



+120
countries



+1,900 experts



+20 Technical
Committees



Since
1909

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION



Strategic Theme 1 Road Administration		Strategic Theme 2 Road Mobility		Strategic Theme 3 Safety and Sustainability		Strategic Theme 4 Resilient Infrastructure	
Technical Committees							
TC 1.1 Performance of Transport Administrations		TC 2.1 Roads for Accessibility and Mobility in Urban and Peri-urban Areas		TC 3.1 Road Safety		TC 4.1 Pavements	
TC 1.2 Contribution of Roads to Economic and Social Development		TC 2.2 Roads for Equity, Accessibility and Mobility in Rural and Interurban Areas		TC 3.2 Winter Service		TC 4.2 Bridges	
TC 1.3 Finance and Procurement		TC 2.3 Sustainable Freight		TC 3.3 Asset Management		TC 4.3 Earthworks	
TC 1.4 Planning the Resilience of Road Networks - Climate Change and other Hazards		TC 2.4 Road Network Operations and ITS for Sustainability		TC 3.4 Environmental Impacts of Road Infrastructure and Transport		TC 4.4 Tunnels	
TC 1.5 Disaster management		TC 2.5 Road infrastructure for Connected and Automated Mobility		TC 3.5 Road infrastructure for road transport decarbonisation		TC 4.5 Decarbonisation of road Construction and Road Maintenance	
						TC 4.6 Road Design Standards	
Task Forces							
TF 1.1 HDM							
Strategic Coordination on Decarbonisation							
Terminology Committee							
Road Statistics Committee							



Roads are the oldest mode of transport because their efficiency and accessibility they account for over 80% of transport in most countries. They are faced with increasingly stringent requirements in terms of demand for transport, new trends, societal pressures, and budget efficiency, and they are key elements to meet governments and societies' objectives in terms of accessibility, and social and economic development. **International cooperation** is a powerful tool in this process.

PIARC, the World Road Association, was founded in **1909** to facilitate this type of cooperation on all road-related issues. **Our products and services** are widely accessible and focus on expectations and requirements expressed by our membership, which primarily includes the governments of over 120 countries.

PIARC should:

- **Provide responsive and quality service to all its members**
- **Be open, objective, and impartial to foster peaceful dialogue for socioeconomic development**
- **Promote sustainable, integrated, and sound economic solutions that respect the differing international road transport needs**
- **Be gender inclusive and diverse**
- **As a meeting point for road organisations, be non-partisan and areligious.**

We build **networks of road experts** from around the world, we provide these experts with collaborative working methods, and publish their **recommendations and reports**. All this occurs within a context of **integrated and sustainable transport**.



OUR KEY MISSIONS

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

- The World Road Congress is held every four years since 1908
 - Prague (Czech Republic) in 2023
 - Vancouver (Canada) in October 2027
- The World Congress on Road Winter Service, Resilience and Decarbonisation is held every four years since 1969
 - Calgary (Canada) in 2022
 - Chambéry (France) in March 2026
- +4,000 international delegates - +1,000 for winter Congress
- More than 23 Technical Committees and Task Forces
- Program for International Seminars in low- and middle income countries, Conferences and Workshops with +50 events every 4 years cycle
- Statutory meetings of our Council, Executive Committee and Commissions.
- National level meetings (PIARC National Committees in 49 countries)



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

- Extensive library of Technical reports, briefing notes, collection of case studies, literature reviews, accessible free-of-charge
- Quarterly trilingual *Routes/Roads* magazine
- Conferences – Tunnels, Pavement Characteristics, Decarbonisation, Bridges...
- Conferences Emerging topics tackled in few months (Special projects)



FULLY CONSIDER WITHIN OUR ACTIVITIES THE NEEDS OF LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

- Their needs are incorporated in our work topics
- International seminars on site – one every six weeks
- Partnership with Regional organizations
- Financial support mechanisms for experts to join our activities



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

- Dictionary +35 languages, +16,000 technical terms
- HDM: road maintenance policy and investment analysis software
- DG-QRAM: managing transportation of hazardous goods in tunnels
- Thematic online manuals: road safety, tunnel operations, management of road assets, disaster management, network operations/intelligent transportation





HOW DO WE WORK?



Technical Committees and **Task Forces** are the engine of PIARC.

They bring together over 1,900 experts from around the world, making PIARC **the world's largest network of road specialists**. Their work revolves around two annual in-person meetings, usually back-to-back to seminars in low or middle-income countries, or workshops in high-income countries, plus a dozen of annual online meetings, culminating their work in the publication of reports, briefing notes, collection of case studies, literature reviews...on priority technical topics.

Our products are available in English, French and Spanish – which are the three working languages of PIARC – and sometimes in other languages.



OPEN TO PARTNERSHIPS

PIARC actively pursues partnerships with a view to positioning roads as a key component in the transport system, ensuring that our products are widely distributed, contributing to sharing best practice, providing us with greater access to road communities, coordinating action plans and devising joint projects.

PIARC National Committees: national road associations, set up at national level in over 49 countries.

Regional road associations: Creating synergies in some regions to better serve our member countries and increase impact to improve road sector everywhere.

Development organisations including multilateral development bank, national and regional agencies for cooperation and development, etc.

International technical organisations: in the road and transport sectors, and in specific topics such as road safety, tunnels, winter service, etc.



WHY JOIN PIARC?

How is PIARC unique?

- PIARC is the leading intergovernmental voice on all road-related matters in a global transport and mobility context.
- Founded in 1909, PIARC is the only association that brings together the road administrations of 120+ countries.

What does PIARC do?

- PIARC informs and connects decision-makers to spark innovation and help them respond flexibly to emerging road challenges and opportunities.
- PIARC is a multistakeholder knowledge hub for practical expertise and policy approaches

Do you want to get involved?

- Keep your finger on the pulse of road administrations' priorities
- Fast-lane access to road experts: PIARC houses collaboration among 1,900 specialists from diverse backgrounds in 23 technical committees that host dozens of high-level events and technical seminars each year
- PIARC offers a wealth of information: explore the many publications readily available to all

Join the one-stop shop of road professionals with global connections!

We offer several membership categories to suit your needs: national governments, regional authorities, companies or universities, individual members.



MULTIPLE KEY AUDIENCES

Primary audience: Decision-makers

Knowledge brokers:

- Advisors (including executive assistants) First Delegate
- TC/TF members
- National Committees

Complementary audiences:

- Government road practitioners
- Young professionals
- Road sector stakeholders
- Private sector
- Academia and opinion makers
- Students

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