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## **INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY DATA AND ANALYSIS GROUP (IRTAD) PROGRAMME OF WORK (2010 – 2011)**

### **Background**

For the period 2010-2011, the International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD) adopted a biennial Programme of Work (parallel to the Programme of Work of the Joint OECD/ITF Transport Research Centre).

The programme is based on the mandate of the IRTAD Group, as approved by the JTRC [CEMT/OCDE/JTRC(2005)5], as well as the on-going work of the Group. It also takes into account the proposals for road safety activities included in the 2010-11 Programme of Work of the Centre.

### **Objectives of the IRTAD Group**

The objectives of the IRTAD Group are as follows:

- Be a forum of exchange on road safety data collection and reporting systems and trends on road safety policies.
- Collect accident data, complementary to other sources, and conduct data analysis to contribute to the work of the JTRC, as well as to provide advice on specific road safety issues.
- Contribute to international co-operation on road accident data and its analysis.

### **Programme of Work (for the period 2010-2011):**

The Programme of Work encompasses the tasks and activities outlined under the following headings:

1. Exchange of information on current trends and newly implemented road safety policies and methodologies.
2. Road safety data analysis.
3. Development of the IRTAD database.
4. Enlargement of IRTAD membership.
5. Contribution to the road safety activities of the JTRC.
6. International co-operation.

The specific activities proposed under each of these headings are set out below.

#### **1. Exchange of information on current trends and newly implemented road safety policies and methodologies**

The Group considered it very useful and efficient to exchange views on up-to-date information related to new road safety developments in the member countries:

***Annual report***

The Group will publish an Annual Report taking account of the country reports for the target survey [see 5]. The first Annual Report of the IRTAD Group is expected to be released by the end of 2009. Thereafter, the annual reports will be released every autumn. The report will reflect the most recent safety trends in IRTAD countries, as well as the main policy changes that intervened in the preceding 12 months.

The annual report will include a synthesis of the main safety trends as well as detailed country reports for each IRTAD country.

***Synthesis of national statements on recent road safety trends***

“Statements of member countries on recent developments in national traffic and accident statistics.” are a key item on the agenda of each Group meeting. A synthesis of these statements is prepared twice a year for discussion at the Group’s meetings.

These statements will be released on the protected IRTAD web site and the ITF Working Group site if so agreed by the member countries.

***Exchange of expertise on new road safety policies or methodology***

Selected presentations at the Group’s meetings will facilitate the exchange of information on new road safety policies or methodologies undertaken by member countries.

**2. Road safety data analysis**

The Group will continue to undertake road safety data analysis on the specific topics considered by the Group’s members as deserving specific attention.

For the period 2010-11, it is suggested that the IRTAD Group focuses on *Linking hospital and police data on road deaths and injuries*.

The Group will follow-up the work initiated by the IRTAD Special Reports “The availability of hospitalised road user data in OECD member countries”, and “Underreporting of Road Traffic Casualties”.

This analysis could be the topic for the next IRTAD special report.

**3. Development of IRTAD Database**

Continuing the work initiated within the framework of the former Programme of Work, the Group will continue the process of improving the content of the database by:

- Progressive inclusion of a set of new variables in the IRTAD database, bearing in mind the increased burden on data providers, the aggregated characteristics of the database and the existence of other sources (*e.g.* CARE). The extension of the IRTAD database will be based on the survey among IRTAD members and the subsequent recommendations of the *Subgroup on new data items and complementarity with other international databases* initiated under the former Programme of Work.
- Systematic inclusion of road safety background information, such as national safety strategy and legislation

- Continuous update of the IRTAD Glossary, especially the information on national definitions, including a description of the accident reporting systems and the methodology for the production of exposure data

#### **4. Enlargement of IRTAD membership**

The IRTAD Group is engaged in a process to enlarge its membership, including within non JTRC member countries. The IRTAD Group is open to any organisation, through annual subscription, providing that it is willing to co-operate on road safety issues. Its aim is to include new countries and to build and maintain a high-quality database on road safety information. The intention is to offer a learning environment for new IRTAD members when they cannot fulfil IRTAD standards to the full extent. The accession procedure is outlined in the document *IRTAD(2008)1accession procedure*.

#### **Twinning programmes in the framework of the partnership with the WB GRSF**

A Memorandum of Understanding between the JTRC and the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility<sup>1</sup> was signed in 2008. This will provide twinning arrangements with existing IRTAD members and selected countries so that they can learn from the experience of IRTAD members and progressively set up a data reporting system.

It is expected that one to two twinning arrangements will be organised every year. The World Bank Global Road Safety Facility will, in a first instance, select among the areas where it is active, countries which would benefit the most from this programme.

#### **5. Contribute to the work of the JTRC**

In accordance with the mandate of the IRTAD Group, IRTAD members will collect accident data complementary to other sources, and conduct data analysis to contribute to the work of the JTRC.

In particular, it will work in close co-operation with the JTRC Working Groups working on road safety matters during the 2010-11 period, by undertaking data collection and analysis as well as by reviewing draft reports.

[The Centre's activities are guided by the **Programme of Work to 2011**, which includes three road safety related activities.]

#### **6. International co-operation**

Many initiatives are being undertaken in the field of road safety and accident statistics, and it is important for the IRTAD Group to be well informed in order to ensure the best complementarity between the various actions, and to seek co-operation whenever possible. The JTRC Secretariat and the IRTAD Group will ensure co-ordination with these initiatives, including EU CARE, UN, WHO, GRSP and other as required.

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1. The World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility was launched in November 2005. The Facility is a direct response to the global call for action by the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions and World Health Assembly Resolution. The Facility aims to generate and catalyze increased funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing deaths and injuries in low and middle-income countries.