13 December 2023, 1415-1615hr (CET)

UNDSS works with the IASMN partners to support road safety implementation and awareness. As the lead for the IASMN Working Group for the Implementation of the Road Safety Strategy, UNDSS is the ‘keeper of the Road Safety security coordination’ and works across the UNSMS by continuing to advocate for road safety, disseminate good practice, and raise awareness of road safety while endeavouring to bridge the gap between policy and practice.

Each year, UNDSS recognizes the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the third Sunday of November, and also actively support and coordinate awareness making campaigns, such as the Road Safety Week, information sessions, and discussions to continue to foster a culture of road safety in the countries where we work.

In the coming year, through our inter-agency collaboration, UNDSS will continue its work to provide guidance across the UNSMS on root cause analysis of Road Traffic Crashes, as well as launch an awareness and compliance campaign in the field.

With the Geneva launch of the 2023 WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety, UNDSS will take the cues to continue to support the UNSMS through the inter-agency collaborations, to strengthen the work in line with the UN Road Safety Strategy, and work towards the goals of second Decade of Action for Road Safety and the SDG 3.6 goal of halving the fatalities due to Road Traffic Crashes and continue to rely on the data collection regarding past and ongoing trends, which provides considerable assistance in the drafting of policies, and in the overall understanding of Road Safety as a security threat, while reiterating that the focus on Road Safety goes beyond the security of UN personnel solely, and is mainly destined to address the needs of the “people we serve”.

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