

UNRSF webinar

Biographies of the speakers

“An opportunity to build back better: the potentially transformative impact of Covid-19 on road safety in low- and middle-income countries”

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SESSION 1

Moderator:

Ms Femi Oke | Moderator



Femi Oke is an award winning international journalist, broadcaster, and co-founder of the diverse moderators bureau "Moderate The Panel." Femi's reporting has been recognised by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Communications Agency and InterAction. Since the 1980s, she has worked for BBC television and radio, Sky TV, all the U.K. terrestrial television networks, CNN and U.S. public radio.

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Welcome words:

Ms Olga Algayerova | Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the UNECE



On 13 April 2017, the Secretary-General appointed Ms Olga Algayerova of Slovakia as the next Executive Secretary of the UNECE. She took office on 1 June 2017. Ms. Algayerova brings to the position a combination of leadership and diplomatic skills with deep knowledge of the region with its challenges and opportunities and a strong focus on building and nurturing partnerships among key stakeholders with the United Nations. Prior to her appointment, she served as Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (since 2012). She was previously President, Slovak Millennium Development Goals (2010-2012); State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010) and Corporate Export Manager, Zentiva International, a.s. (2004-2006). Born in 1959, Ms. Algayerova holds a Master in Contemporary Diplomacy from Malta University, a Master in Business Administration from The Open University Business School, United Kingdom and a Dipl. in Engineer of Economy from the University of Economics Business Faculty, Bratislava. On 12 July 2017, Ms. Olga Algayerova was sworn-in by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres.

Mr Jean TODT

Jean Todt | United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety



Mr. Todt was appointed as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety since April 2015.

Mr. Todt is currently the President of Federation International de L'Automobile (FIA). He was first elected to this post in October 2009 and re-elected in 2013 and 2017.

Between 2006 and 2009, Mr. Todt was Chief Executive Officer of Ferrari. Prior to that, he has held senior level positions overseeing racing and sporting activities in Ferrari and PSA Peugeot Citroën Group.

Mr. Todt started his career in 1966 as a rally co-driver and participated in the World Rally Championship until 1981. He won the World Rally Championship for Manufacturers with a Talbot Lotus in 1981.

Mr. Todt also devotes his time to several charitable causes. He is one of the Founders and Vice-President of the Institut du Cerveau et de la Moelle Epinière (ICM), an institute devoted to medical research for brain and spinal cord disorders.

Mr. Todt was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the United Nations Association of New York in 2016.

Mr. Todt studied economics, business and marketing at the Ecole des Cadres in Paris.

Mr. Todt was born in 1946 in Pierrefort, France. He has one son and shares his life with actress, film producer and UNDP Goodwill Ambassador Michelle Yeoh.

Speakers:

H.E. Dagmawit Moges | Minister of Transport, Ethiopia



H.E. Dagmawit Moges Bekele was appointed as Minister of Transport of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in October 2018. After studying for her BA in Public Administration and Development Management (PADM), she worked as a Graduate Assistant Lecturer at Addis Ababa University (A.A.U). She acquired her MA in Public Management and Policy (MPMP) from the same department and university. She worked as a General Manager of Kolfe Keraneyo Sub-City of A.A City Government and then served as Micro and small Enterprises Development Bureau Head of A.A city Government. Subsequently she worked as a Deputy Bureau head of Addis Ababa City Government Trade and Industry Bureau then a Deputy Bureau head of Addis Ababa City Government Capacity Building Bureau.

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Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif | United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Director | UN Habitat



Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif (Malaysia) is the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), appointed at the level of Under-Secretary-General by the Secretary-General, following an election by the General Assembly on 22 December 2017. On 22 January 2018, Ms. Sharif assumed her post at UN-Habitat's Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. She succeeds Dr. Joan Clos of Spain.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Sharif was the Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia. In 2011, she became the first woman to be appointed President of the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai. As mayor, she led the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai to achieve its vision of a “cleaner, greener, safer and healthier place to work, live, invest and play.” She is a champion of Gender-Responsive Participatory Budgeting and Planning, integrating gender perspectives into the governance process. During her tenure, the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai was the first Local Authority to implement and achieve six quality-based management ISO certifications.

