countries should seek to introduce it as early as possible

# Recommendation 6: Partnership

The need for **partnership** and **collaboration** at sub-regional, regional and global level in advancing the road safety agenda

# Recommendation 7: UN Global Road Safety Week

Urge all African countries to commemorate the first **UN Global Road Safety Week** by organizing activities at the national level and participating at the **Youth Forum** in Geneva in April 2007

# Recommendations 8: Rural Road Safety

Mainstream road safety in national transport policies, including rural road safety

# Recommendation 9: Road Safety Education

African countries should commit to educating and training the general public on road safety matters

# Recommendation 10: National Road Safety Targets

Set and monitor **measurable targets** to contribute to achieving the goal of reducing accident fatalities by half by 2015

# Ministerial round table discussion

The ministers in charge of transport and health met on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007, endorsed the conference recommendations and adopted the Accra Declaration in which they resolved to work together to improve road safety in the continent. They reaffirmed road safety as a key development priority.

# Lessons and Conclusions

- Road Safety is a concern, some progress
- The participants were very enthusiastic
- The collaborative approach was a good initiative and we want to continue it.
- Need to keep the momentum
- Thanks to all the participants and co-organizers
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