

**Statement by Asian Institute of Transport Development**  
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**Item 3(c): Safe and Inclusive Transport and Mobility**

1. Considering its magnitude and consequent severe negative impact on the economy, public health, and general welfare of the people, the road safety is one of the most important focussed areas of work of the Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD). The Institute has partnered with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, UNESCAP, Asian Development Bank, etc. in taking and implementing a number of initiatives for promotion of road safety.
2. The Institute in collaboration with UNESCAP organized a regional seminar on road safety. The country representatives in this seminar expressed keen desire that the Institute, as a regional body, should organize similar regional training courses in road safety. The Institute would be pleased to organize such courses.
3. The Institute also organized a regional conference on safe mobility and regional connectivity in South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India. The conference noted with concern that a large body of engineering and road safety professionals have not been exposed to emerging societal requirements and technological advancements.
4. The Institute partnered with UNESCAP in the implementation of ongoing project relating to improvement of driving licence system in Lao People's Democratic Republic. This project was financed under the UN Road Safety Fund. The Institute would be pleased to partner for more such projects in the coming years.
5. The Institute evolved state-of-the-art curricula and training material based on which it trained more than 3,600 road professionals in road safety engineering and road safety audit in India. The Institute also worked out a system of accreditation of road safety auditors. This system was further developed and implemented.
6. Having regard to the rich experience and expertise, the Institute will be happy to organize training programmes / workshops / seminars in association with UNESCAP, multilateral bodies and country organizations in road safety.