





PIARC INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Roads as Catalysts for Sustainable and Inclusive Development

PIARC's Program for International Seminars

PIARC, the World Road Association, is a nonprofit organization founded in 1909. During its more than 100-year history, the Association's main objective has been the promotion of international cooperation and the exchangeof knowledge on issues related to roads and road transport.

As part of this work, since 1999 PIARC has carried out a program of international seminars with the aim of strengthening its presence in the world, being more receptive to the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition and achieving greater dissemination in these countries from the resultsof their work.

PIARC implements the seminar program through its Technical Committees, which are groups of experts appointed by the member countries to work on issues defined in the strategic plan of the Association, which includes very diverse areasof knowledge such as design, operation and maintenance of roads or financing and governance of agencies responsible for road infrastructure.

Technical Committees 1.2, 1.3 and 2.3

Technical Committees 1.2 "Contribution of Roads to Economic and Social Development" and 1.3 "Finance and Procurement" are the main scientific organizers of this International Seminar with contributions from Technical Committee 2.3 "Sustainable Freight"

TC 1.2 "Contribution of Roads to Economic and Social Development"

The objective of the Technical Committee 1.2
"Contribution of Roads to Economic and Social
Development" is to provide an up-to-date and
comprehensive overview of trends, tools, best practices
in investment planning and analysis of economic and
social impacts of road infrastructure with a focus on
decarbonisation, gender inclusion and social equity,
impact of the change of economy in LMIC countries,
importance of roads in achieving equitable and



TC 1.3 "Finance and Procurement"

sustainable development.

Road infrastructures financing and procurement is always a big area of investigation. Technical Committee 1.3 "Finance and Procurement" aims to focus on the analysis of how classic road financing and procurement systems present themselves in a more credible guise and in step with the epochal changes of recent years.





The analysis dwells on the level of transparency of the road projects, on the decarbonisation of the funding and finance of these projects, as well as, finally, on how to finance the ecological transition of the existing infrastructure.

TC 2.3 "Sustainable Freight"

Road freight transport remains essential for economic and social development in all countries. In the new context of climate change, high energy prices, scarcity of base resources and ageing infrastructure, Technical Committee 2.3 "Sustainable Freight" works focus on the key factors that enable an efficient and sustainable road freight transport. This means optimising land and road use for freight services and facilities, finding and enforcing the good compliance between vehicles and roads to minimize road wear while allowing more efficient freight vehicles and ensuring the right vehicle use on the right road at the right time.

Joint cooperation among TCs 1.2, 1.3 and 2.3

One of the Seminar's objectives is to analyse the role of innovation in road planning. Other objectives are to analyze the area of transport studies and traffic models applied to freight, bimodal and multimodal transport, including the metropolitan context; and to examine new approaches to the study of mobility of people and goods, based on the Internet of things, Big Data and other innovative sources of information. Within the concept of sustainability in the planning of transportation networks, also related to accessibility and equity, one aspect that is analyzed is public health, probably included in the objective of "identifying, investigating and documenting the social value of transportation". For this activity, the Technical Committee 1.2 is making progress in both: impact analysis techniques and identification of best practices in ex post project evaluation. This will deepen the relationship between transportation investments and economic growth.

Taking into consideration the interest shared by PIARC and Mexico related to the problems expressed here, the Mexican representation inside Technical Committees 1.2, 1.3 and 2.3 proposed to hold a seminar in Mexico on those topics, based on a technical program made up of contributions from members of the committees and specialists from other organizations in Mexico and the rest of the world, which will be especially attractive to Mexican and international professionals involved in the planning, financing and management of road infrastructure.

In addition to PIARC, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport of the Government of Mexico (SICT), the Mexican Association of Road Engineering (AMIVTAC) and the Mexican Institute of Transport (IMT) are participating in the organization of this seminar.





Seminarobjectives

The general objective of the seminar is to provide aforum for the exchangeof knowledge and experiences on the planning, financing and management of highways and their relationship with the social environment in which they operatethroughout their entire life cycles.

The specific objectives of this seminar are the following:

- ▼ Discuss ideas on how to consider, social factors in road planning, financing, development, and management.
- ▼ Present experiences, consequences, and solutions in the management of social risks in highway projects in Mexico and the world, during all stages of the highway life cycle.
- ▼ Present and discuss strategies to mitigate social risks associated with highway development and management.

