



United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund
Steering Committee
Third session
Geneva, 4 October 2019

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Steering Committee adopted the agenda of its third session (UNRSTF/SC/5).

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

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

2. 2019 Call for Proposals

At its third session held in Geneva on 3 September 2019, the Advisory Board considered the themes or focus areas for the next calls for project proposals in 2019-2021 and decided to open the first formal call for proposals within the Fund's Global Framework Plan and Funding Criteria and Priorities, giving priority to individual country and multi-country projects having immediate and tangible impact. The Board stressed the importance of partnership and synergies with other institutions. The Advisory Board further requested the secretariat to organize a virtual Steering Committee meeting in advance of the launch of the formal call for proposals. The Board decided that the first call for proposals would disburse USD 4 million. The Board also advised the secretariat to indicate the total amount without limit on each project budget when launching the call for proposals. In line with the above-mentioned decisions, the secretariat prepared a 2019 Call for Proposals package contained in the document UNRSTF/SC/2019(1)/1.

Based on the strategic decisions of the Advisory Board and the document UNRSTF/SC/2019(1)/1, the Steering Committee approved the funding cycle parameters for the 2019 call, as follows:

- i. Length of funding cycle: the 2019 Call for Proposals would be launched by 11 October and closed by 6 December, with a Steering Committee session to select projects by 14 February 2020.
- ii. Priorities and focus: within the Fund's Global Framework Plan and the Funding Criteria and Priorities, priority will be given to individual country and multi-country projects having immediate and tangible impact. Partnerships and synergies with other institutions will be encouraged.
- iii. Total funding to be awarded: the 2019 Call for Proposals will disburse a total of USD 4 million.
- iv. Eligibility criteria: Participating UN organizations will be eligible to apply for funding under the 2019 Call for Proposals. Other institutions may apply for funding through one of the participating UN organizations.
- v. Budgetary limits to each project: individual projects submitted for this round must have a minimum budget of USD 100,000, with no specific maximum budget. Projects should be implemented within a three-year window.

The Committee members were requested to send their minor comments on the 2019 Call for Proposals package to the secretariat by COB, Monday, 7 October 2019 (Geneva time). The secretariat took note of the proposal of the Russian Federation that the Fund should focus on compact, about USD 200,000 and in the future USD 400,000 projects within a small territory of individual countries that can be replicated to other countries as best practice.

3. UNRSTF secretariat budget

The Steering Committee considered document UNRSTF/SC/2019(1)/2, prepared on the basis of the approved budget option, and on the Advisory Board decision #7 (reference UNRSTF/AB/2), Steering Committee decision #14 (reference UNRSTF/SC/2) and Steering Committee decision #7 (reference UNRSTF/SC/4). The total consolidated UNRSTF secretariat budget by year and object of expenditure is presented in Table 2 of the same document (“UNRSTF Approved Budget 2018-2020”).

The Steering Committee confirmed and approved the total budget of USD 2,328,078 for the direct costs of the UNRSTF secretariat from 2018 to 2020 as captured in the UNRSTF Approved Budget 2018-2020. This corresponds to the 2019 budget of USD 898,330, and the 2018 budget of USD 334,750 already transferred to the secretariat by the Administrative Agent, and an additional allocation of USD 1,094,996 corresponding to the annual budget of 2020.

The Steering Committee requested the secretariat to report on its expenditures in the next biennial budget.

4. Other business

The Steering Committee noted the information provided by the secretariat with respect to earmarking of funds. The Steering Committee recognized that no earmarking be permitted at the project and city level, and that earmarking at country level be discussed by the Advisory Board at its next session.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Steering Committee requested the secretariat to organize the next session in Geneva on 14 February 2020.

6. Adoption of the decisions

The Steering Committee adopted the list of decisions of its third session (UNRSTF/SC/6).
