



PARALLEL SESSION: ENSURING EQUITY AND GENDER PERSPECTIVES TO ROAD SAFETY SOLUTIONS

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Session Conclusions

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1. KEYWORDS

Gender, planning, infrastructure, technique, safety regulation, safety evaluation, safety design,

2. TITLE OF THE SESSION

Ensuring Equity and Gender Perspectives to Road Safety Solutions

3. TOPIC OF THE SESSION

[Presentation of the issues that were presented, why they are important]

If acted upon, insights regarding gender and road safety could help to prevent road traffic deaths and injuries. A sustainable road transport system requires women and men being equally important when designing, planning, develop and evaluate the road transport system.

Addressing women and men equally is also an necessity in order to address the diversity due to for example aging in the population among both women and men.

Statistics show differences between men and women when it comes to safety on the roads.

On one hand, men are more likely to be killed or seriously injured, worldwide men account for up to 75% of all road traffic deaths. Part of this is due to exposure that is being more present in the road traffic system however there are also a number of contributing factors such as driving with higher speed, under the influence of alcohol and not wearing a seat belt that are more common among male than female drivers. On the other hand, given the same crash configurations, women have been shown to have greater risk of injury and fatalities. Furthermore, access to transport is also an issue, in that harassment, fear of violence and other barriers can prevent women and men in different degrees from using public transport. To make road transport safer, more accessible and more useful for everyone, both women and men are needed to be involved in shaping transport that works for everyone.

This session addresses issues reflected in Sustainable Development Goal 5 on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, and Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

4. SHORT SUMMARY OF SESSION

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Some example:

Regulatory tests assessing vehicle occupant safety is done with models of the average male representing the adult part of the population.

Including both females and males in the design of the system.

Is more data needed? Start to use the data we have!

Be aware: What does the data not tell us about?

Teaching: Ensure that females and males are equally addressed at all levels in society.

There are methods available to assess gender equality measures in research and innovation and their versatile effects developed at Fraunhofer, <https://www.efforti.eu/>.

Swedish experience: Important with hand-on experience of for example both females and males taking parental leave and thus being the main care of the child in the family as well as on highest level in organisations.

Sweden has currently a feminist government. All requests of funding from the finance department must have an analysis on gender impact.

Planning av road transport system should be for all.

Consumers has a power. How could this be used better to ensure that the best safety solutions for both women and men are able to be chosen by the consumers?

5. OVERALL MESSAGES

Watch up: There is an historical bias that need to be made visible in order to move forward in a gender and diversity inclusive manner.

We have the choice. We do not need to continue like this.

6. OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

The session highlighted the need of women and men being equally addressed and involved in shaping the road transport system, which is currently not the case, in order to improve road safety.

7. IMPORTANT FINDINGS (EX. TECHNICAL OR OTHERS)

[This can include key findings that have been confirmed and can be shared, as well as emerging issues that have been identified and will require more analysis.]

Please see overall message

8. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

[This can include recommendations for future studies or future collaborations.]

Politicians: Ensure that women and men equally represented in regulation.

Planners: Ensure, and document, how women and men and the diversity of the population of both part of the population is addressed and embraced.

At a local level: Engage all parts of the society.

9. PREPARATION OF THE SESSION

[Mention here the persons and organisations that were involved in the preparation of the session]

10. SESSION PROGRAM

[Include actual the program of the session as it actually took place]

Chair:

Moderator: Karla Gonzalez Carvajal

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Plan and timing:

Approx. Time	Topic/Presentation title	Speaker (title, role/position, organisation)
		Elizabeth Pollitzer Director Portia Ltd.
	Panel	Mattias Landgren State Secretary Ministry of Infrastructure Sweden
	Panel	Agnes Binagwaho Vice chancellor University of Global Health Equity Rwanda
	Panel	Nhan Tran

		Head Safety and Mobility World Health Organization
	Panel	Leah Shahum Founder and Executive Director Vision Zero Network