



Summary of Post-Conference Survey Results  
for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety, Brazil  
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This report summarizes survey results from Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (Alliance) member NGOs who received a travel grant from the Alliance to attend the 2nd Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety in Brasilia, Brazil, 18-19 November 2015. Members who received a travel grant were asked to complete a follow-up survey as part of the grant agreement. The information below was gathered from the responses of 40 Alliance member NGOs reflecting on the conference. The responses of three NGOs were omitted as they were not able to attend the conference due to extenuating circumstances.

- The majority of members were able to meet with the high-level government delegations from their country

Three out of four Alliance members in attendance were able to meet with high-level delegates from their countries at the conference to discuss country-specific issues. Among NGOs who were not able to meet with their country-level delegation, almost all said it was because their country did not send a government delegation. Another less common reason was that the high-level delegates from their country were busy at the conference and did not have time to meet.

*“I met with the Government Delegates Joint Secretary of Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport and Delegates from our Embassy in Brasilia. We discussed to have joint action, review our national plan of action, form a parliamentary group and also to hold a national sharing and ways ahead program by mid-December to roll out the declaration of conference.” - NGO, East Asia*

*“Our NGO met the high officials from our country on the 17th November and on the 18th all of us had dinner at our country’s Ambassador in Brasilia’s house, including the Deputy permanent secretary to the Minister of transport, police commissioner, traffic Director, and head of road safety education in the lead agency. This enabled us to talk about how we were going to combine our efforts in promoting road safety in our country so as to market the decade of action and the Brasilia declaration to our politicians. It was a fruitful forum which promised more action, synergy, and impact.” - NGO, Africa*

*“Unfortunately, there weren't any representatives from our country's ministers. So, in this case I didn't meet with them, but met with many other NGOs and International organizations members.” - NGO, Central Asia*

*“Head of our delegation was the Director General of the National Transport and Safety Authority. We met and discussed various issues concerning promotion of road safety in the context of the resolutions from the meeting. We have planned for a post-Brazil meeting that will include other stakeholders to strategize on how we disseminate and put into action the outcomes of Brazil meeting. One clear resolution was the need to strengthen the working relationship between the government and NGOs in our country.”*  
**- NGO, Africa**

*“No, we did not have the opportunity to meet our Minister because she did not attend the conference. The delegate from our government who attended the conference does not have the sufficient level of interlocution to influence public policy.”*  
**- NGO, Latin America**

- Alliance members appreciated the opportunity to participate in the conference and learn from leading experts in road safety from around the world.

*“To participate in this kind of event is very important to our organization. Since we are in the situation of being a developing country, it is very useful that we could have the chance of hear what is going on about road safety around the world. From this point of view, we took advantage of each opportunity that happened along the event.”*  
**- NGO, Caribbean Region**

*“The conference has been quite educative for us in the sense that people from different parts of the world shared their experiences. In a way, the conference worked as guide for interventions that NGOs in our country can follow. The best part of the conference was the single global platform for networking and sharing of knowledge.”*  
**- NGO, East Asia**

*“It was beneficial for us to meet other NGOs and people involved with transport from African countries. Hearing the latest news and views inspires us to keep on working hard to make a difference, especially hearing from global leaders like WHO, UN, FIA, etc.”*  
**- NGO, Africa**

*“It was great to have an opportunity to share ideas.”*  
**- NGO, South Pacific Region**

- Thematic side-events and ongoing networking opportunities were overwhelmingly cited as the most beneficial components of the conference. The large plenary sessions were generally viewed as the least beneficial components of the conference.

*“The most beneficial part was the parallel meetings where thematic issues were discussed. There was exchange of ideas from other countries with similar issues. The other aspect that was very beneficial was the networking that will help continued engagement with other countries. The least beneficial was the presentations by the various ministers from different countries during plenary. It seemed like they were giving a status report of their countries and not much of way forward.”*  
**- NGO, Africa**

*“The most beneficial were the side-events in which representatives of developed countries spoke about their actions and achievements, and how they did it. The least beneficial part was listening to ministers or heads of delegations from developing countries boast about achievements which are in fact difficult to believe.” - NGO, Latin America*

*“The most beneficial part was being able to attend the side events. The least beneficial was listening to the long speeches given by the different authorities.” - NGO, Latin America*

*“During the conference we had the opportunity to meet several ministers and NGOs from the countries where we operate and/or are starting. Really excellent networking with concrete talks on the highest level!” - NGO, Europe*

*“The conference encouraged us to help and remind our government of implementing and enforcing their intentions on road safety. Especially the side-events and bilateral talks gave us insights about the role for NGOs and also ideas on new partnerships, with public and private parties, both national and international. The general session at the beginning of the conference was not so beneficial to our NGO, as it was more a massive listening to obligatory statements.” - NGO, East Asia*

- Other criticisms noted included lack of organization, a time-consuming registration process leading up to and during the conference, as well as poor quality translation during the conference.

*“The organization could have been better. Registration materials were inadequate and the long lines for registration were not necessary. They should have decentralized the registration process and let most people register in their hotels.” - NGO, Africa*

*“When [the conference] is called “High-Level,” you expect it to be more organized and disciplined.” - NGO, Middle East*

*“The translation equipment was quite poor for the most part which really limited your ability to understand what was being said.” - NGO, Europe*

- Many members developed specific follow-up plans based on information and lessons gathered from the global conference

*“We plan to engage our high-level government officials even more. What we have learned is that there is need for increased political will around the world, and this political will is currently lacking in our country. We are going to strive to engage our politicians more so that they prioritize road safety, and we are going to use our connections that we have made at the conference to present directly to our Parliament.” - NGO, Africa*

*“We are planning to advocate for the 3-star minimum road safety standard, as developed by iRAP, to the Senate and Congress Committees on Road Safety. We are also going to work with them to review the 215 Global Status Report and work on areas of improvement. We will do the same in partnership with other neighboring country authorities.” - NGO, Africa*

*“We intend to develop a national alliance of NGOs and civil groups for road safety in 2016 as well as organize a national committee for road safety good practices. We will follow up on the signing of Brasilia Declaration to both collaborate with the government and put some pressure on priority policies and measures.” - NGO, Latin America*

*“Specific action we plan to take includes: working to develop a guide for a better post-crash response; advocating for legislation that takes into account the rights and needs of road victims; developing campaigns that prevent risk factors which lead to distracted or impaired driving; advocating for systematic and consolidated data collection on the occurrence of road traffic crashes; raising awareness of the interrelation between road safety and a healthy lifestyle.” - NGO, Europe*

*“Our participation in the conference enabled us to have a reputation with our government officials, which opens up the opportunity to work with them to collect data related to traffic crashes and consult on road safety in our country. On the other hand our NGO will increase awareness-raising efforts toward schools and youth via the #SaveKidsLives campaign.” - NGO, Africa*