

AFRICAN ROAD MAINTENANCE FUNDS ASSOCIATION (ARMFA)

**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP &
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARUSHA
7 – 9 NOVEMBER 2005**



PLAN OF PRESENTATION

- **Outcome of Technical Workshop**
- **Outcome of General Assembly**
- **The Challenges**
- **The Way Forward**



OUTCOME OF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP



THEMES OF WORKSHOP

- **Mechanisms for collecting Road Fund Resources**
- **Negotiations for widening Road Tariffs**



COLLECTION OF ROAD FUND RESOURCES

- **Fuel levy**
- **Road Tolls**
- **Transit Fees**
- **Weight Control Fines**



FUEL LEVY

- Fuel levy is the main Road User Charge by RF, (90 – 95%)
- Rate varies between 3 – 11 US Cents/liter,
- Collection mostly through other services,
- Direct channeling in most cases,
- Fuel levy not adjusted regularly.



ROAD TOLLS

- **Collection mostly by private sector;**
- **Direct channeling of funds to RF;**
- **Incorporated with weigh bridges in Benin;**
- **Rates vary from country to country:**
 - **Fixed rates**
 - **Variable (with size & type of vehicle)**



TRANSIT FEES

- **Collected from foreign vehicles;**
- **Collected by private sector and Customs;**
- **Rates based on category of vehicle;**
- **Rates vary from country to country;**
- **Direct channeling to RF accounts.**



WEIGHT CONTROL FINES

- **Vehicle weighing is dissuasive measure to control overloading.**
- **Most weigh bridges are under concessions;**
- **Fines vary even in the same zone like CEMAC.**
- **Congestion at weighbridges – need dynamic weighing equipment to reduce congestion;**
- **Management of off-loaded cargo – esp. classified cargo such as explosives.**



NEGOTIATION FOR WIDENING OF ROAD TARIFFS

- **No common basis for negotiating the widening of road tariffs.**
- **Keep rates level as low as possible.**
- **Boards be able to justify reasons for having increased user charge rates.**
- **Need to have procedure for adjusting or increasing user charge rates.**



OUTCOME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

- Report of 3rd General Assembly of Nairobi was adopted.
- Report of the Activities of the Executive Committee for 2004-2005 was adopted.
- Programme of Activities for 2005 -2007 was discussed and adopted.
- Internal Regulations discussed at length and adopted with amendments.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

- Mozambique and Djibouti admitted as members. Application for Zanzibar rejected. Brings membership to 22.
- Election of new Executive Committee:
 - President : TANZANIA
 - 1st Vice President : MALI
 - 2nd Vice President : COTE D'IVOIRE
 - Auditor : KENYA



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

- Ghana was selected as the venue for the 2006 general assembly.
- Theme of Technical Workshop 2006: The Executive Committee will receive proposals and circulate to members for consideration.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

- **RMI MATRIX:** Analysis of the answers to questionnaire presented by Mustapha Benmaamar:
 - 24 Road Funds were given questionnaire. 18 responded.
 - SSATP representative to meet the Roads Fund Managers individually to clarify the questions.
 - Questionnaire needs improvement on some questions to get desired responses.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

- **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**
- **Presentation of Key Performance Indicators by ARMFA Coordinator, Jerome OBI ETA:**
 - **The indicators cover the performance of Road Funds, Road Agencies, Contractors and Road network.**
 - **Questionnaire distributed to all members to be filled and returned to Coordinator.**



THE CHALLENGES

- **Respect second generation RF principles;**
- **Involve of road users more – enhance communication with road users;**
- **Sensitize government;**
- **Sensitize/educate road fund board members – RMF course;**



THE CHALLENGES

- Continue sharing of experiences on ways for adjusting and collecting road tariffs.
- Demonstrate RF effectiveness, hence - How are road user funds are actually being utilized?
- Establish procedure for adjusting or increasing road tariffs.



THE WAY FORWARD

- **Funds must be channelled directly to the Road Fund accounts.**
- **Intensify monitoring & evaluation on utilisation of resources.**
- **Intensify Collection of funds by RF and minimise revenue loses.**



THE WAY FORWARD

- **Improve Concession Contracts for Tolls to enhance revenue collection.**
- **Review legislation on overloading control to cope with changes in technology and avoid loopholes.**
- **Roads Fund Boards to contract out revenue collection.**



THE WAY FORWARD

- **Base Cross border charges on weight and distance travelled and not on category of vehicles.**
- **Computerise Weighbridges to enhance their management and transparency.**
- **Introduce Dynamic Weighing Equipment to reduce congestion at weighbridges.**



THE WAY FORWARD

- **Improve control and management of revenue collection.**
- **Introduce Road Management Systems in the programming of maintenance works.**



THE WAY FORWARD

- **Distribute Road User Charges equitably amongst road networks and types of maintenance.**
- **ARMFA is ready to participate in the establishment of new RF (DRC, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Uganda etc.)**

