



# News

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## Resources

There has been a high demand for the latest two gTKP resources from a wide range of organisations around the world. For many it has been an excellent introduction to gTKP. We welcome the participation of new members who have joined in the last few weeks from governments, road authorities, NGOs and the private sector in countries such as Algeria, Ghana, Peru, Nepal, Tanzania, Guyana and Indonesia, among others. Please forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues who you feel might benefit from the portal and these new resources. We look forward to hearing from them!

### International Road Maintenance Handbook Vol. I and II

The 3rd Edition of the International Road Maintenance Handbook is now available. Volume I: Maintenance of Roadside Areas and Drainage, and Volume II: Maintenance of Unpaved Roads, have been updated and reprinted by popular demand.

### Road Engineering and Planning for Development CD-ROMs

This gTKP-funded resource contains many reports and guidelines produced by the UK Department for International Development and Transport Research Laboratory, under the themes of: Road Safety, Transport Planning and Economics, and Urban Transport.

To obtain a free copy of these two resources, please contact gTKP by email [info@gtkp.com](mailto:info@gtkp.com) or telephone +44 (0)20 7212 4004.



## Additions to the Directory

The Directory on the gTKP portal is continually being expanded. There are many new additions for transport ministries and road agencies in Africa.

We have also included smaller-scale projects or independent organisations such as the Malawi Handcart Project and Access Exchange International. If you would like your organisation to be represented, or if you can nominate another, please contact the gTKP office at [info@gtkp.com](mailto:info@gtkp.com).

## Website Highlights

### Road Safety Legislation Database

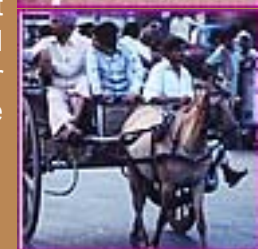
The World Health Organisation (WHO) and partners have developed an on-line global database of road safety legislation. This database builds on the comprehensive work already undertaken by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Road Traffic Safety.

The road safety database provides information on legislation targeting a number of factors that are important for the prevention of road traffic injuries, such as speed limits, safety-belts and child-restraint laws, helmet laws, blood-alcohol concentration limits, daytime running light requirements, mobile phone laws, and licensing regulations. The database can be searched by these factors as well as by country and region. There are also internet links to other informative or legislative documents.

This database will be continually updated through contributions from partner organizations. Click [here](#) to view the database.



The database can also be found on the UN Road Safety Collaboration website: <http://www.who.int/roadsafety>



## Spotlight on Vietnam



### NOW IN VIETNAMESE: Management of Rural Road Networks (Overseas Road Note 20)

Management of Rural Road Networks (ORN 20) written by TRL and funded by DfID, is now available in Vietnamese. The document is targeted at Road Managers who are responsible for the management of a network of low volume rural roads within a constrained budget. Click [here](#) to download this resource from gTKP.

### Urban Public Transportation in Vietnam

Vietnam is, like many countries, experiencing a rapid growth in its urban centres and in the ownership and usage of motorised vehicles as its economy continues to grow. Urban transportation problems such as traffic congestion and air pollution are therefore becoming important challenges for the nation's two major cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.

This study by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC Research Paper No.4) outlines the current status and issues of motorcycle-dominated urban transportation in both cities. It reviews the present regulatory framework regarding bus transportation, and recommends the regulatory improvements for the promotion of public transportation.

Click [here](#) to go to the Directory entry for JBIC. Click [here](#) to download the JBIC report from the gTKP website.

## More on Vietnam...

For more documents related to transport issues in Vietnam, please visit the gTKP portal. Highlights include: the [SEACAP Project Reports](#) and the [World Bank Rural Accessibility Index](#).

## *An Introduction to Transport and Roads in Peru*

This new report (206 Road Notes Peru) from Schorrell Analysis, in association with Peruvian NGO "ITN Capac Nan", provides a comprehensive introduction to transport and roads in Peru. The document is comprised of introductory briefing and seven short chapters.

The seven topics covered are: rural roads; motocarros (a popular form of low-cost motorised transportation); inland waterways; Inca highways; the use of GIS in Peru; transport and socio-economic problems; and a new tool for evaluating non-motorised transport (NMT) known as ZZE. 206 Road Notes Peru also provides details of organisation working in the country as well as information on relevant websites and internet-based discussion groups. Click [here](#) to download this report from gTKP.

Schorrell Analysis is a research and electronic publishing organisation that aims to exchange skills and knowledge and apply these to real world solutions. Their website provides access to a range of other documents. Of particular interest is The Global Book of Transport; a series of reports focusing on different transport modes in a number of countries. This can be downloaded through the gTKP site [here](#) or from the link below.

For more on Schorrell Analysis see: [www.schorrell-analysis.de](http://www.schorrell-analysis.de)

Global Book of Transport: [http://www.schorrell-analysis.de/Publications/Publications\\_List/Book\\_6/book\\_6.htm](http://www.schorrell-analysis.de/Publications/Publications_List/Book_6/book_6.htm)



## The Ethiopian National Forum for Rural Transport and Development (ENFRTD)

The Ethiopian National Forum for Rural Transport and Development (ENFRTD) is a non-governmental organisation, established with the goal of promoting rural accessibility and mobility. ENFRTD is part of the International Forum for Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD) global network.



