

6th IRTAD Conference

**BETTER ROAD SAFETY DATA
FOR BETTER SAFETY OUTCOMES**

**11-12 October 2017
Marrakech, Morocco**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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IRTAD is a permanent working group of the International Transport Forum at the OECD on traffic safety data and their analysis. IRTAD was founded in 1989 and has become a central force in the promotion of international co-operation on road safety data. It currently includes around 80 members and observers from 40 countries, representing national road administrations, road safety research institutes, universities, international organisations, automobile associations, insurance companies, car manufacturers and others. Its key outputs are the IRTAD database, which currently includes data from 32 countries, and the IRTAD annual report on road safety performance.

The IRTAD Group's objective is to progressively include more countries in the group and the database, while attaching high priority to the quality of data, which is essential to conduct sound research and analysis as a support of effective road safety strategies. Since 2008 IRTAD has been engaged in co-operation and twinning projects to assist non-member countries in improving their national crash data system. These efforts started in Latin America, and IRTAD has now also engaged in projects on the African continent.

IRTAD has a long standing tradition of organising international conferences (Helsinki in 1995, Vienna in 2000, Brno in 2006, Seoul in 2009, Buenos Aires in 2013), open to a wide audience in order to share its experiences in safety data collection and analysis and learn from initiatives of others in the use of data for shape road safety policies and interventions. This conference is organised jointly with CNAPC, the Moroccan National Committee for Crash Prevention (CNPAC) and the Moroccan Ministry of Equipment, Transport and Logistics (METL).

Conference objectives

In 2017, we are in the last phase of the Decade of Action for Road Safety, which set ambitious targets for 2020. In 2016, the United Nations and its Member States committed to an unprecedented effort to promote road safety. A global target was adopted to halve deaths and injuries caused by road crashes by 2020. This new target is included in the UN's framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The highly ambitious target for reductions in both road crash fatalities and injuries poses a significant challenge to all governments to reinvigorate their national road safety policies and action plans; and it also requires having solid crash and safety data to monitor progress, build programmes and make progress.

The objectives of the conference is to discuss improvements in the quality of data systems and data analysis in IRTAD and other countries by fostering knowledge transfer between conference participants through:

- discussion of methodological issues to improve road safety data collection and analysis at country and city level;
- showcasing recent initiatives to improve the quality of safety data collection and analysis;
- presentation of recent research and analysis undertaken by the IRTAD Group.

The conference will also include a Special Session on the SaferAfrica project, funded by the European Commission. This project aims at establishing a dialogue platform between Africa and Europe focused on road safety and traffic management issues.

The conference is open to all and is primarily for the attention of road safety researchers, data analysts, those involved in collecting safety data and developing databases, and all those using the results of research to advise decision makers on road safety matters.

The conference can accommodate up to 300 participants and will be held in Palm Plaza Marrakech Hôtel & Spa, Avenue 7ème Art, Agdal, Marrakech. The official languages of the conference are English, French and Arabic. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Call for abstracts

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for conference papers and will proceed to the selection of papers to be presented at the conference (either as an oral presentation or at a poster session). The papers should focus on one (or more) of the following themes:

Data collection, *for example:*

- Methodologies to collect crash data
- Defining and collecting exposure data
- Collecting data on safety performance indicators
- In-depth investigation
- Collecting serious injury data – especially relating to the MAIS scale
- Challenges of data collection in African countries

Crash databases and data management, *for example:*

- Compilation of data and development of crash data systems
- Essential components of a crash data system
- Monitoring tools and web-based applications
- Linking police and health data
- Results of twinning projects
- Regional road safety observatories

Safety data analysis, *for example:*

- Forecasting safety developments
- The use of data for planning
- Target setting and monitoring progress
- Speed and crash risk
- Influence of weather on road safety
- Impact of the economic development on road safety
- Assessing the effectiveness of measures
- Traffic safety culture, regional and international benchmarking
- Understanding and analysing injury or hospital data
- Analysing data at city level
- Risk factors

Abstracts (between 150 and 300 words) should be sent to irtad@itf-oecd.org in English or French. Please use the form available at www.itf-oecd.org/6th-irtad-international-conference

- Submission of abstracts by 30 April 2017
- Selection of abstracts and notification to authors by 30 May 2017
- Diffusion of the final programme : 15 June 2017
- Submission of papers or PowerPoint presentations by 15 September 2017

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