



**ASTF TURNS 1 YEAR OLD!**

**• ASTF ACTION FRAMEWORK**

ASTF Action Framework		
Priority Action Areas		
Priority Area	Actions	Time-Bound Target
1. Road safety	1.A Implement the African Action Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011 – 2020	
	1.B Set up dedicated institutions for road safety and allocate funding	2017
	1.C Insure comprehensive data collection and reporting mechanisms on road safety incidents and trends	2015
	1.D Develop and adopt a Non-Motorised Transport Policy	2015
	1.E Develop and adopt Non-Motorised Transport Design Guidelines	2015
2. Vehicle Emissions and Energy Efficiency	2.A Ensure air quality monitoring takes place in all main cities	2017
	2.B Develop vehicle emission standards and suitable inspection and testing	2016
	2.C Develop vehicle import regulations at both regional and national levels, based on either vehicle age, mileage or emissions	2016
	2.D Develop regulations for the adoption of cleaner fuels - especially low sulphur fuels - at a national level	2017
	2.E Undertake a country level fuel economy analysis and develop a national level policy to improve fuel economy	2017
3. Accessibility and sustainable infrastructure	3.A Develop a national policy on sustainable urban transport	2017
	3.B Develop integrated transport plans with a specific focus on multi-modal transport	2018
	3.C Undertake an assessment and develop a national policy on mass-transit systems	2017
Supporting Activities		
	<b>Data Generation and Monitoring</b> Request the ASTF Secretariat to collect information to create baselines, monitor progress (including on Priority Action Areas) and share best practices in areas such as road fatalities and injuries, air quality, health impacts of poor air quality, non-motorised transport infrastructure, road infrastructure etc.	
	<b>Financing</b> Allocate funding to transport and institutional support	
	<b>Capacity Building</b> Continually share good and bad experiences, lessons learned and best practices	
	<b>Advocacy and Championing</b> Continually undertake advocacy and awareness raising	
Institutional Arrangements		
<b>Timeframe</b>	The agreed institutional arrangements for ASTF are interim Institutional arrangements for the ASTF are understood as interim until the next ASTF conference (proposed end 2015), at which time a formal decision will be taken regarding the permanent institutional structure. Options should be disseminated to member states for consideration well before the next Forum session	
<b>Political Ownership of ASTF</b>	Political ownership of the ASTF should lie with the African Union The African Union Commission will have a critical role to play in the ASTF. African Governments will make proposals for this to the African Union Commission	
<b>Key Supporting Institutions</b>	The supporting institutions to the ASTF should include the World Bank and UN Agencies Key supporting institutions that should be providers of support to the ASTF and also kept informed on activities and progress should include the World Bank, the Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP), UNEP and UN-Habitat	
<b>Hosting Country</b>	Kenya, as the hosting country of ASTF will cooperate with the Secretariat and its supporting institutions, and lead the dialog the Africa Union Commission	
<b>Role of Africa Regional Communities</b>	Africa's Regional Economic communities will be consulted	

**“FOR THIS AGENDA TO GAIN TRACTION, IT REQUIRES OUR COMMITMENT TO A SHARED STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR AFRICA’S TRANSFORMATION. IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION OF AN INTEGRATED, PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL AFRICA.”**

**PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA, ASTF OPENING 2014**

In November last year, for the first time in Africa, a harmonized road map for sustainable transport was adopted. This was the outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial and Experts Conference of the newly established **Africa Sustainable Transport Forum (ASTF)**. The Conference which was opened by the Honorable President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya and UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, brought together over 250 participants representing 43 African Countries.

The ASTF Secretariat now housed at UNEP and supported by UN-Habitat, the World Bank and UNEP, is working to secure wide uptake of the Action Framework across Africa and catalyse activities to achieve more sustainable transport on the ground.

The goal of the ASTF Secretariat is to support countries to **integrate sustainable transport into the region’s development and planning processes, and increase the amount of funding going to sustainable transport programs in Africa.**

Visit ASTF Action Framework [here](#)



## • **ASTF ACTION FRAMEWORK UPTAKE AND DISSEMINATION – OVERVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **-International Road Federation (IRF) ‘Road Safety Challenge for Africa’ -Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. March 11 - 12**

The IRF held an event at the African Union Headquarters in Ethiopia on the subject of ‘Accomplishing Targets of Road Safety in Accordance with the Decade of Action Plan’ - during which the ASTF Action Framework was presented in the context of the ‘Road Safety’ action area and UNEP’s Share the Road Programme.

### **-African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) – Cairo, Egypt. March 2 – 6.**

The ASTF Secretariat has secured agreement from 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment held in Cairo from March 2 – 6, ‘to implement the priority transport areas outlined in the Africa Sustainable Transport Forum Action Framework to address road safety, reduce vehicle emissions and improve energy efficiency and enhance sustainable urban transport as a means of effectively implementing the sustainable development agenda;’. A commitment to the implementation of the ASTF Action Framework by the African Environment Ministers was included in the [Cairo Declaration](#).

### **-Fourth World Bicycle Forum (FMB4) – Medellin, Colombia. February 26 – March 1.**

The ASTF was presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Bicycle Forum held in Medellin Colombia, February 26 – 1 March, in the context of challenges to non-motorised transport in developing countries.

