

MINUTES FOR THE WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD VISTIMS GAMBIA MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

National Coordinator: Mr. Dawda Bah-YOURS-youth for road safety-Gambia Chapter representative called for the meeting.

The Gambia through Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety observed the “World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims” with the global theme:, held at KOTU ROAD SIDE just an hour drive to the capital city, Banjul.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Mr. Joe Bongay Executive Director of Young Volunteers for the Environment Gambian Chapter, Mr. Siaka Badjie President Vision Cultural Organization the Gambia, and Mr. Dawda Bah YOURS-youth for road safety champion The Gambia, who called the meeting to order and asked for a full participation.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of the passed innocent people who lost their lives away on world’s roads by accidents

Executive Members Present:

Bakary Ceesay, Alieu Mboob, Kassim Oscar, Dawda Bah, Joe Bongay, Siaka Badjie, Nyima Sangyang, and many other members.

TIME OF OPENING REMARKS: 16:30 GMT

YOURS National Coordinator Mr. Dawda Bah spoke and find his speech below.

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Mr. Chairperson of World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims Gambia meeting, 2016,

Honorable Mr. Joe Bongay Executive Director Young Volunteers for the Environment Gambia Chapter here present,

Mr. Siaka Badjie President Vision Cultural Organization the Gambia,

Distinguished Executive and members of Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety,

Distinguished invited guest from Vision Cultural Organization and Young Volunteers for the Environment-Gambia Chapter,

Members of the Press, Ladies and Gentlemen, all protocols dully observed.

Thank you joining this our second edition of commemorating World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims here in the Gambia.

On behalf of Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety and our partners Vision Cultural Organization, Young Volunteers for the Environment, and on my own behalf, I thank my organizers for putting this important meeting to remember those our family members, friends and love once who lost their lives so suddenly on our Gambian roads and around the world.

Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety was established in 2015 as a country chapter of YOURS-youth for road safety international with the aims to act and make Gambian roads safe for young people. Two years today but we are hoping to grow gradually and as I am speaking we are proud to say we observed many UN'S road safety activities in 2015.

Mr. Chair, dear participants of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims Gambia 2016, like you, people around the world are commemorating the founding of World Day of Remembrance of Road Victims which comes on the 3rd Sunday of November each year to remember our families and love once who lost their lives on world's roads.

Mr. Chair, Participants, let me take you back to memories. Do you know more than many 100 people lost their lives in the Gambia on road accidents between January, 2016 to November, 2016? Do you know the southern part of the country is hardest hit? The kombo coastal highway which link the southern boarder Kartong to the capital city, Banjul alone claimed more than two dozens of lives in the pass ten months, I counted it myself for this speech.

The worst appeared mid-November, 2016 where 10 people including the driver and the conductor confirmed dead at the spot in a single car accident at the fishing village highway TANJI. This is unacceptable and we can only reduce it if we take a warm action. Shall we, yes we can, it is possible.

We just need the cooperation of all Gambians. My ministry Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety is warmly ready to undertake this mission and in this regard we urge the government of the republic of the Gambia to authorize the mission urgently.

Mr. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me conclude by extending my deepest gratitude to our partner associations for accepting our invitations and making the day possible with different. Many thanks to my ministry Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety for hosting yet again the World Day of Remembrance for Road Victims in the Gambia. It is our sincere hope that the meeting will strengthen the cooperation and collaboration between Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety and the international in various aspect of work.

With this remark I once again thank you our participants for your kind attention. Your efforts are always appreciated. Many thanks to the interpreters and all the support staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that the session ends successfully.

I wish you safe journey back home.

Thank you,

Merci,

Obrigado.

Among the speakers was Mr. Joe Bongay the Executive Director of Young Volunteers for the Environment Gambia Chapter. He made mentioned the challenges that young people are facing particularly in the developing countries particularly, in Africa.

Mr. Bongay further added that young people don't have a lot of skills to do with road safety activities, he then advised the International body to lobby and send some of these leaders of tomorrow to attend road safety courses around the world.

Mr. Siaka Badjie is the President of Vision Cultural Organization based in the Gambia. To his part, his ministry advocates for African Cultural heritage but to his thought, he is strongly convinced that he need to be twin with Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety for one common goal and that is 'SAVES LIVES'. "We are all road users and everyone can be a victim" says Mr. Badjie.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

Participants wanted to find out the tentative date for Gambian Youth Forum for Road Safety next meeting and how to get involve, in this regard 29th January, 2017 was set as a tentative date for GYFRS January monthly meeting where membership application forms will be giving free without any cost.

18:30 GMT-CLOSING REMARKS

YOURS-youth for road safety National Coordinator Mr. Dawda Bah thanked all participants who attended the meeting for their active participation and asked them to keep up on doing good job in their respective organizations and communities.

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