Olga Algayerova
Executive Secretary, UNECE

On 13 April 2017, the Secretary-General appointed Ms Olga Algayerova of Slovakia as the next Executive Secretary of the UNECE. She took office on 1 June 2017.

Ms. Algayerova brings to the position a combination of leadership and diplomatic skills with deep knowledge of the region with its challenges and opportunities and a strong focus on building and nurturing partnerships among key stakeholders with the United Nations. Prior to her appointment, she served as Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (since 2012). She was previously President, Slovak Millennium Development Goals (2010-2012); State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010) and Corporate Export Manager, Zentiva International, a.s. (2004-2006).

Born in 1959, Ms. Algayerova holds a Master in Contemporary Diplomacy from Malta University, a Master in Business Administration from The Open University Business School, United Kingdom and a Dipl. in Engineer of Economy from the University of Economics Business Faculty, Bratislava.

On 12 July 2017, Ms. Olga Algayerova was sworn-in by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres.

Antonio Erario
Vice-Chair, World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation (WP.29)

Mr. Erario holds a Research Doctorate and a Transport Engineering Degree. He has been national expert of the European Commission, DG ENTR (1997) and Officer of the UNECE Transport Division (1997).

Since the year 2000 he is Head of Division on International Regulatory Affairs of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport where he is responsible for EU and UN/ECE legislative actions and policies on vehicles.

He is member of the Bureau of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee, Vice Chairman of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations- WP.29 and Chairman of the General Safety Working Group -WP.29/GRSG of UNECE (Geneva).
Jean Todt
UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety, President, FIA.

Jean Todt is President of the FIA (Fédération Internationale de L’Automobile) - the governing body for world motor sport and the federation of the world’s motoring organisations. The federation works across two key interlinked areas of activity – Sport and Mobility. In the realm of Mobility, the FIA aims to ensure that safe, affordable and clean systems of transport are available to all. He was elected to the position in October 2009 and re-elected in December 2013. He made road safety a priority of the federation through the FIA Action for Road Safety campaign, launched in 2011 in support of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. The campaign is based on global advocacy for road safety, supporting action on the ground by its 250 member clubs in nearly 150 countries, building institutional and commercial partnerships as well as mobilising the motor sport community to promote road safety. On 29 April 2015, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Jean Todt as his first ever Special Envoy for Road Safety. Jean Todt is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of the FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society. Jean Todt began his career in 1966 as a world championship rally co-driver, before joining Peugeot as Sporting Director in 1981. In 1993, he joined Ferrari Racing, later taking responsibility for all motor sport activity for the Ferrari-Maserati Group. He was appointed General Manager of Ferrari in 2004 and at the end of 2006 became Chief Executive Officer of the company until 2008. In 2011, Jean Todt was named Grand Croix de la Légion d’Honneur, the highest honour of the French Republic. He is Chairman of the Board of the Suu Foundation, a humanitarian organization dedicated to advancing the health and education of the people of Myanmar founded by Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Peace Institute (IPI). He is also one of the Founders and the Vice-President of ICM, an institute devoted to medical research for brain and spinal cord disorders. Jean Todt was born on 25 February 1946 at Pierrefort, Cantal (France). He has one son, Nicolas, and shares his life with actress and film producer Michelle Yeoh, who is Global Road Safety Ambassador.

Monika Gail MacDevette
Director, a.i. Ecosystems Division, UNEP

Monika is an environmental physiologist, having received her BSc, MSc and Doctorate in plant biotechnology and genetic engineering. For the past 30 or so years, she has worked extensively in applied science and technology innovation in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and coastal and marine development. Prior to joining the UN Environment Programme, her work experience in Canada and South Africa included academia, policy implementation, multi-stakeholder and private sector partnerships, small, medium and micro-enterprise technology transfer and capacity development. Her background at UN Environment started with regional cooperation and coordination, partnership management at UNEP-WCMC, Deputy Director and Chief of both the Capacity Development, and the Scientific Assessment Branches in the Science Division. She is currently the Deputy Director and heads the Operations and Programme Delivery Branch in the Ecosystems Division.

Monika has a deep interest in, and commitment to gender equality and the role of women and men in transforming the environmental agenda from a policy perspective. She currently leads the organisation’s environmental education work promoting the active participation of students in environmental sustainability at university campuses, engaging students and youth as leaders and role models for sustainability through education. Her niche at the UN Environment Programme is promoting sound science to inform policy, and fostering innovations to turn policy into actions. She has three adult sons, three adorable grandchildren, 2 dogs, and has been adopted over the years by 3 cats.
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Walter Nissler
Secretary of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), UNECE

Walter Nissler is Chief of the Vehicle Regulations and Transport Innovations Section of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Before, he worked for six years at the European Commission in the area of road safety and for twenty years in national administration dealing with vehicle testing and type approval. His educational background is mechanical engineering with a University degree in vehicle engineering.

André Rijnders
Chair of the working party on pollution and energy (GRPE)

After graduating in mechanical and motor vehicle engineering in Eindhoven and a bachelor study on engineering and management (The Hague). André Rijnders started his professional career at RDW in 1981. André went through various positions within the RDW such as homologation engineer, trainer and manager and is now a Senior Advisor. Since 1994 André joint the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) in Geneva. He was leading the Dutch delegation of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) and was he was active in the several developments of vehicle regulations on Heavy Duty and on Light Duty vehicles like the WLTP. In 2017 André was elected as Chairman of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) and re-elected for the year 2020. In Europe is André the emission expert and spokesman from the Netherlands in the Technical Committee - Motor vehicles’ (TCMV) and several emissions expert groups of the European Commission like the real driving emissions (RDE) and the future Euro 7 emissions developments.

