

# **Activities of the UN SG's Special Envoy for Road Safety**

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# Activities of the Special Envoy

Mandate



1. Promoting global partnerships to support the design and implementation of strategies and activities to improve road safety
2. Advocating with governments, civil society and the private sector for the promotion of road safety, particularly in countries with a high rate of road fatalities and injuries
3. Participation in global and regional conferences, and meetings on road safety
4. Advocating the accession to, and more effective implementation of the United Nations road safety legal instruments

# Activities of the Special Envoy

Achievements 2015-2020



**Meeting** with more 200 high-level officials, including 26 heads of States in nearly 90 countries around the world, encouraging increased investments and attention to the issue and consideration of accession to UN road safety conventions.



**Leading** the establishment of and majority of the fundraising for the UNRSF with strong support from ECE.

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**Contributing** to the increase in accessions to seven UN road safety conventions. There have been 36 new accessions since the start of the mandate, many of which followed missions and discussions.



**Securing** a Manifesto from the Automotive Industry in October 2019 with technical support from ECE, through OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers), which supported minimum set of safety standards for new vehicles. OICA also appointed a road safety ambassador.

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**Hosting** four United Nations Partnership Meetings for Road Safety with 30+ agencies to provide guidance on UN priorities for road safety.

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Achievements 2015-2020



**Inspiring** the establishment and implementation of an UN internal Road Safety Strategy, addressing road injury as leading cause of mortality for UN personnel, in partnership with UNDSS.



**Hosting** fourteen regional and national capacity building workshops, in collaboration with partners, including ECA, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECE, UN-Habitat, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank.



**Supporting** four Road Safety Performance Reviews in Africa in partnership with ECA, ECE and WHO.



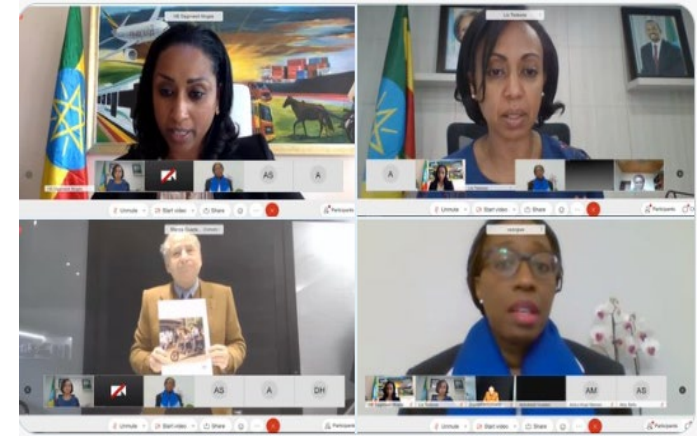
**Launching** informal Friends of Road Safety Networks in Geneva and New York, jointly with EU Delegation and the diplomatic corps, aimed to improve road safety through awareness raising, mobilizing funding and increasing development cooperation.



**Contributing** to the second and third Ministerial Conferences on Road Safety, their Declarations and subsequent UN General Assembly Resolutions.

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## 2020 Highlights



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Plans for 2021

1. Calls for action of all stakeholders, especially governments, to firmly commit to achieving 2030 targets on road safety, by implementing required strategies and activities that are well resourced – focus on low- and middle- income countries
2. Engage with regional integration bodies to advocate for key priorities such as UN helmet and vehicle regulations, compromised safety in used car market, and improved road safety data
3. Raise visibility of importance of safe mobility in COVID-19 recovery investments, using opportunity to promote SDG 11.2
4. Support implementation of actions from the UNGA Resolution: Global Plan, High-level meeting in 2022, UN legal instruments, etc
5. Support fundraising efforts for the UN Road Safety Fund

# **Thank you!**

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