

# **SSATP Annual Meeting**

**Introducing the Africa Road Safety  
Conference**

**UNECA**

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**Maseru, Lesotho**

# Outline

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# History of African Road Safety Congress

- First African Road Safety Congress organised in 1984 in Nairobi
- ECA in collaboration with and Nordic countries organised the Congress
- Congress assessed root problems of accident occurrence in Africa
- Congress outcomes:
  - ✓ Identification and quantification of road safety problems in Africa
  - ✓ Better understanding of road safety situation on the continent

# History of African Road Safety Congress (con't)

- Second congress organised in Addis Ababa in 1989
- ECA organised congress during preparatory phase of UNTACDA II (1991-2000)
- Congress organised in collaboration with OECD, various donor agencies and financial institutions
- Strategies and action plans for reversing appalling trend of accidents drawn up

# History of African Road Safety Congress (con't)

- Third congress organised in Pretoria in 1997
- Congress organised by ECA, OECD and other partners
- Congress took stock of progress in implementing recommendations of 2<sup>nd</sup> congress
- Sought further interventions for reducing road accidents in Africa

# Context of Conference

- Despite efforts, road safety situation remains alarming
- However, there is renewed commitment to address situation:
  - ✓ Reports by UN Secretary General to General Assembly on road safety (2003)
  - ✓ 2 UN resolutions on improving global road safety (2004 and 2005)
  - ✓ Major publication by WHO and World Bank on road traffic injuries and prevention (2004)
  - ✓ First UN Global Road Safety Week in 2007

# Objectives of Conference

- Review progress in improving road safety since last congress
- Plan implementation of recommendations of World report on road traffic injury prevention
- Continue preparations for 1<sup>st</sup> UN Global Road Safety Week
- Advance development of national road safety action plans
- Identify ways of mobilising resources to rapidly improve road safety

# Expected Outcome of Conference

- Report of progress in improving road safety between last congress and now
- Development of strategies to advance recommendations of global road safety report
- Plan and timeframe for activities of UN Global Road Safety Week
- Progress and timeframes on national road safety action plans
- Strategies for monitoring road safety targets, and for sharing and applying good practices
- Strategies for financing national action plans

# Format of Conference

- Plenary and parallel paper presentations
  - ✓ Status of road safety in Africa
  - ✓ Follow-up activities and funding of road safety programmes
  - ✓ Advancing the development of national action plans
- Working Groups (Themes to be finalised)
- Lead Institutions: ECA, WHO, GRSP, FIA Foundation, IFRTD, World Bank, SSATP, Task Force for Child Survival and Development

# Venue of Conference and Expected Participants

- Ghana will host the congress
- Date: 5-7 February 2007
- Participants:
  - ✓ Representatives of African Governments
  - ✓ Civil Society
  - ✓ Private Sector
  - ✓ International organisations and funders