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Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces

WORLD ROAD CONGRESS ABU DHABI 2019

CONNECTING CULTURES
ENABLING ECONOMIES

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IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I INVITE AND WELCOME YOU TO ABU DHABI, THE MAGNIFICENT CAPITAL OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 26TH WORLD ROAD CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC) BETWEEN THE 6TH AND 10TH OF OCTOBER 2019

Choosing Abu Dhabi to host this global event could not be more apt for a road congress not only as the UAE has, for the fourth consecutive year, been ranked 1st in the Quality of Roads Index in the World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Reports but also because few other places can rival the UAE’s achievements when it comes to the Congress’s theme: Connecting Cultures, Enabling Economies.

The 26th World Road Congress promises yet another unique opportunity for road and transportation professionals to share and seek knowledge, ideas and innovations whilst experiencing Abu Dhabi’s hospitality and distinctive offerings; we hope that you avail yourself to it and participate in this truly global Congress.
ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC), I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 26TH WORLD ROAD CONGRESS

Over time, countries all over the world have come to depend on roads as the main public asset to provide year-round access and mobility for their populations. As a consequence, today’s road networks must operate continuously even as new demands, expectations and technologies surge and pose new challenges.

Rising to meet these challenges demands great knowledge and commitment from road practitioners worldwide. Every four years, the World Road Association (PIARC) organises the World Road Congress as the premier forum for road and road-transportation related information and knowledge exchange to allow road professionals to obtain, in a single event, relevant and up-to-date knowledge on topics of current concern.

The 26th World Road Congress will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on October 6th-10th, 2019, under the theme “Connecting Cultures, Enabling Economies”. The Congress programme features the presentation of the results of the work undertaken by PIARC’s 22 Committees and Task Forces, as well as a number of specialized sessions and workshops dealing with topics of current and future interest and a large exhibition in which road administrations, equipment and service providers, consultants and road-related organizations will be present. What’s more, Ministers from across the world will be present and share their views on key themes such as Artificial Intelligence, Land Use Planning and Future Transport Network.

I also invite experts from around the world, both managers and administrators, to exchange views on the technical, social and economic challenges related to the road and transport sectors. For the first time the World Road Congress will take place in the Middle East, and it will thus offer road professionals in that region a unique opportunity to obtain information on current trends and challenges for roads and road transportation all over the world.

On behalf of PIARC, I express my most sincere gratitude to the Government of the United Arab Emirates and to the Emirate of Abu Dhabi for their commitment to the organisation of this Congress and their efforts to ensure that this event will be a great success.

I invite you to mark this event in your agenda and look forward to meeting you in Abu Dhabi in 2019!

CLAUDE VAN ROOTEN
PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC)
THE ROAD TO ABU DHABI

Since 1908, the World Road Congress has been a defining voice for the road infrastructure and transport industry. A quadrennial platform featuring the World Road Association, its members and the world’s most influential voices in the road and transport sector. In 2015, Seoul, Korea, hosted the World Road Congress in close cooperation between the World Road Association, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Korea.

A TOTAL OF 114 NATIONS PARTICIPATED, WITH NEARLY 3,000 ATTENDEES AND OVER 40 UNIQUE SESSIONS.

The 26th World Road Congress, hosted by Abu Dhabi in October 2019, is a unique opportunity for the world to witness the nation’s strategic surface transport advancement at the next level. This edition featured for the first time in the Middle East will focus on Connecting Cultures and Enabling Economies and will demonstrate the commitment of the UAE to promote and foster innovation in the surface transport, tunnels, bridges and infrastructure space.

The United Arab Emirates has been identified by the World Economic Forums’ Global Competitiveness Report as having the best roads in the world from 2015 and holds that title currently in 2018. With the recognition of this great honour, it is a testament to the past and ongoing work of the nation to build on a legacy of road excellence with much more work continuing.

