



## POST-EVENT SUMMARY OF SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS AT ARSC2015 (As at 22 October 2015)

**Thursday 15 October: 2.00pm – 3:30pm**

**Room 4**

**Workshop**

**Asian Development Bank Package of Actions to Improve Road Safety in  
ASEAN**

### Key Organiser:

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### Overview:

In 2011, more than 75,000 people died in road crashes in the ten member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and many times this number sustained long term injuries. Improving road safety outcomes in ASEAN is not only important for the welfare and economic benefit of these countries, but given that a significant proportion of the world's population lives in ASEAN, it will strongly influence whether the aims of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety and the Sustainable Development Goals are reached. For this reason, the Asian Development Bank, funded by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, has funded a package of action to improve road safety in ASEAN. This symposium will discuss the new approach taken by ADB, the steps in the development of a regional road safety strategy, the development of a new index of road safety maturity for use in comparing and monitoring performance, and the role of national consultants. This approach will be relevant to experts from other regions as well as those delegates with a special interest in ASEAN countries.

## Summary (Prepared by Narelle Haworth, CARRS-Q):

Speakers included:

- Rob Klein – Consultant, Asian Development Bank
- Narelle Haworth- Consultant, Asian Development Bank and Director, Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety-Queensland (CARRS-Q)
- Oscar Oviedo-Trespalacios- Research Officer and PhD student (CARRS-Q)
- Socheata Sann - - National Consultant – Cambodia, Asian Development Bank and PhD student (CARRS-Q)

The first presentation provided an overview of the new approach being taken by ADB to improve road safety in ASEAN, which is now being taken in other regions. The approach aims to build sustainable capacity in the member countries through the appointment of National Focal Points, National Consultants and a train-the-trainer approach. The National Consultant will work in partnership with the trainees on a range of activities including development of “pipeline project proposals” for funding consideration investors and donors.

The second presentation described the draft ASEAN Regional Road Safety Strategy document which is being prepared as part of the project. The diversity of the member nations of ASEAN poses significant challenges for the development of the strategy. The development of the ASEAN Regional Road Safety Strategy has adopted the five pillars of road safety of the UN Decade of Action but focused on those aspects which are most relevant at the regional level and where a regional approach will support and facilitate actions taken by individual countries.

Given the lack of comprehensive road safety data from some member states, a new index for measuring road safety maturity has been developed as a benchmarking and monitoring tool. The third presentation described the index and provided preliminary findings.

The final presentation presented a case study of the activities of the National Consultant in strengthening local road safety capacity in Cambodia. Socheata Sann described the way in which training needs had been identified across five related government ministries (particularly the need to translate manuals into Khmer), the national training program to be delivered by the National Focal Points to representatives from 25 provinces and how government and NGOs were working together to develop a proposal for funding of a project to reduce speeding.