

Tunis Assembly

Preparations are in hand for the next gTKP Assembly, to be held in Tunis, Tunisia, on 28 February to 1 March 2006. Our CMG have been contacting you and hope to send out invites in December. If you are interested in attending, please direct your enquiries to info@gtkp.com

REAAA Council Meeting in Seoul

Mike Dyson, leader of the gTKP's Rural Accesss workstream, delivered a presentation on the Partnership to the Governing Council of the Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA) at its meeting in Seoul on 27 September 2005.

The Council received Mr Dyson's presentation, on the purpose and goals of gTKP, with great enthusiasm, agreeing on the immediate value of collaborations with gTKP. The Partnership is in discussion with Rob Klein from the Australian Road Research Board about opportunities to work together and to play a significant role in the REAAA's next conference, to be held in Manila from 20 to 25 November 2006. Details of the event can be found at www.reaaaconference.com.ph

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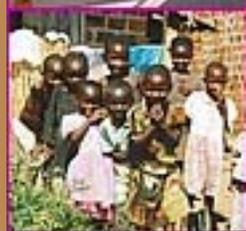
At the end of September the Transport Research Laboratory facilitated a workshop in Harare in preparation for the launch of the African Community Access Programme (AFCAP). The workshop brought together senior road officials from key African countries including Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, to identify their priorities for improving community access. The workshop also received a presentation from Rob Petts about the progress that has been made on SEACAP. Following this workshop TRL are working with DfID to finalise the programme, which will be launched in April.

\$20m for Urban Infrastructure in Rwanda

An International Development Association (IDA) grant of \$US20 million has been allocated to Rwanda's Urban Infrastructure and City Management Program to improve the infrastructure of Kigali and the secondary cities of Butare and Ruhengeri. More info at: <http://www.gtkp.com/news/NewsDetails.aspx?id=2>

Road Safety 2006 Programme

Applications are open for the University of Lund's Road Safety Programme until 1 December 2005. For more details on eligibility and applications, please visit <http://www.gtkp.com/news/NewsDetails.aspx?id=1>



Crackdown on Roadside Corruption in West Africa

In an attempt to tackle the causes of high transport costs, the West Africa Trade Hub has developed a system to identify and collect data on roadside corruption and delays. The system will allow authorities to develop policies to reduce delays and corruption, decrease costs and expand the trade capacity of West Africa.

More info at:

<http://www.gtkp.com/news/NewsDetails.aspx?id=20>

PIARC Prizes 2007

Applications are open for the PIARC Prizes, a competition for young and established professionals working in the road and transport sectors. The prize aims to promote the interests of developing countries and essays are invited on the themes of 'Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Roads', 'Road Safety', 'Sustainable Development' and 'Communication'.

Winners will receive support to attend the World Road Congress, to be held in Paris from 17 to 21 September 2007. Applications are open until 1 May 2006. Further details are available at

<http://www.gtkp.com/news/NewsDetails.aspx?id=16>

Forthcoming Events:

UATP – Practice of Financing Schemes for Public Transport in Africa

29 November 2005

The Union Africaine des Transports Publics (UATP) is hosting this seminar in Accra, Ghana, to address various issues of financing public transport in Africa. Under discussion will be: the view of bankers on the problem of financing; the financial evaluation of procurement and recent experiences of launching large public transport projects in Africa.

<http://www.gtkp.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=46>

UN-HABITAT JAM – World Urban Forum

1-3 December 2005

In partnership with the Government of Canada, UN-HABITAT are hosting a 72-hour internet debate which plans to address the issue of rapid urbanisation and its effects. gTKP may be moderating a session on transport. To register, visit the UN-HABITAT website:

www.unhabitat.org

IRTE – Traffic Engineering as Scientific Approach Towards Safety Traffic Management in Developing Countries

6-7 January 2006

This international workshop, organised in co-ordination with the Indian Government, will be held at the Habitat Centre in New Delhi, India. Calls for papers and registration are still open:

<http://www.gtkp.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=54>