For 111 years, the witnessing of road development from the industrial age has been quite a journey. Now, we take it to the next level. In 2019, Abu Dhabi will feature the best of thought leadership and the best of innovative road solutions with an expected:

ATTENDANCE OF 5,000 DELEGATES, 300 EXHIBITORS AND REPRESENTATION OF OVER 120 NATIONS in one of the most advanced venues in the world, the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
ABOUT PIARC

THE WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1909 AS THE WORLD LEADING FORUM ON ROADS

In line with our vision to be the world leader in the exchange of knowledge on roads and road transport policy and practices within the context of integrated, sustainable transport, our four key missions are:

- **BE A LEADING INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF THE FULL SPECTRUM OF TRANSPORT ISSUES RELATED TO ROADS AND RELATED TRANSPORT.**

- **IDENTIFY, DEVELOP, AND DISSEMINATE BEST PRACTICE AND GIVE BETTER ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION.**

- **CONSIDER FULLY WITHIN OUR ACTIVITIES THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION.**

- **DESIGN, PRODUCE AND PROMOTE EFFICIENT TOOLS FOR DECISION MAKING ON MATTERS RELATED TO ROADS AND RELATED TRANSPORT.**

Thanks to the expertise of our members, who mobilise 1,200 experts in 22 Committees and Task Forces through operations guided by a 4-year Strategic Plan, the Association is widely recognised for the quality of its outputs: technical reports, online manuals and international seminars.

As of December 2018, this non-profit association counts 122 national member governments from all over the world, including two-thirds from low and middle-income countries, and more than 2,000 members from industry, administration or academia as well as individuals.

Since 1908, PIARC has organized the World Road Congress in order to share knowledge and promote best practice in the areas of roads and road transport around the world. Every four years, we provide a unique opportunity to discuss freely between experts and practitioners to assess progress around the world, to discuss best practice and to review and address tomorrow’s challenges.

ABOUT ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Abu Dhabi Department of Transport (DoT) was established in 2006 by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the U.A.E., as the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, to carry out the legislative, regulatory, supervisory and control functions related to the surface, maritime transport and the civil aviation sectors in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as well as all commercial activities related to these sectors.

As part of its efforts to establish an integrated and sustainable transport system in line with the objectives of the Abu Dhabi 2030 Economic Vision, DoT is responsible for:

- Formulating the policy of the transport sector in Abu Dhabi and the development strategies and plans for this sector.
- Preparing and ensuring compliance with legislation and regulations relevant to the transport sector, management, maintenance and investment of assets in the transport sector.
- Issuing regulations and decisions aimed at enhancing the flow of traffic and maintaining the safety, security and health of the society.
THE 26TH WORLD ROAD CONGRESS:
CONNECTING CULTURES, ENABLING ECONOMIES

The PIARC World Road Congress (WRC) aims at sharing worldwide techniques, innovations, political strategies, trends and developments, best practices and experiences in the fields of road, infrastructures and transport between Ministers, governments, private sector, road and transport administrations and organizations, academics, solutions’ providers, experts and practitioners from all countries across the planet.

The Abu Dhabi Department of Transport (DoT) won the bid to host the prestigious 26th Congress and identified the topic “Connecting Cultures, Enabling Economies” to enable multilateral talks regarding new ideas towards better understanding of road, infrastructure and surface transport works.

Indeed for thousands of years, roads, transport and infrastructure have played an essential role in the economic, social and cultural fields in the strategic national development plans of all the countries of the world no matter their level of development. On a daily basis, locally, regionally and universally they allow workers mobility, population flows, products and services trades, technology and innovations dissemination, exports and imports movements, but also social, health and education development, linguistics and culture spread for years.

However, nowadays, new global issues have to be tackled by cities such as accelerating urbanization and population growth, climate change and environmental issues, globalization, autonomous vehicles, new regulations, heavy traffic, etc. The WRC has been designed to enable all stakeholders around the world to discuss universal topics, such as safety and security, funding, design, development, to exchange new and innovative ideas in order that all participants go back home with new knowledge ready to be implemented at the local and national levels.

