Eastern Mediterranean Regional Forum of Road Safety Legislators

Forum Terms of Reference

The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Forum for Road Safety Legislators is established as a regional Chapter of the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators¹ to:

1. Provide a platform for legislators at all levels in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) to set priorities and exchange best practices in road traffic injury prevention.
2. Support advocacy and the legislative process required to improve road safety at municipal, country and regional levels.
3. Encourage stronger active engagement by legislators from EMR countries in the above-specified goals, through direct advocacy, social media channels and other mechanisms.
5. Endorse the Manifesto #4RoadSafety² issued by the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators which highlights the strategies, policies and laws that can help prevent this road traffic carnage.
6. Endorse the WHO Save LIVES package³, an evidence-based inventory of priority interventions with a focus on Speed management, Leadership, Infrastructure design and improvement, Vehicle safety standards, Enforcement of traffic laws and post-crash Survival.

Leadership Council

- A Chair and Vice-Chair will be agreed upon by consensus at during an annual meeting for a term of one year.
- The Leadership Council is composed of the legislators who took part in the 2018 inaugural meeting representing (Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Tunisia).
- Leadership Council members must be current members of parliament.
- Legislators who are no longer in parliament cannot hold a seat as a leadership council member, however, will remain a member of the EMR Forum.
- If the Chair or Vice-Chair is no longer in office, the Leadership Council may select another legislator for the remainder of the term (this may be done via electronic means).

Roles and responsibilities of the Leadership Council

- Set the agenda and priorities for the Forum’s activities.
- Communicate and disseminate information about the Forum.
- Consistent with WHO policies, ensure that there is no direct or indirect support or involvement from tobacco, alcohol or arm’s dealing.

Membership on the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Forum

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¹ Visit: http://www.4roadsafety.org/
² Visit: http://www.4roadsafety.org/manifesto-4roadsafety/
The EMR Forum for Road Safety Legislators will be open to Legislators actively engaged in improving road safety laws, regulations and policies from all Member States in the region, including legislators who are no longer in parliament, by endorsing the Manifesto #4Road Safety⁴.

**Role and tasks for the Chair**

- Facilitate the work of the EMR Forum Leadership Council
- Convening Leadership Council meeting
- Mobilize and manage resources – in collaboration with Leadership Council members and WHO, for activities, etc.
- Follow up on activities of the Forum to ensure implementation of agreed upon activities
- Identify and facilitate capacity building needs of Leadership Council and Forum members
- Dissemination and reporting of activities regionally, nationally and globally
- Encourage and support sub-regional and national parliamentary forums
- Facilitate identification and dissemination of best practices tailored to the regional context.
- Facilitate external opportunities for advocacy and capacity-building.
- Disseminate and report on compliance with international standards and agreements from countries in the region.
- Initiate and facilitate the development of a short-, medium- and long-term work plan to implement the Forum’s goals to be agreed upon by the Leadership Council.

**Secretariat**

The EMR Forum for Road Safety Legislators will be hosted by WHO. The Secretariat will be responsible for:

- Supporting planning and convening of meetings and activities
- Providing periodic updates on global events
- Hosting the website

**Meetings and activities**

- The Regional Forum’s Leadership Council will organize one face-to-face annual meeting and periodic seminars or workshops on road safety legislation and policy priorities (based on available funding).
- Face-to-face meetings of the Regional Forum’s Leadership Council may be held alongside other global events or meetings. Periodic seminars and workshops may be held virtually.
- The Regional Forum’s Leadership Council commit to identifying and hosting activities within their own countries or region to support legislative or policy changes or to advocate for improved road safety.
- The Regional Forum’s Leadership Council may designate parliamentary technical staff responsible for supporting legislative and regulatory improvements in their country to participate in meetings and activities as they deem appropriate and based on funding.
- The Regional Forum’s Leadership Council may designate an individual responsible for supporting legislative and regulatory improvements in their country to participate in meetings and activities as deemed appropriate, in accordance with the country’s parliament rules and based on funding.

⁴ For a listing of Member States in the WHO Africa Region, visit: http://www.emro.who.int/countries.html.