



Welcome to Issue 44 of our eNewsletter

Welcome Message:

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the [global Transport Knowledge Partnership](#) (gTKP) where you will find the latest news on global road transport in each of our seven themes: [governance](#), [road safety](#), [rural transport](#), [social development](#), [urban transport](#), [finance and economics](#) and [environment and climate change](#).

Dear Reader

This newsletter is now in its third year. The current edition will be a bit different as we would like to tell you what each theme champion will be concentrating on for the coming 12 months. The respective work programmes have been carefully planned, but we would like to encourage you to give us your feedback regarding the relevance and usefulness of the planned tasks. We are here to listen and can adapt our work plans to your needs.

gTKP is a knowledge sharing partnership. We firmly intend the word 'partnership' to imply a positive and active exchange with you, the reader. You have the experience on the ground and we would like to encourage you to share with us lessons learned. Partnerships can only blossom if the communication is two-way.

Do not hesitate, therefore, to contact a theme champion or myself to discuss any aspect of the work more closely.

Last but not least, I would like to draw your attention to the fact we are currently seeking to appoint a new Governance Theme Champion. If you would like to apply, or find out more about this position, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's news about gTKP and look forward to receiving your comments and input.

Sibylle Rupprecht
Director General, International Road Federation
Project Manager, global Transport Knowledge Partnership

Free advice from technical experts

gTKP offers free expertise to transport practitioners and other interested people. You can contact us with a query by emailing info@gtkp.com or by finding the most relevant theme champion and contacting them directly. Email addresses of all our theme champions are in this newsletter under each theme.

Let us know what you think

As always we welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. You can contact us on info@gtkp.com or by joining our discussion groups on www.gtkp.com.

Governance



Unfortunately we are not able to bring you news on the theme of Governance in this issue. The position of Theme Champion, Governance, is currently open. If you would like to apply for this position, or find out more

about the scope of work involved, please contact the gTKP Project Manager, Sibylle Rupprecht at srupprecht@irfnet.org.

Road Safety



Partnerships to Save Lives

The Road Safety theme is overseen by RoadSafe director Adrian Walsh and will work in close partnership with [The Global Road Safety Partnership](#) (GRSP) and other organisations in the context of a UN Road Safety Collaboration.

The recently published "how to" good practice manuals, developed to provide simple advice and guidance on seat belts, drinking and driving, helmets, seat belts and child restraints and speed management, are central to our knowledge programme. The programme will further include a number of regional and local workshops as well as regular news of new initiatives and an improvement in the availability of on-line knowledge resources.

Another key partner is the International Roads Assessment Programme (iRAP) and we will be working with this global team to improve the [on line Road Safety Toolkit](#), a gateway to cost-effective infrastructure safety solutions.

We will also be working closely with the [World Bank Global Road Safety Facility](#) to provide instant access to a new manual on road safety governance and to a new police network. You will also be kept up to date with the various services and support programmes offered by the Facility.

Support will be lent to UNECE in the preparation of a UNDA-led report on setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets. This will be ready in time for the all-important Global Transport Ministers' Conference to be held in Moscow in November, which will chart the way for global action covering the next ten years.

Central to our work will be a collaborative project working with gTKP's Trade and Transport team and the private sector. This project, which will be delivered in partnership with GRSP, is aimed at making available tools and resources to assist organizations with vehicle fleets with the adoption of policies and practices to [improve efficiency and reduce crashes](#). The initiative will be launched during the Make Roads Safe Conference, due to be held in Tanzania from 7 to 9 July, to examine how African countries and institutions might implement a 'Decade of Action' for road safety. The launch will be followed by an UNECA workshop focusing on developing road safety national plans and targets.

During the year we will also be launching new portals to showcase the world's most effective urban and rural community safety programmes, and to establish a network to allow professionals and community leaders access to the people behind these schemes. This work will culminate in workshops in India and Tanzania.

We are fully committed to the [Make Roads Safe](#) campaign and will be there to provide knowledge support to ensure that the Decade of Action saves many millions of lives.

Contact *Adrian Walsh*, theme champion for Road Safety, on adrian.walsh@gtkp.com.

Rural Transport



Promoting good practice and innovative experience

The work programme for the coming year continues with ongoing support for practitioners in terms of website posting and other dissemination routes for updating knowledge and lessons from experiences in rural transport services and infrastructure provision. The technical query service has been well used over the past year and we will continue to provide this function. A number of knowledge compilations are planned including the publication of a Low Cost Structures Manual, together with guidelines on Low Cost Landslide Mitigation and Low Cost Surfacing/Paving. We continue to welcome contributions and case studies on good practice or innovative experiences. We also welcome opportunities to cooperate with others to compile and disseminate knowledge for the benefit of developing efficient rural transport systems and to help alleviate rural poverty. If there are any topics that you feel require including or updating in gTK