Around the world, road administrations and specialists are working out solutions to face today’s and tomorrow’s challenges and we look forward to discussing these developments in Abu Dhabi in October 2019.
WHO WILL ATTEND

MINISTRIES
GOVERNMENTS AND POLICY MAKERS
ROAD ADMINISTRATIONS
REGULATORY, SAFETY AND ROAD AUTHORITIES
PUBLIC TRANSPORT INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS
TOLL ROAD OPERATORS
ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE ORGANIZATIONS
TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS RELATED TO ROADS AND TRANSPORT
CONSULTANTS
ENGINEERS
FINANCE SPECIALISTS
INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS
RESEARCHERS, ACADEMICS AND STUDENTS
ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES
MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS
ITS INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS
FREIGHT INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS
INSURANCE COMPANIES
EMERGENCY AND DISASTER SERVICES

DO YOU WORK IN THE ROAD TRANSPORT SECTOR?
If the answer is yes then the World Road Congress is one of the most prestigious events on the planet for your profession.
The WRC attracts an array of global experts and professionals. The information-packed programme will attract more than 5,000 transportation professionals from around the world, providing a platform for the transport sector to share knowledge, network and do business.
Make sure you are one of them and take advantage of this important opportunity!
# Program at a Glance

## Sunday, 6 October
- **Morning Session**
  - Opening Session
- **Afternoon Session**
  - Ministers’ Session

## Monday, 7 October
- **Morning Session**
  - Keynote 1
  - SDS D: Infrastructure
  - TS D1: Road Asset Management
- **Afternoon Session**
  - SDS B: Mobility
  - TS B3: PPP & Finance
  - SS 7: Gender in Transport

## Tuesday, 8 October
- **Morning Session**
  - Keynote 2
  - TS D2: PaveMents
  - TS D3: Bridges
  - TS B1: ITS
  - SS 8: Research Implementation
- **Afternoon Session**
  - SDS C: Road Safety
  - TS A1: Performance Road Administration
  - TS E3: Disaster Management
  - TC D1, TC A2

## Wednesday, 9 October
- **Morning Session**
  - Keynote 3
  - TS D4: Earthworks & Rural Roads
  - TS B3: Urban Mobility
  - TS C1: Road Safety Policies
  - TS A2: Socio-Economics
  - SDS E: Climate Change
- **Afternoon Session**
  - TS D5: Tunnels
  - TS B4: Freight
  - TS C1: SAFER Road Infrastructure
  - TS A3: Risk Management
  - TS E1: Resilience
  - TC D3, TC B2, TC A1

## Thursday, 10 October
- **Morning Session**
  - Closing Session
  - SPS 1 & 2: Drones / Unmanned / TESI Infrastructure / Failure
  - TS TF2: 1 & 2: Automated Vehicles
  - TS TFC: Security
  - TS TFA1: Innovative Financing
  - TS E3: Environmental Considerations
  - SS 12: Long Distance Freight
  - TC D5, TC B4, TC A3, TC C2, TC E1, Resilience
- **Afternoon Session**
  - Workshops

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**Abbreviations**
- **SDS** = Strategic Direction Session
- **TS** = Technical Session
- **SS** = Special Session
- **SPS** = Special Projects Session
- **WS** = Workshops

**Program Timing**
- **8:00 - 17:30**
- **12:00 - 13:00** for Lunch Breaks
- **9:30 - 10:00** & **15:30 - 16:00** for Coffee Breaks

**Keynote Speech**
- **10:00 - 10:30**

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![Welcome Cocktail](image-url)
In the opening session, theme of the 26th World Road Congress, «Connecting Cultures, Enabling Economies» will be officially declared. Also, this session is prepared to welcome all participants to the Congress.

MINISTERIAL SESSION

The 26th WRC is a five-day event. This session, one of the highlights of the congress that traditionally started it, allows all participants to get together and follow presentations of member countries’ Ministers on challenges and solutions of each nation. This session, chaired by official representatives of the UAE, will enable participants to share and discuss national policy practices and experiences under the theme of ‘Connecting Cultures, Enabling Economies.’

FUTURE TRANSPORT NETWORK

Connected technology and innovative transport services are providing opportunities to change the way solutions are provided, connecting cities and neighbourhoods. A well-designed and efficient transport system contributes to economic growth and helps in refining the quality of life of the people, and is thereby one of the most important sectors of development.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS:
- How does a government set the policy agenda for the future with all these different modes available?
- How do governments decide what mode and service type are good to achieve?
- How do they prioritize investment into different modes and service types? How do they engage with innovative transport service providers?
- When the policy goal is agreed, how do they get society to change their current transport choice behaviours?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE ROAD SECTOR

Contribution of new technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) has the power to enhance road transport services and achieve safety strategy goals. For example, AI can predict potential risks using information obtained from various interior and exterior sensors, vehicle onboard computer and cloud network services. AI can also contribute to the optimization of transport services, through identification of demand patterns and allocation of resources, among others.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS:
- How are governments addressing these new technologies and what must they consider?
- How do authorities determine whether they should adopt such a new technology?
- What infrastructure changes are required and how does a government change the infrastructure to safely accommodate these new technologies in a way that is economically feasible and forward-looking?
- How does a nation begin to regulate these new technologies?

