

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON:

Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility in Rural and interurban areas



May 14 to 16, 2025, NOOM hotel Ex Radisson Blu, Dakar, Senegal

Second announcement

Organized by:

- The Ministry of Infrastructure and land and air Transport,
- The PIARC/AGEPAR national committee Senegal, collaborating with,
- World Road Association (PIARC),
- The Association of African Managers and Road Partners (AGEPAR).

I. Introduction

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Land and Air Transport (MITTA), through the General Directorate of Road Infrastructure and the opening up, and the National Committee PIARC/AGEPAR Senegal, are organizing, in collaboration with the World Road Association (PIARC) and the Association of African Managers and Road Partners (AGEPAR), an international seminar on the theme: "**Road safety and sustainable mobility in rural and interurban areas**".

The seminar will take place from May 14 to 16, 2025, at the “**NOOM Hotel, ex Radisson Blu**”, Dakar, and will be attended by PIARC experts from Technical Committee 2.2: Roads for Equity, Accessibility and Mobility in Rural and Interurban Areas and Technical Committee 3.1: Road Safety.

II. Context and justification

Despite significant progress in improving road infrastructure, in order to achieve sustainable mobility for users and their goods, road safety remains a major concern. Statistics reveal that the number of deaths following road collisions increased from 518 in 2014 to 877 in 2020, an increase of 69.3%. Furthermore, each year, these collisions generate losses estimated, on average, between 3% and 5% of GDP. The main causes identified are related to poor driving and the condition of vehicles, which are mostly very old as shown by the obsolescence of the vehicle fleet.

In this order, and noting the increase in collisions, Senegal has subscribed to the new global decade for road safety 2021-2030 and has committed to implementing its action plan to achieve the sustainable development goals, namely a 50% reduction in the number of deaths and serious injuries due to road collisions, with the establishment of the National Agency of Road Safety (ANASER).

However, the lack of reliable data and efficient and modern collision data collection tools make it difficult to determine the exact causes of accidents and their proportion, as well as to implement coherent programs to combat accidents and preserve the lives of road users.

In the area of rural and interurban mobility, Senegal has made significant progress with the implementation of projects and programs such as the program for opening up agricultural and mining areas (PDZAM), the project for improving the connectivity of agricultural production areas in the north and center (PCZA), the National Local Development Program (PNDL), the Emergency Community Development Program (PUDC), the Special Program for Opening Up (PSD) as well as other isolated projects aimed at opening up localities in the interior of the country.

Despite all these efforts, our country suffers from a deficit of infrastructures and a territorial inequity in their distribution. This situation results in a, still low, road density at around 5 km per 100 km², with a persistent territorial imbalance. Indeed, the analysis of the distribution of the road network of Senegal, through the determination of the road accessibility index, shows accentuated disparities between the territories. If for the regions located in the West and the South-West the road access indices vary between 90% and 100%, accessibility in the central and eastern regions of the country is around 45%.

Added to this is the weak intervention of the Government in the establishment of transport services to improve the mobility of rural populations and those in the interior of the country, except a few initiatives to renew the interurban fleet and the commissioning of interurban buses, serving the regional capitals through the national company Dakar-Dem-Dikk and other private companies.

III. Objectives of the seminar

a) General objective

The general objective of this international seminar is to share knowledge and practices on roads and road transport, particularly in the areas of road safety and sustainable interurban mobility.

It should thus make it possible to identify and share with all the experts participating in the seminar as well as those from the member countries of AGEPAR and PIARC the best practices related to these two themes.

b) Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of this seminar are to:

- ✓ Share road safety initiatives undertaken at country level;
- ✓ Share best practices and data collection tools relating to road safety;
- ✓ Present adapted strategies and programs to combat road insecurity;
- ✓ Present the "Ten-step plan for road safety in Senegal", in relation with PIARC, iRAP and IRF;
- ✓ Develop a capitalization document on road safety;
- ✓ Identify the main constraints on rural and interurban mobility;
- ✓ Present projects and programs for rural and urban opening up (transport infrastructure and services);
- ✓ Propose sustainable mobility solutions for rural and interurban areas

IV. Participants of the seminar

a) Persons and structures involved

The international seminar on "*Road safety and sustainable mobility in rural and interurban areas*" is intended for administrative agents in charge of defining strategies and implementing actions relating to these two themes.

