PRESENTATION OF ARMFA

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PLAN OF PRESENTATION

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INTRODUCTION

○ SSATP initiated reforms in the Road Sector – late 1980s

○ Birth of new type of Road Maintenance Funds in SSA from 1992

○ Association created by 18 Road Funds in Libreville December 2003
INTRODUCTION (cont’d)

- Hiccups - Reform of statutes in April 2004 – New EXCO
- Partnership Programme with SSATP
- Recruitment of a Coordinator (financed by SSATP) to assist the EXCO.
The objectives of the Association are:

1. Promote a Network for exchange of Experiences and information on good practices in the financing of road maintenance in Africa

2. The promotion and strengthening of ties between Road Maintenance Funds in Africa;

3. Strengthening of capacities of existing structures;

4. Support to nascent structures;
OBJECTIVES (cont’d)

5. Promotion of the sound management of road maintenance funds;
6. To Promote an efficient public/private partnership - best conditions for the mobilization of resources for road maintenance;
7. To strengthen cooperation with partners in development;
8. To ensure the sustainability and the harmonious development of RMF.
The Membership is open to all African National Road Maintenance Funds. In the case of countries with federated states, The Road Maintenance Funds of such Federated states could be admitted as Associate Members, provided that the said country is a member of the Association. Associate Members are non-voting members of the general assembly.
MEMBERS

25 MEMBERS: BENIN, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO REP., COTE D'IVOIRE, DJIBOUTI, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, KENYA, LESOTHO, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MALI, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, NIGER, RWANDA, TANZANIA, TCHAD, TOGO, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER: ZANZIBAR
ORGANS OF ARMFA

1. General Assembly,
2. The Executive Committee, and,
3. Any other organ created by G.A.

The EXCO is made up of:
The President,
2 Vice Presidents, and,
An Auditor

H/Q and permanent secretariat in Yaounde
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 4 Annual General Meetings and 1 Extraordinary meeting.

- Technical Workshops and General Assemblies at each meeting.
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Performance Indicators
- Performance Criteria, Monitoring and Evaluation of execution of Road Maintenance Works
- Mechanisms for the collection of RF revenues
- Adjusting or widening Road Tariffs
- Audits of RF
- 5yr Strategic and Business plan in preparation
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- ARMFA has a website www.armfa.org
- Updated RMF Matrix
- Created Key Performance Indicators
- Encouraged sensitisation of RF board members
- Facilitated dialogue and study tours between members
- Developed partnerships with PIARC, ASANRA, AGEPAR and soon with IRF
THE CHALLENGES

- Respect second generation RF principles;
- Involve road users more – enhance communication with road users;
- Sensitize government;
- Sensitize/educate road fund board members – RMF course;
THE CHALLENGES

- Release of resources to the Road Fund – delays, leakages
- Efficient use of the available resources
THE CHALLENGES

- Continue sharing of experiences on ways for adjusting and collecting road tariffs.
- Demonstrate RF effectiveness, show users how the funds they pay are actually being utilized?
- Establish procedure for adjusting or increasing road tariffs.
OUR AMBITION

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Implementation of the following objectives, strategies and targets in the financing of road maintenance:

1. Stay the course on “second generation” principles and restructure all road funds according to principles of second generation set out below by 2008:
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- Sound legal basis – separate road fund administration, clear rules and regulations.
- Strong oversight – broad based private/public board.
The President of the Board should be an independent and known personality (elected by members)–this contributes to acquire the adhesion of the public vis-à-vis the road programme and it’s financing.
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- Agency which is a purchaser not a provider of road maintenance services. (Funding Agency)

- Revenues incremental to the budget and coming from charges related to road use and channeled directly to the Road Fund bank account.
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- Sound financial management systems, lean efficient administrative structure.
- Regular technical and financial Audits (both internal and external).
2. Diversify revenue and capture road tolls, vehicle license fees and other charges related to road use by 2008.
3. Mobilize road users and stakeholders more effectively in order to influence decision-making. Develop a dissemination and Communication strategy – knowing our needs – to rally partners and use the media to trigger political will by 2007.
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4. Implement recommendations of technical audits reports and contribute to improving the efficiency of road management practices by 2008.
5. Establish regional focus groups, in 2006, to report on progress on the collection mechanisms, Negotiation and Public Relations strategies, Audits (value for money) and other regional issues related to road maintenance financing as follows:
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- **ECOWAS** – pilot BENIN
- **CEMAC** (plus Burundi) – pilot CAMEROON
- **EAC** (plus Rwanda) – pilot KENYA
- **SADC** – pilot ZAMBIA
CONCLUSION

“The Declaration of Accra” was adopted by ARMFA to be submitted to governments of member countries as guideline for future development of RF.
THE END

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