The organisation focuses activities around five main issues:

- ▶ The first is to raise awareness of the fact that social inequalities are exacerbated by poor transport. ENFRTD aims to highlight this to encourage responsible bodies to mobilize human and material resources to address these problems.
- ▶ The second issue which has been taken up by the Forum is the transportation of critical patients from rural to urban areas.
- ▶ The Forum is also concerned with introducing affordable intermediate means of transport to rural areas, which can be facilitated by collaborating with stakeholders to set up assistance such as credit schemes.
- ▶ ENFRTD is also working on addressing the issue of road safety, a critical issue in both rural and urban Ethiopia.
- ▶ Lastly, the Forum focuses on promoting road safety and bringing services, such as water, closer to people.

Taye Berhanu is the ENFRTD coordinator and also an active member of IFRTD and gTKP.



Participants at the gTKP Tunis workshop in March may have met him there. One of the ways in which ENFRTD raises awareness of these issues among stakeholders is by holding one-day workshops.

For more information on these, and other activities, please contact Taye at [tayeberhanu@hotmail.com](mailto:tayeberhanu@hotmail.com).

### Suggested reading:

"Transport and Health in Ethiopia: the Impact of Traditional IMTs on Critical Patients, Presentation to the Transnet Workshop on Mobility and Health"

- from "id21insights: transport, the missing link?"  
<http://www.id21.org/insights/insighis63/index.html>

International Forum for Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD) website: [www.ifrtd.org](http://www.ifrtd.org)





## News Highlights

### ***E-Hub and Spoke: New newsletter from Transaid***

Transaid have just launched a new e-newsletter called "E-Hub and Spoke". Transaid is an international charity that works with local partners, particularly in Africa, to improve the way that transport is managed. Transaid's aim is to give people better access to basic services like healthcare and livelihood opportunities.

In the first edition you can read Transaid's reaction to the new UK government international development policy agenda. You can also find out how a motorcycle ambulance trailer designed in the UK has been built in Northern Nigeria and get an early warning on the Transaid Christmas appeal.

You can sign-up directly to receive the newsletter at the link below or by emailing [support@transaid.org](mailto:support@transaid.org).



<http://lbi.bcentral.com/ex/manage/subscriberprefs.aspx?customerid=282>

[www.transaid.org](http://www.transaid.org)

### ***Florida Technology Transfer Symposium***

The 2006 International Symposium on Transportation Technology Transfer took place between the 30 July and 3 August. The event was attended by transport practitioners from around the world and provided an opportunity to learn, share and build on the latest in innovative transportation technology transfer methods. We look forward to having a full report in next month's newsletter. In the mean time, for more details of the sessions see [www.t2symposium.org](http://www.t2symposium.org).

### ***Presentations from Clean Air Initiative for Latin American Cities Conference 2006***

The Clean Air Initiative in Latin American Cities (CAI-LAC) has recently established a permanent institution to develop their work further. The conference aimed to disseminate technical knowledge, experience, and possible solutions on clean air-related issues.

The conference was also an opportunity to establish the new CAI-LAC institution as a centre of excellence in Latin America for clean air related issues, including sustainable transport and air quality. All presentations are available to download now from the CAI-LAC website. Click on the link below here to go to the CAI-LAC directory entry on the gTKP portal or visit [www.cleanairnet.org/lac](http://www.cleanairnet.org/lac).

### ***New White Paper: "Eliminating world poverty: making governance work for the poor" from the UK Department for International Development***

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) launched its new White Paper on International Development on 13 July. The paper outlines what the UK Government will do to tackle world poverty.

The White Paper sets out DFID's priorities for the next five years and explains how they will work with the rest of UK Government, partner governments, international organisations, NGOs, academics and the private sector to reduce poverty around the world.



Of particular interest is that governance is being placed at the centre of DFID's work. New anti-corruption initiatives are planned as well as an extension of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative to construction and other areas.

More information on DFID and the new white paper can be found on the DFID website: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/wp2006/>.



## Event Highlights

The [Events](#) section of the gTKP Portal currently contains details of more than 40 forthcoming events. These are some highlights that we have selected for this issue.

### [3rd International Union of Public Transport \(UITP\) Business Forum - Unlocking a world of opportunities in Latin America](#)

**20 – 22 August 2006. São Paulo, Brazil**

This event, aimed at high-ranking officials, equipment and service providers and knowledge and finance institutions, addresses doing business in Latin America as well as new technologies, alternative fuels and examples of new projects from Latin America.

### [International African Conference on Gender, Transport and Development](#)

**27 August – 30 August 2006. Port Elizabeth, South Africa**

The focus of the conference will be on bridging the divide between development goals, research and policy in developing countries.

### [3rd IRF/SARF Regional Conference for Africa](#)

**11 – 13 September 2006. Durban, South Africa**

IRF's 3rd regional conference in Africa will be themed "The Contribution of the Road Industry to Social and Economic Growth in Africa".

### [International Union of Public Transport \(UITP\) Seminar: Roles and Responsibilities of Transport Organising Authorities](#)

**18 – 23 September 2006. Nairobi, Kenya**

### [China Transpo 2006](#)

**26-29 September 2006. Beijing, China**

China Transpo 2006 is organized by the China Ministry of Communications (MOC), and managed by China Academy of Transportation Sciences (CATS). The event offers a comprehensive overview of the latest technical applications in various aspects of transportation.

### [57th UITP World Congress & Mobility and City Transport Exhibition](#)

**21 – 24 May 2007. Helsinki, Finland**

The UITP (International Association of Public Transport) Helsinki event combines the annual world congress with an exhibition space devoted to mobility and city transport and forum. A call for papers will be made later this month.

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