

# GOVERNANCE CAPACITY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN AFRICA

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## Objectives of Workshop

The primary objective of this workshop is to raise awareness within the key stakeholder groups, of how governance issues affect the efficiency and effectiveness of delivery of road services. This will be achieved by inviting delegates to comment on a number of proposals for assessing governance capacity in the sector.

Specific objectives are:

1. To raise awareness and understanding of how poor governance impacts on the delivery of road services to users.
2. To introduce key stakeholders to proposals on how to assess the capacity of governance in the transport sector (especially pertaining to roads).
3. To obtain feedback on these proposals and how they might be developed further.
4. To obtain some consensus on the approach to be taken towards assessing governance capacity in the transport sector.

## Target Audience

The issues to be discussed in this workshop should be of interest to all groups involved in road transport in developing countries. However, it is specifically aimed at the following key stakeholder groups:

1. **Senior decision makers on the delivery side** (politicians, senior managers of transport ministries, road funds and authorities, and managers of private sector suppliers, including contractors and consultants);
2. **Road user groups** (motoring organisations, public transport operators and users) and civil society groups involved in road transport issues;
3. **International Donors and other funding institutions;** and
4. **Researchers and academics** in the field of governance and transport management.

The maximum number of delegates will be limited to enable discussion. The registration will be done on a first come first served basis.

## Format

The workshop will last for one day, starting at approximately 09:00 and finishing at 17:00. Although it will be conducted in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, delegates will be expected to contribute towards the issues raised and express their professional views to the material presented at the workshop.

Depending on the numbers attending, several breakout groups will be used to address different specific areas of governance (e.g. road safety, urban roads, road user involvement, etc.), with each group comprising of a balance between the key target groups above. Their collective views will have an important input into how the governance proposals presented at the workshop are to be developed in the future.

In the morning, the key focus will be on the overall approach proposed for assessing governance capacity in the sector. Following brief initial presentations on what encompasses governance and the governance experiences in the roads sub-sector in a selected small number of countries (including South Africa), delegates will be invited to consider issues such as whether the approach proposed is feasible, realistic, worthwhile, appropriate and worthwhile; how it could be improved, the risks and drawbacks involved and any alternatives.

In the afternoon, following another brief introduction to the forthcoming session, delegates will be invited to consider specific indicators, with each group focussing on one indicator (covering areas such as those identified above), how they might work, be improved, used and their appropriateness.

A final session will conclude the proceedings, encourage delegates to continue their discussions online, and what will be the next steps in this process.

## **Registration**

The registration fee for this workshop is RD 400.--. The registration form is available for the workshop only. Note that registration fees must be fully paid up prior to the workshop date.