

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA & THE PACIFIC  
STAKEHOLDER STRATEGY FOR THE UN ROAD SAFETY FUND  
2022 CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

## **I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2022 Call for Concept Notes**

Road safety is among the great development challenges globally as well as in the Asia-Pacific region. In 2019, some 1.28 million drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians were killed on the world's roads. 58 per cent of the global road deaths occurred in the Asia-Pacific region. During the First Decade of Action for road safety, while we had both accomplishments and limitations, the reality is that the targeted reductions in global road deaths and injuries could not be achieved. However, analysis of the WHO published data indicated that the road traffic death figure in the ESCAP region in 2019 showed an 11 per cent decrease from 2016. This indicates that solutions do exist, and we are able to achieve the target of the Second Decade of Actions, provided we adopt a systemic and systematic approach.

In this regard, the Transport Ministers of the Asia-Pacific region adopted the five-year high-level strategic direction of the region through the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development for Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026) in which road safety has been identified and highlighted as one of the key thematic areas. This portrays the region's commitment and readiness to advance toward sustainable transport development including improving road safety.

ESCAP as the regional commission for Asia and the Pacific assists its member countries (<https://www.unescap.org/about/member-states>) in improving road safety. Since the establishment of the UN Road Safety Fund in 2018, ESCAP has been serving as one of the Participating UN Organizations. The global fund is already serving as an important supplementary source of much-needed funding to address road safety challenges in ESCAP member countries.

## **II. Multi-Stakeholder Engagement**

ESCAP secretariat will consider submitting proposals in collaboration with low-income and middle-income countries<sup>1</sup>, as well as NGOs and development partners and intends to work closely with other PUNOs for collaborative proposals. ESCAP will publish the call for proposal/concept note on its website as well as reaching out to member countries, NGOs and development partners based on existing contact information. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the focal points (below) in advance to process the application and submit the concept notes.

**Timeline for the Concept Note Submission: 16 May 2022** is set as the deadline for submitting concept note to ESCAP Transport Division. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and/or considered. Between 17 May-29 June 2022, ESCAP will select shortlisted concept notes and work with the applicants to ensure that the requirements of the UNRSF and ESCAP are met, coordinate the internal review and clearance process and then submit shortlisted concept notes to the UN Road Safety Fund secretariat by 30 June 2022.

**Timeline for the second stage:** As soon as the ESCAP secretariat is informed of the results of the Concept Note stage, it will inform the applicants of the results and those that have been successful will be provided further guidance on the next steps.

## **III. Contact information**

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<sup>1</sup> Based on list of the World Bank income classification 2021