INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

GENDER INCLUSION IN THE ROAD SECTOR

Madrid, 21 March 2024

Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos - (C. de Almagro, 42, Madrid)

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Why a workshop on gender inclusion in the road sector?

Transport, including roads, is not gender neutral. In many societies, the travel patterns and needs of women and men differ, mainly due to different conditions of daily life, as well as different values and priorities. Research consistently suggests that women prioritise personal protection and welfare issues in the transport system (such as safety, comfort, courtesy and hygiene), while men are more concerned with issues such as shorter travel times, often to the detriment of service or personal safety. However, traditionally, road policy and strategy do not take into account the gender dimension and do not recognise the needs and priorities of all road users.

The values, needs and priorities of different groups must be taken into account in the planning, design, maintenance and construction of road and transport infrastructure, but in addition to differences in travel needs and behaviours, women are not well represented in the road transport workforce. For example, in 2018, women made up less than 20% of the global transport workforce. This does not help the sector understand and take into account women's needs and priorities, and by responding to them, also improve service to men and society at large.

PIARC brings together 127 member governments through their national road administrations, most of which suffer from gender inequality, just as PIARC does. For PIARC's work to remain relevant and effective, gender equality and diversity must be at the core of its work. That is why its highest governance body, the PIARC Council, has decided in 2023 to make gender equality and diversity a core value of the organisation, thus supporting the efforts of many countries to achieve gender equality in their administrations and the road sector.

This International Conference brings together international experts and Spanish experts to present strategies on inclusion and gender equality and diversity in the road sector, both in public administrations, the private sector, universities and collegial bodies. As a pioneering conference on gender inclusion in the road sector, the conference will present specific Spanish and international case studies that respond to the objectives of gender inclusion in the road sector, thus contributing to the creation of a culture of inclusion that benefits all road workers and users, and the whole society.



THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

08:30-09:00 Registration and delivery of documentation

09:00-09:30 **OPENING**

Marta Serrano, Secretary General for Land Transport, Spain

Nazir Alli, President of PIARC

Miguel Angel Carrillo, President of the College of Civil Engineers

Álvaro Navareño Rojo, President of the ATC

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

09:30-09:45 PIARC's strategy for gender inclusion

Emanuela Stocchi, Chair of PIARC's Promotion of Gender Inclusion and Diversity Team (PGIDT), and AISCAT,

Italy.

09:45-09:55

Questions, answers and discussion on the introductory session

09:55-10:20 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:20-11:20 **ROUND TABLE 1:**

NATIONAL AND SECTORAL STRATEGIES, CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES

Moderator:

Emanuela Stocchi, President PGIDT PIARC

Participants:

Patricia Sanz, PGIDT PIARC Member, Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Spain

Lori Porreca, *PGIDT PIARC Member, Federal Highway Administration FHWA, USA* **Carmen de Andres**, *Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos, España*

Justin Ward, PGIDT PIARC Member, Chartered Institution of Roads and Transport, UK Sara Gómez Martín, Woman Engineering project at Royal Engineering Academy, Spain

11:20-12:20 **ROUND TABLE 2:**

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER MAINSTREAMING, GOOD PRACTICES AND CASE STUDIES

Moderator:

Patrick Malléjacq, Secretary General of PIARC

Participants:

Lina Granlund, PIARC PGIDT Member, Trafikverket Transport Administration, Sweden

Helena González Romera, Repsol, Spain

Reingard Vogel, PIARC PGIDT Member, Asfinag, Austria

Laura Castela Ávila, Directora de Comunicación de la Fundación Laboral de la Construcción, España

Jenny Cook, PIARC Technical Advisor for Promoting Gender Inclusion

12:20-12:30 CLAUSURA

Juan Pedro Fernández Palomino, Director General of Roads and First Delegate of Spain to PIARC

SECRETARIAT OF THE DAY

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LIMITED PLACES REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

ONLINE PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE

THE WORKSHOP WILL HAVE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION ENGLISH-SPANISH ONSITE AND ONLINE.

Registration for the in-person participation in the College will be done through the website:

www.atc-piarc.com

Registration for online participation should be done here:

https://bit.ly/48FhKaa