It is also intended for administrative authorities, local authorities, the private sector (construction companies, design offices, inspection offices, investors), carriers, drivers and others road users, academics and researchers in the field of transport as well as students interested in transport in general.

The seminar is also intended for technical and financial partners, organizations and associations operating in the transport sector as well as NGOs and communication and propaganda structures.

In general, any person and structures interested in mobility and road safety are concerned by this seminar.

b) TC 2.2: Roads for Equity, Accessibility and Mobility in Rural and Interurban Areas

Technical Committee 2.2 "Roads for equity and accessibility in rural and interurban areas" was established to address the challenges of roads in rural and interurban areas. The committee aims to develop practical recommendations and initiatives that promote equitable access, sustainable mobility and improved road safety.

➤ **Issues**

- 2.2.1: Strengthen active modes and improve road safety for all users
- 2.2.2: Improve road safety in rural and interurban areas for all users
- 2.2.3: Technical solutions for paved and unpaved roads

➤ **Presidency and Secretariat**

- Chair: Imen MAKHLOUF (Tunisia)
- French Secretary: Souleman OUSSIMAN (Burkina Faso)
- English Secretary: James SMITH (Canada)

c) TC 3.1 : Road Safety

Technical Committee 3.1: "Road Safety" was established to advance road safety issues. The safety of vulnerable road users, including cyclists and pedestrians, is a major concern. Low-income and developing countries face unique road safety challenges, with 90% of road deaths occurring in these countries.

➤ **Issues**

- 3.1.1 Ensure the safety of vulnerable road users;
- 3.1.2 Secure system in low and lower middle-income countries;
- 3.1.3 Identify road safety problems and opportunities;
- 3.1.4 Updated road safety manual

➤ **Presidency and Secretariat**

- Chair: John Milton (USA)
- French Secretary: Mathieu Holand (France)
- English Secretary: Auckpath Sawangsuriya (Thailand)
- Spanish Secretary: Pedro Tomás Martínez (Spain)

V. Place and date of the seminar

The seminar on "Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility in Rural and Interurban Areas" will take place from May 14 to 16, 2025, at the NOOM hotel, ex Radisson Blu hotel in Dakar, Senegal.

Senegal is a West African country bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the north, Mali to the east, Guinea to the southeast and Guinea-Bissau to the southwest. Gambia is an enclave within the Senegalese territory.

The country of "Terranga" (hospitality) is a country with high tourist potential with several sites to visit in all regions. The political situation is stable and security is ensured in all regions.

Senegal recently hosted the meetings of the Council, national committees and the executive committee of the World Road Association (PIARC), from November 7 to 11, 2022, as well as an international seminar on "performance management of land transport infrastructure and services for sustainable development", from March 7 to 9, 2023.

VI. Conduct of the seminar


The seminar will be divided into several sessions and will integrate several themes included in the program. The sessions will be organized over the first two days and each session will include several presentations by national experts, members of AGEPAR and members of Technical Committee 2.2: Roads for Equity, Accessibility and Mobility in Rural and Interurban Areas and member of Technical Committee 3.1: Road Safety.

At the end of each session, a debate will be opened to discuss the different themes addressed in the presentations.

The third day will be devoted to technical visits to the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, the Dakar-Diamniadio toll highway and a sustainable rural road construction project as part of the special program for opening up (PSD).

The languages used during the seminar will be French and English with simultaneous translation.

