

Special Issue

Road Accident Analysis and Policy Planning in African Countries

Message from the Guest Editors

African countries present the worst road safety conditions in the world, with fatality rates three times higher than in Europe. Moreover, despite decreasing trends in Europe and many other areas, the number of fatalities in African is continuously increasing, with dramatic impacts on local economies.

Relationships between fatality rates and income levels are identifiable from WHO data and common risk factors, including unreliable road accident data, poor infrastructure, low level of enforcement, inefficient road safety management frameworks, and unreliable post-crash emergency systems, etc.

International institutions, like the United Nations, African Union, and European Union, etc., are making a lot of efforts to improve the situation, such as introducing the safe system approach into road safety management procedures. A main priority, in this view, is a significant improvement of local research and academic institutions, through dedicated capacity building.

This Special Issue contributes to furthering understanding of local road safety conditions and the main risk factors, with a view to developing strategies and measures significantly alter the trend of increasing fatalities.

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