LAND USE PLANNING

Proper planning requires understanding challenges and possible solutions, with a good grasp of the actual data at the core of transport: daily work travel patterns, traffic and public transport movements, road work requirements and major events that create congestion and affect mobility.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS:
- What are the components of good infrastructure planning, such as environmental impact analyses and optimal use of land?
- How can governments deliver reductions in congestion through smart mobility?
- Should we look to limit the need to travel long distances?
- What are the key considerations for transportation resilience and sustainability for the future?
- How can governments foresee what are the communities of the future and their transport needs?
KEYNOTE SPEECHES (PLENARY SESSION)
The Congress invites globally-recognized dignitaries and prominent scholars such as leaders of research institutes and global businesses and ministers of member countries. They will share their successful stories and experiences that can provide participants with new visions and inspiration for the future. The keynote speech sessions, which will be held every day from 7 to 9 October, are planned to offer a one-hour discussion on various topics that can affect not only on roads and transport but also on society, economy, and politics.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SESSIONS (SDS)
The strategic direction sessions are designed to define future strategies on the point of political and strategic view in order to identify each technical committee’s activity paths in details for the following four years, which will be under the framework of four strategic directions determined every four years. Strategic theme coordinators will prepare and chair the discussion of the sessions based on national reports handed over by member countries of the Association from around the world.

Theme A - Management and Finance: Funding and Financing
Theme B - Access and Mobility: Innovative Transport Solutions to Optimize Access and Mobility
Theme C - Safety: Safety of the Road System
Theme D - Infrastructure: The story not always well told: the infrastructure preservation
Theme E - Climate Change, Environment and Disasters: The progress of climate change adaptation and mitigation actions in the Transport Sector after the COP 21 Paris agreement

SPECIAL PROJECT SESSIONS (SPS)
Special Projects developed over the 2016-2019 cycle will be presented and will engage the audience on forward-looking topics. Special Projects are a facility to pursue important topics outside the strict framework of PIARC technical bodies. They enable the organization to outsource the development of high-level, short documents that respond to critical issues identified by members.

Special Project Sessions:
- Unpredictable Infrastructure Failures
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)
- Positive Energy Roads
- Contribution of road transport to sustainability and economic development
- Electric Road Systems

CLOSING SESSION (PLENARY SESSION)
In the closing session, there will be reports on outcomes out of the Congress including the overall assessment on the 26th World Road Congress and the presentation on the strategic direction for the next period (2020 - 2023) of PIARC. Also, the next host country will be introduced and the status of host nation, the Czech Republic, will be officially handed over from the incumbent nation to the next one.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS
The technical sessions are designed to share specific activities, global status analysis, and major achievements of each PIARC Technical Committee or Task Force during the current period between 2016 and 2019. Moreover, the sessions will discuss topics linked to the state-of-the-art in the specific field and will propose the future directions for the next period from 2020 to 2023 based on the strategies discussed during the Strategic Direction Sessions. In preparation of the Sessions, the World Road Association has officially called for individual contributions. These Sessions are prepared and chaired by chairs of PIARC Committees and Task Forces.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TC) AND TASK FORCES (TF):

STRATEGIC THEME A - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE
- TC A.1 Performance of Transport Administrations
- TC A.2 Road Transport System Economics and Social Development
- TC A.3 Risk Management
- TF A.1 Innovative Financing
- TF A.2 Coordination between National and Sub-National Authorities

STRATEGIC THEME B - ACCESS AND MOBILITY
- TC B.1 Road Network Operations/Intelligent Transportation Systems
- TC B.2 Winter Service
- TC B.3 Sustainable Multimodality in Urban Areas
- TC B.4 Freight
- TF B.1 Road Design and Infrastructure for Innovative Transport Solutions
- TF B.2 Automated Vehicles: challenges and opportunities for road operators & road authorities

STRATEGIC THEME C - SAFETY
- TC C.1 National Road Safety Policies and Programs
- TC C.2 Design and Operations of Safer Road Infrastructure
- TF C.1 Infrastructure Security

STRATEGIC THEME D - INFRASTRUCTURE
- TC D.1 Asset Management
- TC D.2 Pavements
- TC D.3 Bridges
- TC D.4 Rural Roads and Earthworks
- TC D.5 Road Tunnels Operations

STRATEGIC THEME E - CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTERS
- TC E.1 Adaptation Strategies/Resiliency
- TC E.2 Environment Considerations in Road Projects and Operations
- TC E.3 Disaster Management
POSTER SESSIONS
All authors whose paper have been accepted by the Association will be able to present their work at the place of poster sessions located in the exhibition hall. The space and time slot (half-day) will be allocated according to contents of research, and authors will have opportunities to have free discussion and build networks with other participants from all over the globe.

SPECIAL SESSIONS
Special Sessions are designed to consolidate the relationship between PIARC and other international and regional organisations active in the field of road and transport. Special Sessions are also an opportunity to present important and newly emerging topics that have not yet been addressed by PIARC’s Technical Committees, Task Forces or Strategic Direction Sessions. Special Sessions aim at being forward-looking, broadening, and giving concrete examples of solutions and directions that are relevant for the audience.

SPECIAL SESSIONS:
- SS 1: Socioeconomic Impacts Of Connected Vehicles
- SS 2: Building Partnerships For Better Road Safety
- SS 3: Road Infrastructure Resilience
- SS 4: Pavement Solutions - On The Road To Climate Resilience & Energy Efficiency
- SS 5: Sustainable Financing For Transport Infrastructure
- SS 6: Sustainable Urban Freight Transport - New Opportunities And Challenges
- SS 7: Transport Is Not Gender Neutral: From Increasing Mobility To Enhancing Employment
- SS 8: Implementing Innovative Technologies: The Role Of The Private And Public Sector
- SS 9: Disability-inclusive Road Transport
- SS 10: Connected & Autonomous Mobility: Is Our Road Network Ready?
- SS 11: Rolling Out BRT For Highways
- SS 12: Promoting A Culture Of Transparency And Integrity In Transport Administrations
- SS 13: Long Distance Road Freight Transport

WORKSHOPS
The Workshops will cover new topics, not discussed in main sessions (Strategic Direction Sessions, Technical Committee Sessions, and Special Sessions) but need to be dealt with in order to strengthen Association’s links with regional organizations and advance road technologies.

- WS3 1: Weigh-in-motion
- WS2 PIARC online Road Safety Manual
- WS3 MDM-4
- WS4 Airfield pavements
- WS5 African Task Groups

Full list available on the WRC website.

PRESENTATION BY PIARC NATIONAL COMMITTEES
In the Presentation of PIARC National Committees, each national committee will make a presentation on their own activities. The presentations will be structured into three sub-sessions based on PIARC working languages of English, French, and Spanish.

SIDE EVENTS
PIARC Partners seize the opportunity of the World Road Congress to organise their own events. These are invitation-only events.

PIARC PRIZES 2019
PIARC is organizing a new edition of the PIARC Prizes competition for the 26th World Road Congress in 2019.

PIARC Prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding papers from the following categories:
- Young professionals (under 35 years old)
- Developing countries (from low and lower-middle income countries)
- Best innovation
- Safety of road users and workers
- Sustainable development
- Road design and construction
- Road maintenance and operation
- Roads and intermodality

Candidates have been carefully chosen according to the rules and procedures of the Communications Commission.

The results of the competition will be announced by July 15th, 2019, prior to the Congress. Winners will be invited to participate and receive their awards at the Congress.

PIARC Prizes will be awarded during the opening session.
TECHNICAL VISITS: WORLD CLASS ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

We invite you to attend the daily technical tours which will combine a whole series of infrastructure and technology achievements in the Abu Dhabi transport sector. For all visits, the participants will be provided with guide and transportation. Each visit will be available in one working language of the Congress. Departures will be organized in the morning and in the afternoon from ADNEC on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The technical visits are free of charge for all the Congress delegates. Full registration includes up to two technical visits.

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN IN FEBRUARY. STAY TUNED.

SHEIKH ZAYED TUNNEL AND SHEIKH KHALIFA BRIDGE
Al Salam Tunnel will be visited along with Tunnel operation and management unit followed by the Traffic Management Centre in Abu Dhabi (TMC) finishing with the Sheikh Khalifa Bridge along the E12.

SHEIKH ZAYED TUNNEL
This is a brand new key roads and infrastructure project, linking Abu Dhabi to the border of Saudi Arabia. It is over 300 kilometers long. An interesting feature is that the Guinness World Records has recognised the road as the longest international road in the world using LED lighting, helping reduce energy consumption by 60%.

ABU DHABI YAS MARINA CIRCUIT
Home of the world known Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, explore one of the most advanced Formula 1 tours. Take a behind-the-scenes look by visiting areas like the Drag Strip, Kartzone, the race control room, the paddock and the garages for a better understanding of what is needed to host a successful F1 race.

ABU DHABI PORTS
The largest container terminal is a major economic facility for Abu Dhabi. The visit will include the "platforms" and the road network includes the main modular road, industrial area and the Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) area.

ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:
Visit of the Airport Improvement project including new terminal and interchanges along E10 and E12 and surrounding area, such as Yas Tunnel and Yas Circuit. This is followed by a short tour within the airport showing new runway and location of new terminal and air traffic control tower.

DoT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER:
Visit of the traffic control central system, one of the world’s leading systems worldwide, more flexible, adaptive and interactivity to respond to all changing traffic scenarios via data generated by vehicle counting and classification sensors while being able to automatically coordinate traffic movement with nearby intersections to ensure integrated management of traffic on Abu Dhabi road networks.

MASDAR CITY:
The on-demand Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system of electric-powered, automated, single-cabin vehicles offers a taxi service with the sustainability of a public transport. Operated using a touch screen to indicate your preferred destination, the vehicles run along corridors located under the street. The cars are controlled by computer and use sensors to ensure nothing is in their path.
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

Abu Dhabi is turning into a world-class and sustainable destination, in line with the commitment to conserving and promoting Abu Dhabi’s heritage and tourism assets. Abu Dhabi’s investing heavily and continuously on the diverse array of leisure, entertainment, cultural attractions, artistic happenings and a comprehensive programme of profile-raising events.

Abu Dhabi has a diverse and multicultural society. The city’s cultural imprint as a small, ethnically homogenous pearling community was changed with the arrival of other ethnic groups. The cosmopolitan and tolerant atmosphere has developed into one of the safest places in the world.

During the days of the Congress, we expect accompanying family of the delegates and for this, as per tradition, we have developed a series of social programmes to keep them entertained and to introduce them to the best of Abu Dhabi and the UAE. Registrations are already open.

Experience the architectural prowess of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque; head to the Corniche, impressive 8km of waterfront with various water activities; rich to Yas Island – home to Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the world’s fastest roller coaster at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, the water park Yas Waterworld and the Warner Bros Park; discover the world famous Louvre Abu Dhabi; enjoy the peace and tranquility of the Abu Dhabi Mangrove; learn about the ancient sport of falconry or the history of an emirate dotted with ancient forts and historic sites – several of which have been listed as official UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

FERRARI WORLD, ABU DHABI
MANGROVE, ABU DHABI
WARNER BROS WORLD, ABU DHABI
LOUVRE, ABU DHABI

SHOPPING DAY - Marina Mall, Abu Dhabi Mall, Abu Dhabi Traditional Souq, Madinat Jumeirah and Souq Al Bahar, Dubai Mall.


CULTURAL DAY - Louvre Museum Abu Dhabi, Dates Market, Sheikh Zayed Mosque, Dhow Cruise, Al Jahili Fort, Jebel Hafeet Mountain, Qasr Al Hain Fort.

SIGHTSEEING DAY - Emirates Palace, Boat Trip to Futaisl Island, Bahrani Island, Etihad Towers Sightseeing Deck, Burj Khalifa Dubai.

Accompanying persons will have the opportunity to join the Congress for the Opening, the Ministers and the Closing Sessions and the Gala Dinner (over 21 years old).
SOCIAL EVENTS

The WRC delegates will not be forgotten as tailored social and cultural events, such as welcome cocktail, gala dinner, visits have been designed to allow them enjoy the City leisure after their working days.

SOME EXAMPLES:

DESERt OASIS Sunset Safari & BBQ
A half-day tour of a camel farm - to learn about the tradition of camel breeding - and the sand dunes on an off-road 4x4 adventure, with a stop to admire the sunset in the desert skyline. The day will finish in an oasis for food, drinks and entertainment to experience the traditional Arabic hospitality.

THE STORY OF ABU DHABI
A guide will introduce you to the highlights of the UAE’s capital. Drive along the popular Corniche and the famous Abu Dhabi skyline, take some pictures of the stunning Emirates Palace Hotel. Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the largest mosque in the UAE. Glimpse into the past when visiting the Heritage Village. Pass by the traditional Date Market and drive past Manarat Al Saadiyat Abu Dhabi.

More Information will be available on the World Road Congress website.

ACCOMMODATION

From 5-star to good quality stylish budget hotels, the city of Abu Dhabi can support all delegate accommodation requirements and budgets. Shuttle buses will be provided from the main hotels to the congress venue.

Upon registration, you will receive a welcome email with a promo code to use for your property of choice from the list below with instructions on how to avoid your Congress special pricing.

ANDAZ CAPITAL GATE ABU DHABI - 5*
15 MINUTES AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT AND MOST KEY ATTRACTIONS, ADJACENT TO ADNEC
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Phone: +971 2 998 8888
E-mail: reservations.abudhabi@dusit.com
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ABU DHABI NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

ADNEC invites you to make the most of your visit with convenient on-site facilities including numerous ATMs located throughout the centre, parking, retail options, airport check-in facilities, hotels and dining options.

ADNEC is committed to making the venue as accessible as possible, and as such offers a number of amenities and facilities tailored to assist those visitors with specific needs. Customer Services are handling anything from simple faxes, printing to visa assistance and IT at the customer services desk located at the ADNEC Grandstand.

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre offers state-of-the-art serviced offices in the UAE capital city’s iconic exhibition centre.

ACCESS TO THE CONGRESS VENUE
Abu Dhabi International Airport is just 15 minutes from ADNEC, over 50 international airlines operate a schedule of flight connecting Abu Dhabi to more than 80 destinations in 46 countries across the globe. Metered taxis to ADNEC are readily available outside the arrival hall.

ESTIMATED CAR TRAVELLING TIME FROM:

- Al Mahmoon International Airport: 60 minutes
- Al Ain Downtown: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Dubai International Airport: 90 minutes

Home of the Congress, ADNEC is one of the most modern conference and exhibition centres in the world welcoming more than 1.5 million visitors and host over 360 events every year. The award-winning venue offers world-class facilities and also features the iconic Capital Gate tower, leaning a record-breaking 18 degrees.
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

INTERPRETATION - CONGRESS LANGUAGES
English, French, Spanish and Arabic will be used as official languages of the 26th World Road Congress and simultaneous interpretation services will be provided in the plenary and technical sessions.

WEATHER
In October in Abu Dhabi, temperatures decline but the average temperature is still 29°C. Daytime averages reach a hot 37°C and nights only cool to 22°C.

FLIGHTS AND VISAS
Our partner Etihad is pleased to offer all guests up to 15% discount on Economy tickets on the Etihad Airways in Economy class; and up to 30% discount on Business class tickets from all USA airports.

Delegates will be able to take advantage of these special prices when they book their travel arrangements through our website. Once the flights booked, our partner will be on hand to manage any additional booking.

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TOURIST VISA
Validity to Enter - 90 days
Duration of stay - 30 days
Entry - Single
Extendable No
- Required valid passport for a minimum period of 6 months
- Pre-arrangement is required to apply for a tourist visa

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REGISTER AS DELEGATES

DELEGATE FEES
We are pleased to offer a very competitive delegate fee structure for one of the world’s most prestigious transport events:

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** INCLUDES COCKTAIL, GALA DINNER, UP TO 2 TECHNICAL VISITS.
BOOK YOUR STAND AS EXHIBITOR

Whether you represent a government administration, construction, or offer consultancy, manufacturing or supply services to the roads sector, the World Road Congress provides you direct access to your existing and potential peers, suppliers or clients from over 120 countries.

The World Road Congress gives you the opportunity to communicate with your market all under one roof.

The World Road Congress provides a state-of-the-art exhibition area which will provide a perfect space for exhibitors to present their achievements, innovative products and solutions to a global clientele.

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