

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
2024 CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPT NOTES
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2024 Call for Concept Notes

There is great concern over the high number of injuries/deaths and road accidents in Latin America and the Caribbean countries. In this context, the establishment of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) in April 2018 was crucial for mitigating and, ideally, eliminating road traffic injuries for all road users. The UNRSF, as a multi-partner financing instrument, is looking to facilitate concrete actions towards the achievement of all the road safety-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, including target 3.6, which seeks to reduce the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents and target 11.2 which seeks to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety.

United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/299 of 31 August 2020 included the programme “Improving global road safety”. It also requested that the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with other partners in the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration and other stakeholders, to prepare a plan of action for the Second Decade as a guiding document to support the implementation of its objectives.

The UNRSF provides financing for projects to be managed by other United Nations agencies together with other partners, to apply good practices, policies, regulations and capacities needed to implement these road safety systems.

Considering the above, ECLAC’s main challenges are the need to improve and update road safety policies and at the same time to encourage enforcement actions under a comprehensive and participative focus for reducing risk exposure. Taking such challenges into account, ECLAC focuses its actions in road safety, especially in the creation of technical capacities to design, monitor and evaluate mid- and long-term road safety policies and strategies towards the achievement of a comprehensive, sustainable and safe mobility system in Latin America and the Caribbean countries.

ECLAC seeks projects associated with its work programme, mainly focused on research, technical assistance, and capacity-building activities that include best practices and contribute to the implementation of public policies in topics such as road infrastructure, speed management, national or local capacities for road safety control and public policy interventions through participatory mechanisms.

II. Application strategy

In light of the launch of the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety in 2021 and the Global Plan for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, ECLAC will consider the following strategic priorities:

- a) It is recommended that the project be implemented in more than one country, with subsequent scalability. In this sense, a multi-country approach should be considered to address common challenges. In the case of projects executed in a single country, it will be considered that the experience could be replicable in other countries.
- b) ECLAC also seeks collaboration with other Regional Commissions, Funds, or Programmes from the United Nations that can pool experiences and expertise for implementing road safety

policies to achieve the second decade of action goals as well as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Priority will be given to the projects that impact more SDGs.

- c) The active participation of civil society institutions, together with the responsible authorities, is highly considered by ECLAC, due to the existing evidence of the positive effect they have on the success of road safety policies.
- d) Although all projects funded by the UNRSF must relate to one or more pillars¹, ECLAC will give priority to projects that support pillar 3, related to vehicle safety, and pillar 2, to improve safety of road infrastructure and broader transport networks.

Applications from low- and middle-income UNECLAC member States will be accepted, in line with United Nations rules and regulations. Also, UNECLAC will accept stakeholders such as governments, intergovernmental bodies, civil society (NGOs, academia, etc.), and the private sector to submit proposals.

Completed “Concept Notes” should be submitted via email to **UNECLAC by October 10th** to allow UNECLAC sufficient time to evaluate if all criteria are met. Please note that all proposals must be submitted to the **UNRSF by October 31st**.

III. Contact information

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¹ The five pillars are: 1) Road safety management; 2) Safe roads; 3) Safe vehicle; 4) Safe user and 5) Effective post-crash response.