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## INTERNATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION COMMITTEE

### Message for the CITA Regional Conference for Africa from the CITA President

Good morning everyone. I regret that I am unable to be with you in person for what promises to be an extremely valuable and interesting conference on roadworthiness inspection in Africa. However, CITA is very ably represented at this important conference by Mrs Ferose Oaten - in her role as chairperson of the CITA Regional Advisory Group for Africa - and by Dr Thomas Aubel, Dr Thomas Klukas and Mr Juan D. Rodríguez - who are all three members of the CITA Bureau Permanent.

Improving vehicle roadworthiness is a critically important element of the worldwide drive to improve road safety; and to make our environment both healthier for us to live in and more sustainable for future generations.

This goal presents a demanding challenge in all regions of the world. Our overall aim must be a “vision zero”, where we eliminate all unnecessary risks to safety and the environment. Without doubt, periodic and roadside roadworthiness inspections are key and valuable tools for achieving this objective.

This ideal applies to us all, whichever region of the world we live in. It just might take longer to achieve in some countries than others due to the realities that exist. Different countries represent different challenges. To succeed everywhere in the long term, we need to be smart in the way that we apply these tools to take account of the economic, social and political realities that exist in each country.

This conference is a wonderful opportunity to exchange experiences, thinking and knowledge to assist you all to act more smartly. One focus of your discussions will be what can be done realistically to reduce the risk of corruption undermining the benefits of roadworthiness inspection. I trust that you will find those discussions very beneficial.

As CITA President, I warmly welcome you to this conference, and hope that it successfully meets all of your expectations. You will be receiving 20 excellent presentations showcasing best practice for roadworthiness inspection from senior players in our sector. There will be a strong emphasis on developing best practice to suit the Africa region.

I wish you a successful and stimulating conference.

**Johan Cobbaut**  
CITA President

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