

## News Highlights

### ***Joint Initiative by Development Agencies for the Infrastructure Sectors to Mitigate the Spread of HIV/AIDS.***

Six development institutions from around the world have agreed a joint infrastructure sector initiative in order to mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Tackling HIV/AIDS requires a multi-sector approach and both the transport and construction sectors are critical. There is strong evidence that links transport routes and construction sites with the spread of HIV. Those employed in transport and construction are at high risk of infection because of increased mobility and the lengthy stays away from home. The construction workplace also provides opportunities for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment interventions.

The initiative between the African Development Bank (AfDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), UK Department for International Development (DFID), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), KfW Entwicklungsbank (KfW development bank), and the World Bank was announced at the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto on 11 August 2006.

In a statement released at the conference the agencies agreed to “coordinate their activities in order to mainstream HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs in infrastructure sectors, to reduce the impacts of the disease as a result of infrastructure interventions, to take opportunities for implementing further countermeasures and to contribute to strengthening the HIV/AIDS strategies of partner countries.”

For the full text of the joint initiative click [here](#)

### ***Transport International Magazine – HIV/AIDS: Time for a Global Response***

The latest issue of Transport International Magazine, the quarterly magazine from the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), contains an article on the launch of a new ITF global project to fight HIV/AIDS in the transport sector. The article describes the scale of the problem, its links to the transport sector and an overview of the work being undertaken by ITF.



Click [here](#) to read the full article. The magazine is available via the gTKP portal [here](#) along with the ITF profile [here](#)

Many resources related to transport and HIV/AIDS are available via the gTKP portal by browsing under the Transport and Health button on the left-hand panel of the [homepage](#)



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### ***Bus use in Dubai***

The number of passengers using inter-city public transport buses in the Dubai has increased to 4.1 million in the first half of this year, marking a 20 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period in 2005. An article in Gulf News, a leading broadsheet and online newspaper in UAE and the Gulf regions, discusses this news from the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA). Click [here](#) to view the full article.

### ***Transport Research Arena (TRA) 2006***

The Transport Research Arena took place in Gothenberg, Sweden on 12 – 15 June 2006. The event brought together high-level decision makers, leading-edge researchers and top industrial players and aimed to develop alignment in the road transport research and development field. Strategic sessions focused on greener, safer and smarter road transport.

The EU's research and development funding is expected to read 2.6% of GDP by 2010 and working towards a more coordinated approach to this research and ensuring the outcomes and recommendations are implemented was one of the main aims of the conference.

On the European Commission website is an article that discusses the safer road transport strategic session and stresses the importance of safety for the car manufacturing industry. Click [here](#) to read the full article and [here](#) to find out more about APROSYS, an integrated international project on advanced protection systems.

### ***DFID Commits £252m to Tackle Maternal Mortality in India***

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) has announced a new fund, designed to save one million lives every year in India. £252 million (\$470 million) is to be spent over five years on the Government of India's nationwide Reproductive and Child Health Programme.

Every year 100,000 women in India die during child birth and more than two million Indian children will die before they reach their fifth birthday. The aim of the Reproductive and Child Health programme is to reduce significantly India's maternal mortality rate from 407 per 100,000 live births in 1998 to 100 per 100,000 in 2015, and to cut the mortality rate of under-5's from 70 to 30 per 1000 live births over the same period.

Improved transport systems play a key role in maternal mortality. Transport systems help mothers and children to hospital as well as provide access to patients for trained professionals, equipment and drugs.

At gTKP's annual workshop, which took place in Tunisia earlier this year, Jeff Turner ran an interactive workshop session on maternal mortality and transport. The video and slides for this session are available on the gTKP portal [here](#).

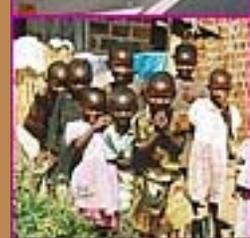
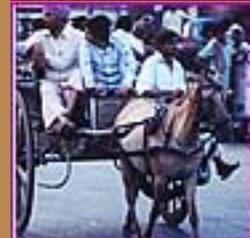
Documents can also be found on the issue by browsing under the Transport and Health button on the left-hand panel of the [homepage](#)

### ***Corruption in the News***

Corruption continues to be in the news with the New Civil Engineer (NCE) reporting on a recent case in Indonesia. A consultant working for WSP International is under investigation for alleged corruption on two World Bank-funded road projects.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

At gTKP's annual workshop in Tunisia earlier this year, Charles Melhuish of the Asian Development Bank and Neil Stansbury of Transparency International and Stephen Vincent ran a workshop session on transport and governance. The video and slides for this session are available on the gTKP portal [here](#).



