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UNECE Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety - Pre-event to the Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety

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This document, submitted by the WP.1 Bureau, provides information about the pre-event the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety intends to organize at the Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety on 18 February 2020 in Stockholm. The event will aim at raising attention to the recent work of the Global Forum, including on the importance of securing a harmonized view on how to maximize the social benefits of new automotive technologies in the context of new road mobility challenges; on the effect of automation on the vehicle user's behavioural patterns; on the social acceptance; and on the automation's ability to cope with the critical socio-demographic policy challenges at the global level. To this end, WP.1 delegates, legal experts, international institutions, the automotive and digital industries, the transport research and academia are expected to contribute to the debate on what are the essential elements which regulators should take into account to facilitate the governance of road traffic in the coming decades.



**UNECE Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety - Pre-event to the
Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety**

February 18, 2020

Time : 10 – 17

Location : to be confirmed

Draft Program -

Title: Time for collaboration and meaningful shared responsibility. Considering the legal framework governing the international application of emerging automotive technologies for the benefit of road safety and Sustainable Development Goals.

Format: The event will feature internationally recognized authorities from international institutions, governments, industries and academia. The Chair of the Global Forum will set the context for the session and establish objectives for the presentations and audience interaction. Four panels will follow, with moderators summarizing the key points of the panel discussions and providing a number of thought-provoking questions to stimulate responses from both the panellists and audience.

Objective: The event will generate constructive ideas for advancing road safety in the next decade focusing on the need for collaboration between the international institutions, governments, and private sectors for taking advantage of emerging digital and technological automotive opportunities such as growing commitment toward the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Panel Discussions:

1. Road Safety and Global Development: A Retrospective
 - Topics will include the role of road safety in global agenda-setting and the linkages between road safety and the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.
2. The Next Decade: An Era of Collaboration
 - The roles of governments in the Global Forum endeavors to update the existing legal instruments and the importance to supplement governmental responsibility with private sector engagement in road safety, so to maximize the social benefits of new vehicle technologies
3. The Role of Technology in Shaping the Next Decade
 - An expanded view of the role of automotive technology in achieving the next levels of road safety, with special attention to the needs of low- and middle-income nations as well as to the societal challenges of inclusiveness and sustainability (vulnerable road users, ageing population, improving urban and rural livability)

4. An Agenda for Governments

- A focus on the need for an agenda to work on international supportive legal framework, as well as to develop favorable policies road safety institutional capacity among low- and middle-income nations.

Anticipated Audience: The event is expected to attract a cross-section of government, industry and academic professionals.

Reference web link for updated information:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html>

Conference website , for registration , program and useful travel information

<https://www.roadsafetysweden.com/about-the-conference/making-progress-together/>
