

IRF takes part in sub-regional road safety week, Dakar



The Sub-Regional Road Safety Week in Dakar was held on 2 to 4 December 2007 under the initiative of Laser International and under the auspices of the Ministry of Land and Air Transport and the Ministry of Health and Prevention of Senegal. The event was attended by UNECE, OECD and delegates from Gambia, France, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and the EU. The IRF was represented by Dr Cheikh Diene of IRF member organisation Bureau d'études sénégalaises (BES). Dr Diene participated in a round table discussion during Session 1 of the Week entitled "Overview of national policies and programmes". The Week concluded with the signing of a Declaration of Dakar on Road Safety and its Stakes in Developing Countries". Among the measures to attain the objective of halving the victims of road crashes in Africa by 2015, the Declaration proposes to devise an African Chart of Road Safety, as well as the organisation of a seminar by UNECA and to target vulnerable users.