



UN High-level Meeting on Improving Global Road Safety 2026

WHO Side Event: From Commitment to Delivery: Country Progress and Accountability for Halving Road Traffic Deaths by 2030

When: 20 July 2026, 13:15–14:30,

Light lunch will be served from 12:40

Where: United Nations Headquarters, New York, Room CR-11

Host: World Health Organization

What: The side event will support the theme of the High-level Meeting, “Scaling up and accelerating implementation of commitments to halving road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030.” It will present a concise overview of global and regional road safety progress, and facilitate a discussion on the governance, financing, accountability, and implementation changes needed to translate commitments into measurable road safety improvements.

Who: The event will bring together country representatives, civil society and youth to identify lessons from countries that have achieved measurable progress or introduced major reforms. The aim is not to rank countries, but to showcase relevant and transferable approaches.

Agenda

Time	Segment	Speakers	Focus
13:15–13:20	Welcome	Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Director-General, World Health Organization (TBC)	Welcome participants, underscore the significance of the High-level Meeting, and frame the side event as an opportunity to learn from country experiences and identify lessons for accelerating implementation.
13:20-13:25	Opening remarks	Mr. Jean Todt, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety	Emphasize the urgency of accelerating implementation and translating political commitments into measurable results.

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13:25–13:35	Global overview of road safety	Dr Etienne Krug, Director, Department of Health Determinants, Promotion and Prevention, World Health Organization	Present a concise overview of global and regional progress, remaining gaps, and the acceleration required to achieve the 2030 target.
13:35-14:15	Moderated panel discussion	Moderator: Dr Nhan Tran Unit Head, Violence and Injury Prevention, World Health Organization. Mr Adrualdo de Lima Catão, National Secretary for Traffic, Brazil (TBC) Ms Lilian Greenwood MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Future of Roads, Department for Transport, United Kingdom (TBC) H.E. Abdessamad Kayouh, Minister of Transport and Logistics, Kingdom of Morocco (TBC) Mr. Fernando Grande-Marlaska Minister of Interior, Spain (TBC) H.E. Je Seta Thaiset, Deputy Minister of Interior, Thailand (TBC) Ms Donna Price, Founder and Chair, International Road Victims' Partnership (IRVP) Ms Sana'a Khasawneh, YOURS – Youth for Road Safety (Youth Representative)	Panelists discuss concrete examples of progress and reform, governance, financing, accountability, and delivery mechanisms that enabled implementation.

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14:15–14:25	Audience discussion	Moderator and panelists	Questions, reflections and transferable lessons.
14:25–14:30	Synthesis and closing	Dr Etienne Krug, Director, Department of Health Determinants, Promotion and Prevention, World Health Organization	Summarize the key lessons and their implications for the remaining years of the Second Decade of Action.

Proposed panel format

The panel will bring together:

- country representatives selected based on measurable progress or significant reform, geographical and income-level balance, relevance to the High-level Meeting themes, and confirmed attendance;
- one representative of a nongovernmental organization; and
- one youth representative.

The discussion will be moderated by Dr Nhan Tran. The moderator will introduce the panelists briefly and move directly into the discussion. To accommodate the number of panelists, interventions should be concise and organized around a small number of common questions rather than separate formal rounds.

Guiding questions

1. What is the most important change your country or organization has made—or is calling for—to translate road safety commitments into measurable progress?
2. What governance, financing, accountability, or delivery mechanism made this change possible, and what remains the principal obstacle to faster progress?

The NGO and youth representatives could also be invited to reflect on whether current institutional arrangements provide sufficient accountability, participation, and responsiveness to the people most affected by road traffic injuries.