

UNRSF Project on

“Strengthening Evidence-Based Interventions for Road Safety in the Arab Region Through Effective and Reliable Data Recording, Processing, and Analysis”

Consultation Meeting on Road Safety Data and Policies In Lebanon, Qatar, and Tunisia

8 December 2022
Online

From 11:00 am to 13:30 pm (Beirut time) (2.5 hours)

Concept Note

I. Background:

Road traffic fatalities and serious injuries represent a global public health problem, especially in the Arab region, where the fatality rate due to road crashes is estimated at 18.9¹ fatalities per 100,000 people in 2016, more than the world average of 18.2 fatalities per 100,000 people and more than 3 times the average registered for the European region, which is 5.9² fatalities per 100,000 people.

To assist the Arab countries in improving or developing new evidence-based road safety policies, strategies and action plans, it is fundamental to collect reliable and accurate data to effectively identify problems, risk factors, and priority areas, and to set targets and monitor performance, beyond the traditional collection of data, which is limited in reflecting how responsibilities are shared between users involved in a traffic crash.

¹ The rate is calculated for 16 Arab countries for which data is available in the global report of road safety for 2018, which are: Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

² This rate is calculated for 27 EU countries for which data is available in the global report of road safety for 2018, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Eswatini, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.



With support from the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF), ESCWA is implementing a pilot project covering three Arab countries: Lebanon, Qatar, and Tunisia, on "*Strengthening evidence-based interventions for road safety in the Arab region through effective and reliable data recording, processing, and analysis.*"

The project aims to strengthen the technical capacities of Arab countries to establish effective and sustainable evidence-based policymaking for road safety through the following:

- a) The establishment of common and standardized processes, methods, and tools for efficient recording, processing, and analysis of disaggregated data on road crash fatalities and injuries in the Arab region.
- b) Providing adequate training, capacity building, and technical assistance to ESCWA Member States through the exchange of experiences and lessons learned between three pilot countries representing the geographic diversity of the region (Lebanon in the Middle East, Qatar in the Gulf, and Tunisia in North Africa).

This project is considered the initial phase of the establishment of the future Arab Integrated Road Safety Observatory (AIRSO).

II. Objectives of the meeting:

Within the activities of the above-mentioned project, ESCWA is planning to organize a virtual meeting concerning the three countries engaged in the project: Lebanon, Qatar, and Tunisia, on 8 December 2022. The meeting will be implemented as a follow-up activity to the 23rd session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics. The main objectives of the meeting are:

- Present and discuss the experiences of the three Arab countries in documenting and compiling road crash data and benefiting from it in preparing reports to plan and implement measures to improve road safety.
- Present and discuss the comparison conducted on the processes of collecting, processing, and analyzing police records on road crash fatalities and injuries in the three pilot countries.
- Present and discuss the proposed components of the harmonized template for road crash recording.



III. Participants:

The nominated focal points from the three countries for the UNRSF project on “*Strengthening evidence-based interventions for road safety in the Arab region through effective and reliable data recording, processing, and analysis.*”

IV. Venue:

8 December 2022, from 11:00 am to 13:30 pm (Beirut time), remotely via Teams.

V. Agenda

Time	Item
11:00 - 11:15	Opening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome speech and introduction to the workshop objectives and contents, Dr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport and Logistics, Shared Economic Prosperity, ESCWA.- Introduction of the meeting participants
11:15 - 12:15	Countries Presentations: Brief presentations on the existing processes of collecting, processing, and analyzing police records on road crash fatalities and injuries in the three pilot countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation by Mr. Ramzi Salamé, Lebanon (20 min)- Presentation by Mr. Mohamed Al- Malki, Qatar (20 min)- Presentation by Mr. Mohamed Souguir, Tunisia (20 min)
12:15 - 12:45	Open Discussion on Countries' Experiences Comparison of the processes of collecting, processing, and analyzing police records on road crash fatalities and injuries in the three pilot countries
12.45 - 13:15	Suggested components of the proposed template for road crash recording. Presentation by Ms. Ghina Al Tahesh, ESCWA (10 min). Comments and suggestions from the participants (20 min)
13:15 - 13:30	Concluding remarks (Moderators: Dr. Yarob Badr) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lebanon- Qatar- Tunisia



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