



Improving Global Road Safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets

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Experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan exchanged national experiences on road safety, including achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges, during a recent seminar organized by UNECE and hosted by the Government of the Republic of Belarus.

Anatoly Kuleshov, acting Minister of Interior, Antonius Broek, United Nations Resident Coordinator, and Eva Molnar, Director of Transport Division in the UNECE opened the seminar which is part of the project "Improving Global Road Safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets" funded by the United Nations Development Account.

Road safety practices that have brought significant reductions in road traffic casualties in countries like Spain, Poland France, UK and Australia were shared with participants, along with good practices from the UN regional commissions, the World Health Organization, European Commission, Global Road Safety Partnership and FIA Foundation, to name but a few.

While encouraging such positive developments, participants recognized that road traffic casualties are still dramatically affecting their countries. Road safety is no longer just a transport issue; it is also a health issue and a social, financial and economic hazard with negative impacts on global development.

The results of the seminar will be included in the final report of the project, which will be communicated to the Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (19-20 November 2009, Moscow, Russian Federation) and further promoted as guidelines to be followed by countries in all the United Nations regional commissions' geographical areas.