V. Provisional program of the seminar

		Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility in Rural and interurbain a May 2024
Day1:		
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 10:15	Opening session	
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote lecture	
10:30 - 11:00	Refreshments	
11:00 - 13:00	Session 1: Chalenges in road safety and rural mobility	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Session 2: Solutions for safe mobility in LMIC	
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshments	
16:00 - 18:00	Session 3: 1- Enhancing and promoting safe mobity for active modes in rurals and interurbain areas	
Closing Day1		

Day 2:		
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-10:30	Session 4: Safety in mobility managment (identifying road safety problems and solutions countermeasures and mobility management, interventions, funding is a key solution)	
9:00-13:00	Parallel session- TC2.2 Roads for equity, accesibility and mobility in rural and interurbain areas (room1)	Parallel session -TC3.1: Road safety (room2)
09:00-10:30	Session 4-1: TC2.2 Techincal solution for paved and unpaved rural roads	Session 4-2: TC3.1 Safety and mobility management
10:30-11:00	Refreshments	
11:00-13:00	Session 5-1: Equity, accesibility and mobility in rural areas	Session 5-2: Reducing severe crashes by implementing safety interventions
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Session 6: Emerging technllogies and innovation in road safety and rural mobility	
15:30-16:00	Refreshments	
16:00-17:30	Combined Panel:Option 1: how to enhance road safety and sustainable mobility in the futureOption 2: Impact of Climate Change on Road safety and rural mobility	
17:30-18:15	Conclusions	
18:15-18:30	Closing: TC2.2 and TC3.1	

Day3:	
8:00 - 9:00	Bus from hotel
9:00 – 12:00	Technical visit1: Dakar Rapid Transit Bus (Dakar BRT) exploitation Technical visit2: Road safety system for the Dakar-Diamniadio highway / or Sustainable rural road project
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

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VIII. General information

 <p>Place of the seminar :</p> <p>NOOM hotel, ex Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ckck5C91sBX2yGsdA</p> <p>Tél. : +221 33 869 33 33 ;</p> <p>E-mail : reservations.dakar@radissonblu.com</p>	 <table border="1" data-bbox="619 340 1043 757"> <thead> <tr> <th>Suggested hotels</th> <th>Indicative rates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NOOM, ex Radisson Dakar *****</td> <td>160 000 F CFA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fleur de Lys Point E ***</td> <td>70 000 FCFA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Azalai Hotel *****</td> <td>140 000 FCFA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hotel Terrou Bi *****</td> <td>150 000 FCFA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hotel Le DJOLLOF ***</td> <td>65 000 CFA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Suggested hotels	Indicative rates	NOOM, ex Radisson Dakar *****	160 000 F CFA	Fleur de Lys Point E ***	70 000 FCFA	Azalai Hotel *****	140 000 FCFA	Hotel Terrou Bi *****	150 000 FCFA	Hotel Le DJOLLOF ***	65 000 CFA	 <p>Foreign participants will arrive at : Dakar Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD)</p> <p>AIBD is located 50 Km away from the city and the venue of the seminar and is accessible by taxi and bus between 1 hour and 1 hour 30 minutes.</p> <p>The Senegal National Committee will provide all participants with free shuttles between the airport and hotels on arrival and departure.</p>
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 <p>Information on the conditions of access and visas to Senegal are detailed on the following website: Dakar airport</p> <p>The visa is waived for all countries in the Schengen area, the United States, Japan, Argentina, etc.</p> <p>If necessary, facilities for obtaining a visa on arrival are possible on request addressed to: salmarie07@gmail.com</p>	 <p>Registration to attend the seminar is free for all participants.</p> <p>However, you will need to register online before the date of the event, using the link below:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBz9nS8HsRVRr8cGvPmOKwIoxYFzD915zNWjo2uPHmmDBw4Q/viewform?pli=1</p>	 <p>The climate in May in Senegal marks the end of the dry season throughout the country. Temperatures, ranging from 23°C to 36°C, allow you to feel a pleasant sensation. The south of the country enjoys superb climatic conditions, favorable to tourist visits and beach entertainment.</p> <p>During the month of May, some rain can be observed which begins the rainy season in the south of the country.</p>												