

**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME & UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
STAKEHOLDER STRATEGY FOR THE UN ROAD SAFETY FUND
2022 CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES**

I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2022 Call for Concept Notes

Since 2020, UNEP and UNECE together with other partners, namely the UNECA, AU, FIA and CITA, have been implementing the *UNRSF Safer and Cleaner Used Vehicles for Africa Project* (for more information see <https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/transport/what-we-do/regulating-used-vehicles>). The project goal is a consensus by exporting and importing countries that only quality used vehicles will be exported or imported initially into Africa, and later to all developing and transitional countries. These will have major road safety benefits, for both vehicle drivers, road users and co-benefits on the environment and economy. The first phase of the project focused on West and Eastern Africa, and initiated discussions among used vehicles importing and exporting countries.

Used vehicles, while playing an integral part in improving mobility in many developing and transitional countries, also poses a major global challenge to road safety and shift to low carbon mobility. A 2021 UNEP study shows that around 23 million used light duty vehicles were exported between 2015 and 2020. The study further revealed that from the 146 importing countries, two-thirds have 'weak' or 'very weak' policies to regulate used vehicles. Poor quality used vehicles lead to more road accidents and fatalities, air pollution and climate emissions.

The first phase of the project saw major successes in the West and Eastern Africa sub-regions. This next project phase proposes to roll out the project to the remaining sub-regions in Africa, as well as Asia and Latin America. The project will also seek a unified consensus by importing and exporting countries aims at addressing all areas under the "Safe Vehicle" pillar detailed in the Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety. The project will ensure that all actors involved in the export and import of used vehicles will have the adequate legal, administrative, and technical means for an effective deployment of the agreed minimum safety and environmental performance standards.

II. Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

We will be accepting letters of interest from external stakeholders, including governments at national and city level, and sub-regional bodies. UNEP is already in receipt of letters of interest from the Southern and Central Africa regional economic bodies and a few countries from the region. Countries in Asia and Latin America have also prioritized and asked for support to manage the quality and safety of their vehicle fleets.

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