

The International Labour Organization joins the UN global partnership to build a world where decent work translates into safer roads for everyone.

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The UN Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) is pleased to announce that the International Labour Organization (ILO) has joined its global partnership to tackle the hard-hitting global road safety crisis we all face today. The ILO has over 100 years of experience advocating for decent work, labour rights and sustainable enterprises, including for the road transport sector.

Since 2018 the Fund has been working to help halve road deaths and injuries in low- and middle-income countries, where over 90% of the 1.3 million fatal crashes occur each year. It has been estimated that commercial vehicles are involved in approximately 10 to 22% of all road crashes.

By joining the Fund, ILO forms part of a global network of communities, civil society, governments, companies and UN agencies that are addressing critical gaps in national road safety systems.

It is an exciting time for the ILO to be part of this growing momentum of partners joining the Fund such as UNEP, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and UN-HABITAT among others who are part of the global partnership striving towards safer and sustainable mobility for all. Particularly, the ILO brings added value through its tripartite constituency (workers, employers and governments), convening power and regulatory tools and instruments applicable to commercial drivers. The <u>Guidelines on the promotion of decent work and road safety in the transport sector</u> adopted in 2019 constitute a roadmap for the ILO's work in this sector.

"The ILO bridges a gap between protecting the general public and the living and working conditions of commercial drivers. We are eager to start working with the UN Road Safety Fund to solve the global road safety crisis through the promotion of decent work and the sustainability of transport enterprises."

Alette van Leur, Director, Sectoral Policies Department, ILO

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