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Spring Recap Boosting Road Safety Results



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Spring was an exciting season for road safety and for the World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility (GRSF), which was at the forefront of numerous events, news, and announcements shared below.

SAVING LIVES ON THE ROAD – TIME FOR LEADERSHIP

To kick off the start of the [5th UN Global Road Safety Week](#), on May 6th 2019, the World Bank and GRSF hosted a high-level conference that



brought together political leaders and representatives from international organizations including the United Nations (UN), International Road Federation, World Resources Institute (WRI), as well as road safety advocates and others. The goal was to discuss the path forward to realize the road safety targets of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the World Bank's agenda on road safety.

World Bank Vice President for Infrastructure Makhtar Diop opened the event with a keynote address, followed by a high-level panel discussion with policy makers from developing countries and global leaders on road safety, chaired by Franz R. Drees-Gross, Director for the Transport Global Practice. This was succeeded by a conference highlighting the different road safety initiatives across the World Bank Global Practices moderated and chaired by Radoslaw Czapski, GRSF Program Manager. To learn more about the actions discussed and next steps, click [here](#).

SAFER STREETS AND SAFER MOBILITY FORUM IN SHANGHAI

On April 16-17, 2019, the World Bank's GRSF along with partners from the Bloomberg Initiative on Global Road Safety (BIGRS) and Chinese stakeholders, organized a two-day forum that convened about 150 road safety professionals from Shanghai and other cities to share their

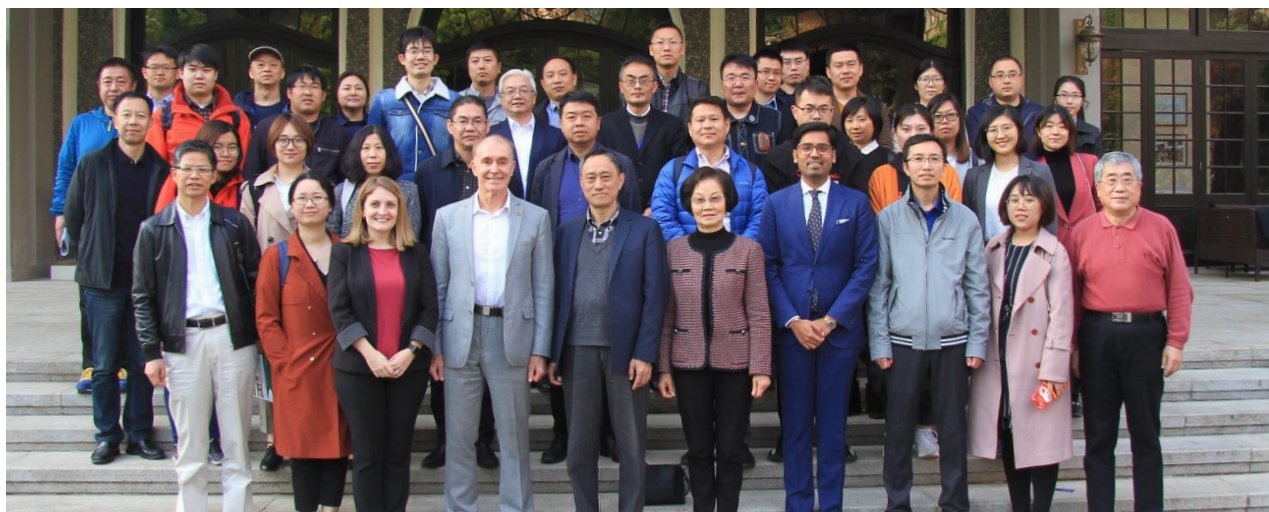
knowledge, lessons learned and strategies to improve road design, infrastructure and inter-agency coordination in Chinese cities. The highlight of this event was a case study about the road safety improvements built by the Yangpu Transport Commission on Zhengtong road. The enhancements transformed it into a top 5-star safety road, with a benefit-cost ratio of three – *in which the benefits of saving lives is thrice as much as*

the cost of the upgrades implemented. These road safety measures are captured in the before and after scenes found in this [video](#).

