



2009 Convention on Rural Roads.

26th to 27th November 2009

Theme: Rural Roads for
Economic Development,
Social Cohesion and
Poverty Reduction

SESSION 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF RURAL ROADS Issues and Recommendations

KEY OBSERVATIONS FROM SESSION 1

1. Increase of Informal means of transport in Developing Countries and the difficulties in regulating it.
2. Importance of community participation in rural roads construction and maintenance, taking into consideration the financial resources constraints in rural communities.
3. Importance of community access, taking into account considerations of local situation and including new opportunities to markets.
4. Application of Labour based methods on rural roads construction, expanding opportunities for employment and income generation.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SESSION 1:

1. Need for more **research which is better funded**.
2. Dissemination of **knowledge adapted to local context** through knowledge networks.
3. Develop **locally adapted solutions** for the supply chains.
4. Preference to **eco-friendly local construction materials** for rural roads.