



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROADS FUND **Regional Conference on Innovations in Road Financing and Management**

26-27 August 2010
Naura Springs Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania

First Announcement

Background

Developing countries depend on traditional sources of revenue for road financing particularly general Government Budgets and the fuel levy. Unfortunately, funding for road construction and maintenance is inadequate as well as not sustainable. In addressing this challenge, a number of other alternative sources of funding are being sought to ensure financing of road construction and maintenance is implemented in a sustainable way. On the road management, Road implementing agencies are facing a number of challenges including their institutional set ups, inadequacies in planning and procurement, inadequate absorption capacities, rising costs of road maintenance and development works, most of the road networks are unpaved and its maintenance is not sustainable, overloading, and poor quality of works done. It is clear that existing approaches for managing the road network are unsustainable and thus the need to change and move along a different growth pathway that is driven by a range of economic, social and environmental challenges, including poverty alleviation, climate change, congestion, and the provision of basic mobility among others. Realizing this fact, the Roads Fund Board is organizing an International Conference on Innovations in Road Financing and Management to commemorate 10 years since it was established. The conference has been designed to gather global expertise to focus on regional challenges in financing and managing the road sector.

Objective

The two day conference, featuring the world's leading road experts, will provide a unique forum for discussing and learning from experiences of best practices on the most crucial issues facing the road sector in Africa. It will be attended by over 100 senior-level representatives from across the East and Southern Africa region.

The conference shall focus on the following sub-themes:

- Roads subsector Policy and Strategy.
- Alternative means of Road Financing for both maintenance and road construction.
- Institutional framework and Reforms for managing and financing roads in developing countries.
- Road maintenance and construction technologies.
- Options for mitigating construction and maintenance costs of roads.
- Capacity building for sustainable road management (Toolkits for policy makers and road managers).

Languages

The working language of the conference will be English and no simultaneous translation will be available to other languages.

Target Participants

The conference is targeted for road sector policy and decision makers from both national and local government offices, officials from bilateral and multilateral donors, and other stakeholders from the Africa region representing the private sector, civil society, academia, knowledge institutions, media contractors, consultants, researchers and academia, students, and road users. Other interested parties are invited.

Exhibition

Exhibitions showcasing technologies and services relevant to the objective of the International Conference are welcome.

Registration & Fees

Participants wishing to attend should register on line and get confirmation from the organisers. Kindly visit www.roadfundtz.org. The registration fee for one delegate wishing to attend from a Road Funds and Agencies/Departments in Africa including all Local participants is free. Additional participants will have to pay a registration fee of US \$50.

Logistics and Accommodation

For hotel accommodation and logistics kindly visit www.roadfundtz.org.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding the conference, payments, and exhibitions, please contact the Office Management Secretary, Ms. Annette Kadendula, Tel: +255 22 241017-8; Mobile: +255 717993646; Fax: +255 22 241019; roadfund@raha.com

Post Conference Events.

A one day tour is organised on 28th August 2010 to visit the famous Ngorongoro Crater which is rich with wild animals that include lions, elephants, zebras, giraffes, and buffaloes. The cost per person is USD178 for Foreign delegates and USD130 for East Africa residents. The rate includes lunch and refreshments. For more information visit www.roadfundtz.org.



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