Ms. Sharif began her career as a town planner at the Municipal Council of Penang Island in 1985. In 2003, she was promoted to Director of Planning and Development, a position she held until November 2009. As Director, she was responsible for the preparation of structure and local plans and was directly involved in the development management of Penang City's projects and landscape. She also led a team which planned and implemented urban renewal projects in George Town. In November 2009, as its General Manager, Ms. Sharif established George Town World Heritage Incorporated and managed the George Town World Heritage Site, which was inscribed by UNESCO in July 2008.

Born in Kuala Pilah, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, on 26 August 1961, Ms. Sharif holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Town Planning Studies from the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, UK and a Master of Science in Planning Studies from the Malaysia Science University. She has received several awards, including, “Planner of The Year 2014” by the Malaysian Institute of Planners, the 2016 Global Human Settlements Outstanding Contribution Award during Habitat III in Quito, for her contribution in sustainable planning in Seberang Perai and from the Penang State Government. On 11 January 2018, she received an award from the Malaysia Book of Records recognizing her for being the first Asian woman to be appointed as Executive Director of UN-Habitat. She is married to Mr. Adli Lai and has two daughters.

Lotte Brondum | Executive Director, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety



Lotte Brondum started with the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety Secretariat in late 2014 as its first employee. As the executive Director she has been instrumental in facilitating road safety NGO's voice, involvement, participation and contribution to the development of advocacy that contributes to meeting the SDG road safety targets globally. She started capacity building initiatives for NGOs the Empowerment Program that has increased the quality of work of Alliance member NGOs to plan, identify funding, implement and evaluate relevant advocacy activities that leads to community mobilization, press attention and legislative change. Under her leadership the Alliance is increasingly becoming the main organization for NGOs and stakeholders for sharing road safety information and opportunities relevant to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Previously, Ms. Brondum worked in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and in Vietnam with the Danish government, corporate sector, academia and NGOs. Ms. Brondum has a bachelor's degree in nursing science from the University of Copenhagen, advanced degrees in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and a master's degree in medical anthropology from Aarhus University. With the Alliance virtual office she currently lives in Copenhagen, Denmark, with her family.

Matthew Baldwin | Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (MOVE)



Matthew Baldwin is Deputy Director-General of DG MOVE and was appointed on 2 October 2018 as European Coordinator for road safety and sustainable mobility. These issues are now the main focus of his professional activities. He is also managing the Commission's network of COVID-19 transport contact points with a particular focus on helping find a coordinated, safe and sustainable way out of the crisis.

In his Commission career of more than 20 years, he has served in the cabinets of President Barroso, Commissioner Lamy, and Commissioner Hill, the last as Head of Cabinet. He has also been Director of Market Access and Industry in DG Trade and Director of Aviation in DG MOVE.

He is of Italian and British nationality, has two sons, speaks English, French and Italian and lives in Brussels.

Mr Erik Jonnaert | Envoy Global Road Safety, International Organisation of Automotive Manufacturers OICA



Erik Jonnaert is currently Special Envoy Global Road Safety appointed by the International Organisation of Automotive Manufacturers OICA in charge of promoting the effective implementation of OICA's Global Road Safety Manifesto as adopted by OICA in October 2019. Erik has been secretary general of ACEA, the European Automotive Manufacturers Association and chairman of the European Automotive and Telecom Alliance EATA from 2013 till 2019. Besides his current assignment in OICA, Erik is also member of the Advisory Board of the McKinsey Center for Future Mobility and is member of FIA's High-Level Experts & Advisors Group for Road Safety. Erik Jonnaert is a lawyer, who graduated from the University of Ghent, Belgium (1980) and Harvard Law School, USA (1982). www.oica.net

