



United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund
Steering Committee
Seventh session
Geneva, 6 October 2020

List of decisions of the Steering Committee at its seventh session.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Steering Committee adopted the agenda of its seventh session (UNRSTF/SC/13).

The following Steering Committee members participated: UNECE, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNECLAC, UNECA, UN Habitat, WHO, Russian Federation, FIA, FIA Foundation, Michelin, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety and European Investment Bank.

The number of Steering Committee members participating, as per Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, constituted a quorum.

2. 2020 Call for Proposals

Based on the strategic decisions of the Advisory Board at its fourth session on 8 July 2020 and the Steering Committee's sixth session on 9 July 2020, the UNRSF secretariat presented the outcome of the financing coordination meeting held on 23 July 2020, convened with other road safety funds and programmes to assess their programmes for 2020 and beyond (UNRSTF/SC/2020(4)/2).

The Steering Committee recommended that the secretariat continues to organize regular meetings with the other funds (e.g. twice a year) on programme coordination and operational financing. The outcome of the coordination meetings would then be presented to the Steering Committee.

On the basis of the discussion, the Steering Committee agreed to prioritize the following areas for the 2020 Call for Proposals and asked the secretariat to reflect this in the draft application package (UNRSTF/SC/2020(4)/2):

- Focus the impact of project proposals through alignment with national priorities, opportunities for synergies and avoiding duplications with other road safety funds and programmes;
- Prioritize projects that have a significant and sustainable impact on road safety in low- and middle-income countries;
- Partially connect with COVID-19 (active mobility, vulnerable road users and speed management);
- Taking also into account:
 - partnerships and leveraging of other resources, including co-financing;
 - the new UN Resolution A/RES/74/299; and
 - the UN Sustainable Development Goals, i.e. cross-cutting issues.

The Steering Committee reviewed the draft 2020 Call for Proposals application package (UNRSTF/SC/2020(4)/2) and shared their feedback. It was agreed to remove the US\$ 1 million upper limit on project budgets and to increase the cap for the budget line on "staff and personnel costs" from 20 percent to 50 percent. A revised version of the application package will be circulated to the Committee via email by the secretariat prior to launching the Call. The Call will be launched by 30 October 2020 and closed by 31 January 2021. A Steering Committee session will take place on 30 April 2021 to select projects.

3. Project amendment

The UNRSF secretariat presented the request for a project amendment from ECLAC with respect to the "Speed Management project in Latin America: the case of Argentina," which was selected in the 2019 Call for Proposals. The Steering Committee considered the amendment request submitted by ECLAC (UNRSTF/SC/2020(4)/3) and invited ECLAC to resubmit the project amendment request with the inclusion of meaningful participation of civil society in the project and supplementing the project document with a detailed rationale and description on how the project objectives would continue to be

met despite the different implementation modality. The representative of ECLAC noted that he would submit the revised project amendment to the secretariat by the end of October 2020.

4. Other business

The Steering Committee welcomed the participation of the Advisory Board Chair, Mr. Matthew Baldwin in the session, concurring that a closer link between the Advisory Board and the Steering Committee would be a positive addition to the work of the UNRSF.

The Steering Committee was informed that as of 1 October 2020, the UNRSF secretariat has been reporting directly to the Office of the Executive Secretary of UNECE. In addition, Mr. Romain Hubert will continue his function as the Acting Head of the UNRSF secretariat until 31 December 2020. The recruitment process of the full-time Head of the UNRSF secretariat has been restarted and the Steering Committee will be invited to disseminate the new advertisement within its networks.

The Steering Committee took note of the feedback provided by Mr. Darren Lindsay on behalf of the private sector on the progress of the Fund and resource mobilization efforts and encouraged the UNRSF secretariat to further engage on this.

The secretariat reported on the initiatives that it was undertaking on resource mobilization:

- **Informal Working Group:** a meeting of the informal working group on fundraising will be organized on 9 November 2020 to discuss current status and plans for UNRSF resource-mobilization with existing donors.
- **Innovative financing:** The secretariat continues to liaise with FIA, MPTFO and the UN Office on Legal Affairs on the MOVISM project, with a specific focus on its governance aspect. It is currently exploring the possibility of organizing a public auction for the UNRSF with MPTFO. Finally, efforts to encourage individual giving through contributions on the website will be explored in parallel with the development of the new UNRSF website.
- **Outreach:** the secretariat has been working closely with the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, Mr. Jean Todt and UNECE Executive Secretary Ms. Olga Algayerova, supporting their efforts to raise funds for the UNRSF. This has included: (i) letters sent to public sector donors in July 2020 co-signed by the Special Envoy, the Executive Secretary and the Head of the European Union Delegation in Geneva calling for support to the UNRSF; (ii) Geneva Friends of Road Safety Network Event in early September 2020 attended by ambassadors, where the UNRSF video was screened and calls for UNRSF support was made; (iii) talking points for meetings and engagements that ensure the visibility and awareness of the UNRSF; and (iv) the secretariat is currently working on letters co-signed by the Special Envoy and the Executive Secretary to be sent to more than 40 private sector entities informing them of the UNRSF and encouraging them to engage with the Fund.

With respect to the UNRSF project portfolio, the secretariat reported that 8 of the 10 projects selected in February 2020 are now operational. The secretariat informed the Committee that it would be submitting another amendment request via email for the UNRSF pilot project implemented in Ethiopia by UN Habitat ("Scaling up safe streets design"). The reason for the amendment is the reallocation of funds from the "travel" (decrease of 54%) and "contractual services" (decrease of 6%) budget lines due to COVID-19.

The Steering Committee was notified by the secretariat that its work between 2018-2020 would be undergoing an independent evaluation, the final report of which is expected to be made available in March 2021. Members of the Steering Committee will be contacted by the evaluator for interviews and feedback on the work of the secretariat.

Finally, the secretariat updated the Committee on various communications initiatives that it was undertaking. This included the development of a communications network with participating UN

organizations, donors and governing body members. The UNRSF now has a twitter account and will be expanding its presence on other social media shortly. The secretariat is also working on the development of a new website, which is expected to be launched by mid of 2021. Other communications plans include a social media campaign for the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and an end-of-year newsletter.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next session of the Steering Committee will take place on 30 April 2021 to select projects submitted to the 2020 Call for Proposals.

6. Adoption of the decisions

The Steering Committee adopted the list of decisions of its seventh session via a 72-hour silence procedure (UNRSTF/SC/14).