Target audience

The PIARCInternational Seminar Roads as Catalyst for Sustainable and Inclusive Development is aimed at executivesor officials of governmentalentities or private companies that desing, hold concessions, and operate roads, independent professionals (economists, sociologist, engineers, etc.) consulting service providers, banking institutions or investment funds that finance road infraestructure projects, among others. This seminar may also be of interest to university profesors, reserchers and students interested in the processes of planning, construction, and management of road assets.

Format and languages

The seminar will be based on face-to-face sessions to which the interested public is invited to join in-person, but also can have live streaming. The technical program includes a total of 4 thematic sessions, from 09:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Mexico City time GMT-5). Members of three PIARC Technical Committees and other specialists will make the presentations, as well as panel discussions to open the dialogue to the public through a series of questions and answers. The languages of the seminar will be Spanish and English. The simultaneous translation service will be provided both to people who physically attend the seminar and to those who follow it remotely.





Venue and dates of the seminar: Guadalajara, April 28 to April 30, 2025

Guadalajara, Jalisco has been chosen asthe venue for the seminar. It is an ideal place to hold this type of event, due to the available infrastructure and its high level of national and international connectivity. In addition, Guadalajara has one of the most important tourists, gastronomic, cultural and commercial offerings in the world.

The technical sessions of the PIARC International Seminar Roads as Catalyst for Sustainable and Inclusive Development will be held from April 28 to Aptil 30 of this year. The preliminary program includes a technical visit, which is also close to a site of tourist interest that attendees can visit.

Venue



Av. Mariano Otero 1499, Verde Valle, 44550 Guadalajara, Jal.

Host hotel



RATE IN EUROPEAN PLAN (Without Food):

Single or double luxury room: \$2,100.00 MXN (\$110 USD) Per Room, per night

Extra person \$570.00 MXN (\$28 USD) Per room, per night

RATE WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST:

Deluxe Single Room: \$2,370.00 MXN(\$120 USD) Per Room, per night

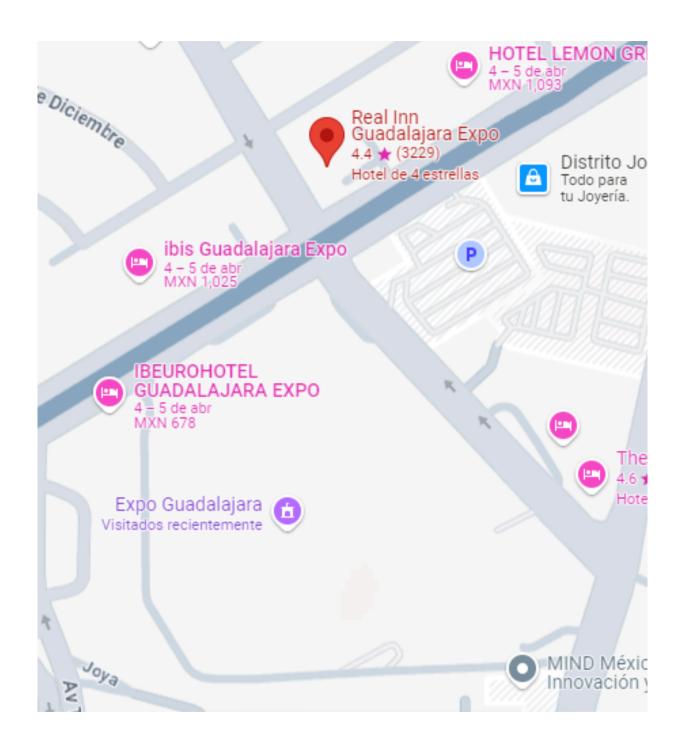
Deluxe double room: \$2,640.00 MXN (\$135 USD) Per Room, per night

Extra person \$840.00 MXN (\$45 USD) Per room, per night

Taxes not included











Preliminary Program

The content of the seminar will be organized according to the structure shown below:

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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
09:00	Registration	Session 3: Cost-Benefit Analysis for Sustainable Development - Part 1	Technical Visit
10:00	Opening session		
11:00	Refreshments	Session 3: Cost-Benefit Analysis for Sustainable Development - Part 2	
11:30	Session 1: Socioeconomic benefits of Road Infrastructure		
13:35	Lunch	Lunch	
14:30	Session 2: Innovative Financing Models and Procurement	Session 4: Inclusive Roads Investment for All Users	
17:30	Closing Day 1	Closing Day 2	



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