# Organisation Profile

## Safety Alliance

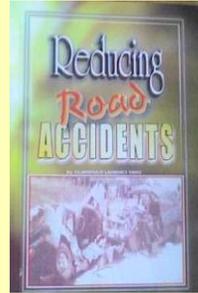
Safety Alliance is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Nigeria that aims to reduce road crash injuries and deaths through improved public education, awareness and lobbying.



Current activities are based around a campaign entitled Mass Action Against Road Crashes (MAARC); a partnership of Corp Members, vehicle inspection officers, Nigeria Federal Road Safety Commission, the media, religious bodies, students and foreign NGOs. This involves distributing awareness raising material and engaging with stakeholders in order to make roads safer.

Although based in Nigeria, Safety Alliance is increasingly working internationally across Africa. The first edition of the initiative entitled "African Roadway Safety Assembly and Traffic Expo" (ARSATE) took place in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2005. Future assembly events are planned for November 2006, with the theme "Protecting Africa's Vulnerable Road Users", and for November 2007 in Tanzania with the theme "Promoting Road Safety Audit Practice and Principle in Africa".

The Safety Alliance website contains more information on the organisation and details of current and past projects. Members who attended the gTKP annual workshop may remember Olanrewaju Osho, Executive Director of Safety Alliance.



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## Website Highlights Continued

### ***Sustrans Magazine - The Network***

The Network is a quarterly magazine from Sustrans, a leading UK sustainable transport charity. Sustrans runs a number of practical projects in the UK which promote safe walking and cycling routes, often engaging local communities in the process.

The Network seeks to inform about the breadth and depth of Sustrans' work and places it in the context of the wider political and policy agenda. It includes articles that make the link between transport policy and its impact particularly on health, education and environment policy.

In issue 3, summer 2006, a particularly interesting article entitled "Jargon Buster" aims to clarify the meaning of the phrase "Sustainable Transport". Click [here](#) to download Issue 3..

The Network is available via the gTKP portal [here](#). To subscribe to the printed version, email [sarah.gardiner@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gardiner@sustrans.org.uk).

### ***Helmets – A Road Safety Manual for Decision Makers and Practitioners***

The UN Road Safety Collaboration has just published the first in a series of manuals aimed mainly at public authorities in low and middle income countries.

"Helmets – A Road Safety Manual for Decision Makers and Practitioners" provides information and advice on this critical issue. This is an issue of particular importance in countries such as Vietnam and Malaysia where motorcycle use is growing rapidly. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Other manuals in the series will cover seat-belt wearing and drink driving. More road safety and vulnerable road user resources can be found on the gTKP portal ([www.gtkp.com](http://www.gtkp.com)) under the Transport and Health button on the left hand side.

## Event Highlights

### **3rd IRF/SARF Regional Conference for Africa**

11 – 13 September 2006. Durban, South Africa

The International Roads Federation (IRF) 3rd regional conference in Africa, held in collaboration with the South African Road Federation (SARF) will be themed "The Contribution of the Road Industry to Social and Economic Growth in Africa".

### **AFRICITIES 2006**

18 – 24 September 2006. Nairobi, Kenya

This is the fourth in a series of Africities Summits. The theme of this summit is "building joint actions for the effective realization of the Millennium Development Goals in African Local Governments." There are thematic sessions based around each of the Millennium Development Goals as well as a series of stakeholder meetings. There is also a special session on the management of urban mobility by local governments.



## Event Highlights Continued

### [Towards Carfree Cities VI](#)

20 – 24 September 2006. Bogota, Columbia

This event is organised by the World Carfree Network and this year will be hosted by the Fundacion Ciudad Humana. The event promises interactive workshops and inspiring speakers, such as Enrique Penalosa, ex-mayor of Bogota. Key themes include: sustainable cities; alternative and human mobility; security and citizen behaviour; and the environment.

### [13th World Congress and Exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services](#)

8 – 12 October 2006. London, UK

The ITS World Congress is organised by ERTICO in co-operation with ITS United Kingdom, Department for Transport, Department of Trade and Industry and Transport for London. It is part of the highly successful ongoing series of ITS World and European Congresses. These events have received the highest support throughout the ITS world in government, industry and other organisations and continue to do so in this rapidly growing field.

### [VicRoads International - Road Safety Workshop](#)

27 November – 1 December 2006. Melbourne, Australia

This practical workshop, which is based on the local and international experience of VicRoads, addresses the road safety needs of rapidly motorising nations. The workshop encompasses: Global Road Safety, Road Safety Strategies, Tools and Partners, Crash Investigation and Roadside Safety and Road Safety Audits

### [World Road Association \(PIARC\) 23rd World Road Congress](#)

17 – 21 September 2007. Paris, France

This event marks the centenary of the founding of PIARC in 1908. It will be structured around the themes of governance and management of the road system, safety and road operations, and quality of road infrastructures. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 September 2006.

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