

TANZANIA ROADS ASSOCIATION (TARA) WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) is a non-governmental organization whose mission is *“to liaise with and influence the government to plan and provide good roads and effective road transport system”*.

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Services provided by the TARA to its members and stakeholders in the road sector include: -

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- Worldwide Networking
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Message from TARA Chairman

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Tanzania Roads Association (TARA), it is my pleasure to welcome all stakeholders in the roads sector to TARA Weekly Bulletin. This is one of the tools established to facilitate sharing information, experiences and best practices to our members and other stakeholders within the road transport sector. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all our members and stakeholders who have been parting and supporting TARA and I warmly welcome you to continue reading our weekly bulletin.

Mr. Joseph O. Haule

TARA Chairman

Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) Organised the 17th Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2017) held at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 16th – 17th November 2017

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The Guest of Honour Eng. Joseph M. Nyamhanga, The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication Delivering the Opening Speech at the Annual Roads Convention (ARC 2017).

More than 120 participants attended the Convention from key road safety stakeholders including the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication, Traffic Police, Tanzania National Roads Agency, Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency, National Road Safety Council, NIT, AAT and SUMATRA.

ARC 2017 Observations and Recommendations

Sub-theme: Road Safety Policy, Laws, Regulations and Enforcement

Observations:

- There is no lead institution to coordinate road safety activities in the country
- Some of the traffic laws are out dated and are not addressing current road safety issues

Recommendations

1. The efforts to make NRSC be the lead agency in coordination of road safety activities should be expedited.
2. The current laws should be reviewed to accommodate the changing road safety environment to support the efforts to reduce road crashes
3. Immediate replacement of damaged/vandalised road signs, signals and markings should be done by the responsible authorities
4. Mechanism to finance road safety activities should be identified and could include establishment of dedicated fund from various sources including fines collected from traffic offenders.

The Convention covered four sub-themes of: -

- **Implementing UN Decade of Action for Road Safety**
- **Road Safety Policy, Laws/Regulations and Enforcement**
- **Safety Considerations in Design and Construction of Roads.**
- **Public Awareness and Education.**

Sub-theme: Implementing UN Decade of Action for Road Safety

Observation:

- Very little progress has been recorded to date. The lack of a stronger road safety Lead Agency in Tanzania has had a negative impact on the implementation of the UN declaration in Tanzania.

Recommendations

1. NRSC should be strengthened and made responsible to coordinate the implementation of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety in Tanzania
2. Efforts should be made to fast track the implementation to meet the targets set.

ARC 2017 Observations and Recommendations (*cont'd*)

Sub-theme: Safety Consideration in Design and Construction of Roads

Observations:

- There is a general lack of understanding amongst consultants practicing in Sub-Saharan Africa of the essential attributes of a safe road design.
- Crash barriers (guard rails), Speed Calming Devices (SCDs) and overhead pedestrian bridges are important for road safety but their designs are occasionally making them not providing the service intended or not user friendly.

Recommendations

1. Road agencies should make regular road safety audits to capture safety issues and address them in the design and construction of roads.
2. Design and construction of roads should take into consideration the requirements of people with disability, including installing special road signs for disabled persons.
3. Future phase of BRT should consider more seriously issues of safety of its users and the public in general to avoid shortfalls observed in the 1st Phase.
4. More research should be done to make the traffic flow on trunk roads be more 'economic sensitive' and public travel more comfortably (less speed limiting).
5. SCDs should be provided where they are needed most and not by demand from politicians and public.

Sub-theme: Public Awareness and Education

Observations:

- Partnerships among road safety stakeholders increase road safety awareness.
- Dar es Salaam Flying Doctors (DFD) has various resources and is willing to share with interested and committed stakeholders so that they could be used for emergency medical services in case of road traffic crashes.

Recommendations

1. Public should be made aware of the traffic laws and regulations including the mandatory regular vehicle inspection.
2. Effects of vehicle emissions problems should be made known to the public.
3. Drivers trainers should undergo competence based professional training.
4. Initiatives to educate school children on road safety should be enhanced and rolled out to cover all schools country wide.
5. Efforts by private sector to participate in addressing road safety should be encouraged and supported.

Upcoming Events in the Roads Sector in Tanzania and Worldwide

The South African Road Federation (SARF) in association with the International Road Federation, headquartered in Washington DC (IRF) and the PIARC (World Roads Association), is hosting the Regional Conference for Africa at the Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa, from 9 to 11 October 2018. The theme of the conference is: **Roads to Social and Economic Growth**.

The Conference Organising Committee is inviting authors to submit papers for SARF/IRF 2018 Conference on Roads to Social and Economic Growth. For more information about abstract submission visit <http://www.sarf-irf2018.co.za/call-for-papers/>



Request for Providing Articles for Sharing with Stakeholders in the Roads Sector

The Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) is inviting all of its members and stakeholders in the road transport industry to submit Articles for sharing expertise, experiences, technologies and best practices which will contribute in resolving the challenges facing the road transport industry in Tanzania and worldwide. The Article should contain short and brief Bio and electronic passport of the writer, and submit the information to Tanzania Roads Association through brunokinyaga@gmail.com with a copy to tanzaniaroads@yahoo.com or Contact the TARA Executive Secretary **Mr Bruno Kinyaga** at +255 718937070.