Alejandro Furas
Global NCAP Secretary General

Forthcoming

Eduard Fernandez
Executive Director, CITA

Eduard Fernández is M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and has completed ICT and PDD training in Business Administration at ESADE. He has devoted his full career in road vehicle standards. Since 1992 was Vehicle Approval Engineer and Product Development Manager at IDIADA – www.idiada.com, where he set up and managed the vehicle lighting and helmet testing laboratories and was involved in the business development in Asia and Central and North Europe. In 2002 Mr. Fernández became Technical and Development Director at Applus Iteve – www.applusautomotive.com, taking responsibility in the development of roadworthiness and periodical vehicle inspection programmes in Spain, USA, France, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, India, Marrocco and Andorra. In 2010, he moved to CERTIO Itv – www.certio.com, a new-created regional based vehicle-inspection company, where has set up the technical and quality systems to start operations.
Since 2014, Eduard Fernández is the Executive Director of CITA, the International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee – www.citavehicleinspection.org. This non-profit association involves public agencies, private companies, equipment manufacturers and other stakeholders interested in roadworthiness and vehicle inspection all around the world.

Besides to that, Mr. Fernández has participated in the creation and development of road vehicle standards at national, European and United Nations level both as governmental and as private expert. He has given speeches and lectures in different universities and conferences. Eduard Fernández speaks Spanish, English and French.

Session 2
Nhan Tran
Coordinator, Unintentional Injury Prevention, WHO

Dr Nhan Tran was born in Viet Nam and grew up in the United States where he completed studies in international relations and modern languages. He obtained a graduate degree in International Public Health and a PhD in Health Systems Research with an emphasis on road traffic injuries from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Dr Tran worked at the regional and federal levels of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in various capacities managing programmes and as a science advisor. Later, as a researcher at Johns Hopkins University, Dr Tran was engaged in health systems and road safety research and helped to establish the International Injury Research Unit.

Dr Tran joined WHO in 2011. For the last 6 years, he was the Manager of the WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research where he lead the development of guidance and initiatives to facilitate the implementation and scale up of proven effective interventions. Since October 2017 Dr Tran is the Coordinator of the Unintentional Injury Prevention Team (UIP) within the Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention (NVII). He co-ordinates work in the areas of unintentional injury prevention focused mainly on road safety, injury surveillance/surveys and alcohol and drug-related injuries.

Mike Walsh
Executive Vice President Southern Africa & Oceania, DEKRA

Mike Walsh was over 30 years experience in the Automotive industry. He is currently Executive Vice President at the German testing and certification company, DEKRA SE, with responsibility for the Southern Africa, Oceania region. Previously he has held senior roles at ExxonMobil and most recently he was CEO of Vehicle Testing New Zealand Ltd. He is a former Bureau Permanent Member of CITA, the international body representing the Vehicle Inspection industry based in Brussels and is a current director of the German - New Zealand Chamber of Commerce.

Segun Ogunnaike
General manager, LACVIS, Nigeria

A highly motivated professional, initiator and manager of strategic change and business development, with extensive experience spanning over 25 years across, Printing, Journalism, Information Technology, Marketing, Public Affairs and Development Consulting. Segun Ogunnaike is vast in problem solving and achieving results through translating corporate vision and strategies into key initiatives and programs that aligns with corporate mission, values and goals. A confident personality with excellent communication skills, possessing an ability to lead, motivate and work with others in multi-disciplinary or multi-cultural environments, driven to build strong relationships and effective value-added cross-functional partnerships.
As the General Manager of the Lagos Computerised Vehicle Inspection Service (LACVIS), he has successfully raised the profile of corporate governance at LACVIS which has helped to create a system that is functional and efficient, leading the company on strategic and operational activities on the journey of being the first and preferred vehicle inspection agency of Africa origin. He has participated in several summits and conferences designed to improve capacity and capability of positioning Nigeria at the forefront of emerging into a country utilizing technology to ensure safer driving experiences and culture.

In the transportation industry, his influence in communicating the life implications of neglecting road safety especially through the Computerised Vehicle Inspection is legendary. He has spoken at different fora and media platforms to communicate the importance of safety and also mentor motorists and road users to adopt safety as a lifestyle.

He is an Associate Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Direct Marketing of Nigeria (IDMN); Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Institute for Government Research and Leadership Technology and Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (CIOTA) Fellow, of the Institute of Management Consultants Nigeria and the Chartered Institute of Administrators, Nigeria.

**Mikheil Khmaladze**  
Director of LEPL Land transport Agency, Georgia

Mr. Khmaladze has distinguished himself by being in charge of the reforms which have made significant impact on the road transport sector in Georgia and Under his direction, Georgia has become a contracting party to many of the International Agreements which have been agreed here at the UN, as well as other international and regional organizations. He has contributed to transforming Georgia’s road transport sector and integrating it into a global chain of transport and communications.

Mr. Khmaladze will today present his insight about – import of the Used Vehicles: restrictions or incentives.

Georgia represents an interesting case to consider when applying restrictive measures or incentivizing certain categories of used vehicle import.