Presentations and discussions focused on strategic road safety policies for decision makers, including a session on road safety policies and strategies, delivered jointly by the head of GRSF and Jiaozuo project management delegates. The following day was geared towards technical-level specialists and included an introduction to road safety engineering tools by the World Bank, iRAP case studies from BIGRS work, and China-specific case studies from ChinaRAP. Soames Job, Head of the GRSF provided an overview on speed management, e-bikes and heavy vehicles, while WRI, NACTO-GDCI and Shanghai Urban Construction Design and Research Institute presented safe and sustainable design strategies and held



Zhengtong Road, Shanghai, after road safety upgrades implemented, April 15, 2019



a book-signing event for the Chinese Shanghai Street Design Guide.

WINNERS OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FY19

The GRSF's new Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) program, financed by UK Aid, recently announced the winners of its **FY 2019 Call for Proposals**.

These **14 grants** totaling **USD 2.75 million** span over a large geographical area and focus on **road safety research, technical assistance** and **capacity building** and are aimed at advancing the global road safety agenda. While the process was very competitive, having received the largest number of applications thus far, GRSF would like to thank all internal and external applicants for their excellent proposals and looks

Region/Organization	Proposal's Title
Africa, World Bank (WB)	Quantifying the Road Safety Challenge in fragile cities in Africa – from theory to solutions
Africa, WB	Improving Road Safety in Dar es Salaam
Africa, WB	Improving Sidewalk Safety for Pedestrians in Addis Ababa
Africa, AFDB & WB	Road Safety Lead Agency Models in Africa, their efficacy and Replicability (<i>two applications merged</i>)
Africa, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety	Assessment of the enabling environment for road safety civil society organizations in three sub-Saharan African countries
Asia, WHO	Improving road traffic fatality data in select countries in Asia
Central Asia & Mediterranean, EBRD	Assessment of post-crash response capacity to identify priority investments in DFID countries
East Asia, WB	BRTs and Motorcycle Ban: Comparison Study between Yangon and Mandalay regarding safety and congestion
East Asia, WB	Lao PDR: Implementation of crash data collection system, supported by capacity building and research activities
East Asia, WB	Road Safety Management Capacity Assessments with an emphasis on crash data systems in selected Pacific Island Countries: Samoa, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands (<i>two applications merged</i>)
Europe and Central Asia, WB	Social-economic costs of road accidents and safety of pedestrians and NMT users in Azerbaijan
Global, WHO	Organization and performance of road safety lead agencies in low- and middle-income countries: a comparative case study analysis
Global, WB	Improving Efficiency of Road Safety Screening and Appraisal in LICs, using Street View Computer Vision and Machine Learning
South Asia, WB	Technical Assistance for Bangladesh Road Safety Program

forward to collaborating with the teams on the implementation of their projects.

TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

In March 20-21, 2019, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Transport Forum (ITF) and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) organized a kick-off workshop in Singapore that called for the establishment of the **Road Safety Observatory (RSO) in Asia and the Pacific region**. This event is the starting point of a collaborative effort to increase the visibility of the road safety challenge in the region, enable governments to advance regional collaboration and leverage synergies among Asian and Pacific countries to improve road crash data collection and ameliorate road safety conditions – as the road safety observatories in Africa and Latin America are already doing.

The workshop saw over 70 participants from 15 countries in Asia (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam) which agreed on the need for creating the RSO in the region. Representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO), Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) have also contributed to the success of this event and are engaged to further support the development of this observatory. The next regional meeting towards materializing this effort is scheduled for Fall 2019 and will be hosted by ADB or UNESCAP.

All materials from the workshop, including presentations and photographs can be accessed [here](#).



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