



2009 Convention on Rural Roads.

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

SESSION 4: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RURAL ROADS Key Issues and Recommendations

KEY OBSERVATIONS IN SESSION 4

1. Commercial additives can contribute to reduced gravel loss, but traditional construction using thin bituminous seals has a lower whole life cost.
2. Otta seals are a viable and affordable surfacing for rural roads in Tanzania.
3. Long term performance based maintenance contracts carry higher risks and can lead to loss of capacity in the sector.
4. Alliances between the government, private sector and road users can provide a basis for effective maintenance systems.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SESSION 4

1. Promote the sealing of rural roads, including the use of Otta seal.
2. Develop strong in-house capacity in road owner organizations to ensure effective maintenance and the safety of road users.
3. Governments should include the private sector and road users in the design of maintenance systems