Professor Adnan A. Hyder | Senior Associate Dean | Research, Professor of Global Health, Director, Center on Commercial Determinants of Health, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University



Dr. Adnan Hyder is the Senior Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Global Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University, USA. For over 20 years, Dr. Hyder has worked to improve global health in low- and middle- income countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; and pioneered empirical work around road traffic injuries, trauma, health systems, and non-communicable diseases. He has conducted studies focusing on defining the epidemiological burden, understanding risk factors, exploring potential interventions, estimating economic impact, and appreciating the socio-cultural correlates of road injuries and disabilities. Currently, he also serves as the founding Director of the Center for Commercial Determinants of Health at George Washington University.

Dr. Hyder has extensive experience leading large capacity development programs in developing countries including several major training grants funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health. He has co-authored over 350 scientific peer-reviewed papers and numerous world reports with organizations like the World Bank, World Health Organization and UNICEF. Previously, Dr. Hyder served as Associate Chair of International Health and Director of Health Systems at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Associate Director for Global Programs at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics; and founding Director of the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit. Dr. Hyder received his M.D. from the Aga Khan University, Pakistan and obtained his MPH and Ph.D. in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, USA.

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Mr Saul Billingsley | Executive Director, of the FIA Foundation



Saul Billingsley is Executive Director of the FIA Foundation, an international philanthropy working to support safe and healthy journeys for all. He serves as a Trustee of the International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) and on the Steering Committee of the new UN Road Safety Trust Fund.

Mr Mitku Asmare | Deputy Director General, Federal Transport Authority (FTA), Ethiopia



Ms Stefanie Holzwarth | Urban Mobility, Urban Basic Services Section, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat.



Stefanie Holzwarth is working in the Urban Mobility Team at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). Being an urban and regional planner, she has been working on sustainable mobility and urban development projects for the last 7 years, providing technical advice, knowledge and advocacy to governments around the world on sustainable urban mobility.

Ms Regatu Solomon | Road and Transport Engineer, Safe Cycling Program, Addis Ababa Transport Bureau



Regatu Solomon is working as a team leader of Public and Non-Motorised Transport in Addis Ababa Transport Bureau. She has been engaged in leading different projects that are related to non-motorised transport system of Addis Ababa including: the safe-cycling project; construction of cycling training grounds; NMT strategy and implementation; study and design of cycle networks; in addition to leading feasibility study for the bike sharing system and safe cycling design guideline. She has also participated in different road safety works of the city and was also able to receive recognition from the Ministry of Transport and Addis Ababa Transport Bureau in December 2019. She strives for continued excellence, with an MSc in Road and Transport Engineering and a BSc in Civil Engineering.

Mr Romain Hubert | Acting Head of the UNRSF Secretariat



Dr.-Ing. Romain HUBERT joined the Sustainable Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in February 2002. He worked in the areas on active and passive safety of road vehicles and on their environmental performances. He ensured the secretariat servicing all six subsidiary bodies of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29).

Since June 2019, he took over the responsibilities of the Chief of the Road Safety Management and Dangerous Goods Section of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division as well as the Acting Head of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF).

Mr Seble Samuel | Geographer, Storyteller and Climate Justice Advocate / East Africa Communications and Knowledge Management Officer for the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security



Seble Samuel is an Ethiopian-Canadian geographer and climate justice advocate. She is a co-founder and organizer of Menged Le Sew - Ethiopia's open streets movement, a SLOCAT Young Leader in Sustainable Transport, and one of TUMI's Remarkable Women in Transport 2020. Her experience spans East Africa, Latin America and Canada, working with international institutions and civil society organizations on climate justice, multimedia communications and socio-ecological resilience. Based in Addis Ababa, she currently works for the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security, and as part of the Global Shapers Addis Ababa Hub, she co-leads a campaign to ban single-use plastics across Ethiopia. Seble holds a BA in Geography and Anthropology from McGill University and an MSc in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford.