

## SAFER AND CLEANER USED VEHICLES FOR AFRICA

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12.00 – 15.00 East Africa Time *(simultaneous French/English translation available)*



### Background

Most African countries rely on used vehicle imports to meet increasing mobility needs. Used vehicles therefore play an important role in promoting cleaner and safer mobility in Africa. However, without minimum standards and regulations to incentivize import of cleaner and safer vehicles, used vehicles can be a leading contributor to both global climate emissions and local air pollution, and increased road accidents.

Two reports by UNEP<sup>1</sup> and the Netherlands Government<sup>2</sup> launched last year show that most African countries lack minimum regulatory standards to attract cleaner and safer cars, but also that countries that had such minimum standards were able to attract cleaner, safer used vehicles.

<sup>1</sup> "Used Vehicles and the Environment - A Global Overview of Used Light Duty Vehicles - Flow, Scale and Regulation" (<https://www.unep.org/resources/report/global-trade-used-vehicles-report>)

<sup>2</sup> Used vehicles exported to Africa - <https://www.ilent.nl/binaries/ilt/documenten/rapporten/2020/10/26/rapport--used-vehicles-exported-to-africa/RAPPORT-+Used+vehicles+exported+to+Africa.pdf>

## Safer and Cleaner Used Vehicles for Africa

In response to the need for safer and cleaner used vehicles import into Africa, and building on on-going initiatives, the [UN Road Safety Trust Fund](#) is promoting minimum used vehicles standards in Africa. The partners implementing this initiative are UN Environment Programme (UNEP), UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Federation Internationale d'Automobile (FIA), International Motor Vehicles Inspection Committee (CITA), UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Union Commission (AUC). The phase 1 of the project focuses on two sub-regions, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the East African Community (EAC) to develop and implement minimum cleaner, safer vehicle regulations and is expected to expand to the other African regions later. The implementing partners are at the same time engaging with the three main used vehicles exporting countries/regions - European Union, Japan and USA – to agree to a minimum criterion before export of used vehicles.

## First African Used Vehicles Importers Meeting

This first African used vehicles importers virtual meeting targets government agencies responsible for used vehicles management, regional economic bodies that are responsible for harmonization of vehicle standards, private sector and civil society involved in used vehicle import and public outreach. The aim of the meeting is to:

- ❖ Bring the key stakeholders together to discuss the need for used vehicles regulation in the region;
- ❖ Share sub-regional and national experiences and best practices in regulating for safer and cleaner used vehicles.





## Agenda

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| <b>12:00-12:10</b> | <b>Introduction and welcome (Short video)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Moderator</b> - Rob de Jong, Head, Sustainable Mobility Unit, UNEP</li> </ul>  |
| <b>12:10-12:20</b> | <b>Used vehicles in Africa – Current status</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Jane Akumu, Sustainable Mobility Unit, UNEP</li> </ul>  |
| <b>12:20-12:30</b> | <b>Keynote speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Why cleaner, safer vehicles in Africa?</b><br/>Jean Todt, United Nations Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety</li> </ul>  |
| <b>12:30-13:00</b> | <b>What is Africa doing towards cleaner, safer used vehicles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Harmonization of used vehicles regulations: Experience from ECOWAS</b><br/>Bernard Koffi, ECOWAS Commission</li> <li>❖ <b>East Africa progress towards used vehicle standards</b><br/>Stella Apolot, EAC Secretariat</li> <li>❖ <b>Need for cleaner, safer used vehicles for sustainability</b><br/>Placide Badji, Africa Union Commission</li> </ul>   |
| <b>13:00-13:20</b> | <b>Q &amp; A -Moderator</b>  |
| <b>13:20-13:45</b> | <b>Need to regulate export of used vehicles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Case study from Dutch ports</b><br/>Marietta Harjono, Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate (ILT), The Netherlands</li> <li>❖ <b>Linking used vehicles export data to imports</b><br/>Walter Nissler, Chief of Vehicle Regulations and Transport Innovations Section, UNECE</li> </ul>  |
| <b>13:45-14:30</b> | <b>Panel Session- Best practices in promoting quality used vehicles</b><br><i>(3 questions to panel members: How has your organization worked towards promoting safer, cleaner vehicles; Any challenges? and Key recommendations)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>How governments can promote cleaner and safer used vehicles</b><br/>Zyaad Boodoo, Mauritius</li> <li>❖ <b>How vehicle inspection can support quality used vehicles</b><br/>Eduard Fernández, CITA</li> <li>❖ <b>Private sector engagement - Used vehicles importers</b><br/>Major (Rtd) John Kipchumba, Kenya Auto Bazaar Association</li> </ul> |
| <b>14:30-14:50</b> | <b>Q &amp; A - Moderator</b>   |
| <b>14:50-15:00</b> | <b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Robert Lisinge, UNECA</li> </ul>   |