

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
2023 CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPT NOTES
UNITED NATIONS ESCAP

I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2023 Call for Concept Notes

Road safety is a great challenge for sustainable development 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. Fifty-eight per cent of the global road fatalities occurred in the Asia-Pacific region in 2019. The 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. Additionally, the Regional Plan of Action for Asia and the Pacific for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030 provides a guideline for improving road safety. 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 (UNRSF) 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 the ESCAP region.

II. Application strategy

Application for 2023 Project Concept Note was opened by the UNRSF secretariat on Monday, 6 February 2023 with the submission deadline on Monday, 3 April 2023 (23:59 CEST).

ESCAP secretariat will consider submitting proposals in collaboration with low-income and middle-income countries¹ as well as potential 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: **19 March 2023** 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 20 March-3 April 2023, 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 3 April 2023.

Timeline for the second stage: As soon as the ESCAP secretariat is informed by UNRSF 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.

¹ Based on list of the World Bank income classification 2022

III. Contact information

[Please provide the contact information of the focal point who will be coordinating the 2023 Call cycle on behalf of your organization.]

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