



High-level Panel:

Opening session – a sense of urgency

The opening session expressed a sense of urgency and need for commitment and action in road safety on all levels. Road safety is one of the UN Global goals. We need to understand and develop the links between road safety and other goals.

– Several countries and cities have achieved significant results. However, it is not enough, said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director general, WHO. Political will at the highest level of government is needed by investing in evidence-based interventions. Countries must plan for sustainable mobility, putting in place measures that are needed to shift towards a transport system that benefit people and the climate with an increased focus on walking, cycling and public transport.

Omnia El Omrani, co-chair of the 2nd World Youth Assembly for Road Safety:

– Youth of the world demand safer and more sustainable roads that promote healthier lifestyles and protect the environment. The reality we face is due to badly designed systems prioritising cars and not people.

Tomas Eneroth, Swedish minister for infrastructure, presented the Stockholm Declaration – the outcome document of the conference:

– We have a shared responsibility for all member states to contribute to reducing road traffic fatalities by at least 50 percent from 2020 to 2030. This calls for strong political commitments on all levels of society followed by strategies, and action plans on all levels of society. This has to be done in a multi sectoral partnership to deliver the scale of efforts needed.

– The Safe System approach should be the basis for the global road safety work. Human errors must be compensated for and technology will be important for that, said Eneroth.

Speakers

HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden

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