### **-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) ‘Exploring Sustainable Low Carbon Development in Tanzania’ - Dar es Salaam. February 27 – 28.**

FES together with Brot für die Welt, Act Alliance, WWF and Climate Action Network (CAN) held a Workshop in Tanzania focusing on energy and transport sectors in Tanzania, as sectors with significant potential for promoting low carbon development. The ASTF was presented under the theme of low carbon development initiatives, opportunities and sustainable transport in East Africa and how civil society organisations can add value.

### **- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual East Africa Transport & Infrastructure Conference - Nairobi, Kenya, July 8 -9 2015**

A 2-Day event focusing on the development of transport infrastructure in Eastern Africa Region. ASTF was presented in the context of an initiative guiding sustainable transport infrastructure development across Africa and ultimately working towards increasing the amount of funding going towards sustainable transport in Africa.

### **- BRT, BHLS and Paratransit - From Project to Policy’ Lome, Togo. September, 2015.**

As part of a launch event for a new Masters Programme (Transport et Mobilité Durable dans les Villes Africaines )at EAMAU Togo, CODATU organized a one day seminar focused on road based networks in African cities. ASTF was presented in the context of setting technological solutions in the larger picture for a transition to more sustainable transport on an Africa-wide level.

- **ASTF KNOWLEDGE SHARING HUB**



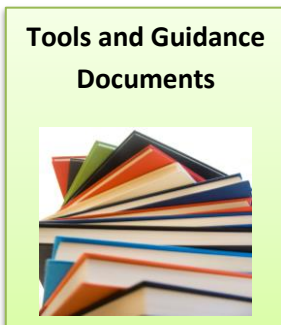
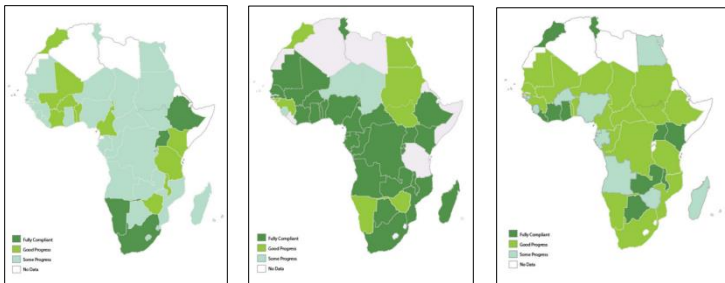
The ASTF Secretariat has been tasked with capturing the current state of sustainable transport across Africa with respect to the 13 key points of action contained within the Action Framework.

This information will serve also as a baseline against which to measure and monitor progress going forward, and is now accessible via the ASTF Knowledge Sharing Hub linked from the ASTF main site at:

<http://www.unep.org/Transport/astf/knowledgehub/>

The hub went live on July 16<sup>th</sup> in draft form, and features an on-line library of tools, publications and guidance documents. The platform will also showcase best practice examples, news stores, events etc.

**We very much welcome comments and updates from the broader sustainable community to ensure our data is valid and up-to-date! If you have a comment, news story or experience which you would like to feed in to the development of the Hub, please contact us at [info.astf@unep.org](mailto:info.astf@unep.org).**



- **WORKING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASTF ACTION FRAMEWORK**

Since the inaugural conference the ASTF Secretariat has been bringing together a 'Coalition of Implementing Partners', committed to supporting the implementation of the **ASTF Action Framework**.

So far the below organizations have offered various support amongst others.

**Our call for like-minded organisations to link with us and work together towards the implementation of the ASTF Action Framework remains open!!**

If your organization is currently active on transport issues in Africa, or intends to begin working in Africa in the future we invite you to link with us at [info.astf@unep.org](mailto:info.astf@unep.org)



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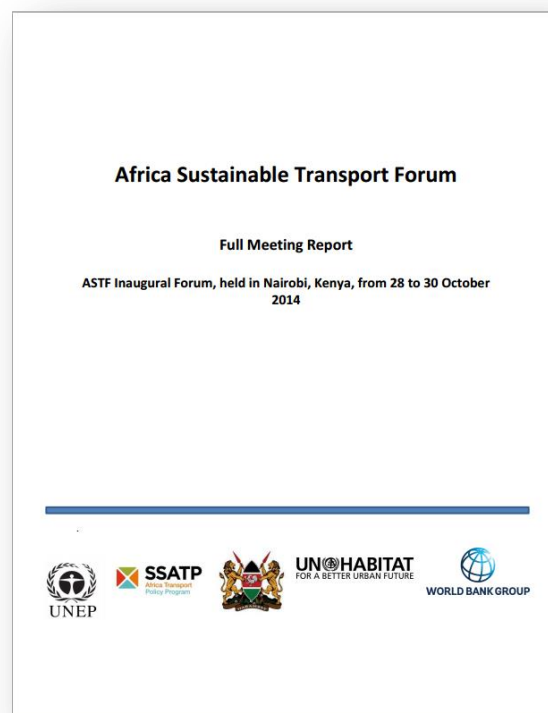


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- **ASTF FULL CONFERENCE REPORT**

The 'Full Report' of the ASTF's 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial and Experts Conference outlining the detailed proceedings, discussion and related events is available for download from the ASTF website at the following link, [ASTF Full Event Report](#).



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