



For a world where roads  
are safe for every road user,  
everywhere.

**The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) joins UN global partnership to build a world where roads are safe for everyone.**

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The UN Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) is pleased to announce that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has joined its global partnership to tackle the hard-hitting global road safety crisis we all face today.

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.

By joining the Fund, ITU - the UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies – forms part of a global network of communities, civil society, governments, companies and UN agencies that are addressing road safety issues. In joining the Fund, ITU aims to further strengthen international cooperation to address critical gaps in national road safety systems.

As an innovative pooled fund, the UNRSF mobilizes financing from private, public and individual donors channelling resources to high-impact, scalable and sustainable road safety projects worldwide. In operation in 30 countries in five regions, assistance is already going to support better urban planning for school zones, low emission non-motorized transport, speed management and cleaner safer used vehicle standards.

*"Expanding opportunities and access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is at the heart of ITU's work. ITU works to enhance road safety and traffic management systems by countering technology-related driver distraction, promoting safe user interfaces in vehicles, and developing Intelligent Transport Systems that improve the safety, management, and efficiency of terrestrial transport, while reducing its environmental impact."*

*ITU is proud to be part of the UNRSF's global public-private partnership, supporting its ongoing work in the areas of strengthening road safety through the application of digital technology." Houlin Zhao, Secretary General, ITU*

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