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This document provides information on a side event entitled "Investing in a better future for Africa through safe & sustainable mobility" organized on the occasion of the International Women's Day.



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Investing in a better future for Africa through safe & sustainable mobility

Co-chaired by the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) and Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety (WP1), in collaboration with the International Gender Champions (IGC) and the Ipag Business School, this hybrid side event on International Women's Day, 8 March 17h00 – 18h00 CET, will highlight the importance of safe and sustainable transportation in Africa as a key enabler of health, wellbeing and economic growth.

Against the backdrop of Africa's fast-rising urban population and growth of mega cities, milestone initiatives ranging from the Global Plan for the Second Decade of Action on Road Safety to the European Union's Global Gateway are welcome initiatives aimed at channelling investment into green, smart and safe transport in African and other developing countries. This side event will highlight the vision, role and lessons learnt from women leaders from the African continent as it relates to opportunities and challenges of implementing safe and sustainable transportation solutions on the African continent.

Moderated by **Mr. Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director General DG MOVE, European Commission; European Coordinator for Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility; and Chair of the UNRSF Advisory Board, the one-hour session will feature a keynote address by and fireside chat with **H.E. Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid**, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC).

EVENT DETAILS:

Tuesday, 8 March 2022, 17:00-18:00 CET

Tempus 1, Palais des Nations ([MAP HERE](#)) **Join online here:**

<https://bit.ly/3HBdvyM> (password: 6jmJDFJpy28)

EVENT AGENDA

17h00 – Welcome: **Ms. Luciana Iorio**, Chair of UNECE Global Forum for Traffic Safety (WP.1); UNRSF Advisory Board member. *(in-person)*

17h05 – Keynote Address: **H.E. Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid**, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC

In the context of (WP.1) Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (84th session) and in celebration of International Women's Day, the AU Commissioner will deliver a live virtual keynote address on her vision on transitioning to safe and sustainable mobility in Africa. (live online)

17h15 – Fireside Conversation: **Mr. Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director General DG MOVE, European Commission and **H.E. Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid**, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC

In a virtual fireside chat, Mr. Matthew Baldwin and Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid will discuss the role that the EU Global Gateway and other global partnerships can play to support Africa's transition to safer and more sustainable mobility. (live online)

17h30 – Roundtable Discussion *(live online)*:

H.E. Julia Imene-Chanduru, Ambassador of Namibia in Geneva

Mrs. Akoji Perpetua Dumebi, Assistant Director, Road Transport and Mass Transit Administration, Republic of Nigeria

Ms. Ndèye Awa Sarr, Vice President, Alliance francophone pour la sécurité routière

Ms. Priti Gautam, Senior Advisor, Office of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety

17h55 – Closing: **Ms. Nneka Henry**, Head, United Nations Road Safety Fund Secretariat. *(in-person)*
