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TO:

CITA Members
Stake-Holders and Role Players on the African continent
Interested parties

Dears Sirs / Mesdames

STRATEGY FOR THE REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR AFRICA

It has now been nearly 5 months since our deliberations in Seville in Spain, and since then, we have been strategizing about the approach to Africa. Thank you for your interest in our activities.

It is proposed that this Regional Advisory Group operates as inclusively as possible, and extends its communication and engagement not only to current members of CITA, but also to all interested stakeholders for the first 2 years, after which we will then engage exclusively with members. This will provide an opportunity for all to be exposed to the activities and the value of membership.

We would like to share our thoughts on the way forward for the RAG Africa, and we would welcome your comments and further suggestions.

It is also quite timeous, as African Union Member States are about to adopt a Charter on Road Safety in Africa, Please have a look at the link hereafter <http://www.cita-vehicleinspection.org/Home/CITAConferences/2014RegionalAfricaMar/tabid/517/Default.aspx>

PURPOSE OF RAG AFRICA

- To provide a platform for the exchange of information on best practises with regard to periodic vehicle testing.
- To promote membership of CITA and to promote the activities and interests of CITA.
- To provide a resource to role players in the establishment of the legislative framework and standards compilation for vehicle testing in the region.
- To provide a professional network of stake-holders to ensure that the furthest reaches of Africa becomes accessible to all interested parties.
- To promote awareness and provide support to countries in their efforts to fulfil the mandate adopted in the African Charter for Road Safety.

STRATEGY

- To compile a data base of role players and stake-holders on the African continent.
- To communicate with these role players and stake-holders on a regular basis regarding any issue of interest.
- To invite participants to share information based on the following:-
 - Overview of activities on vehicle testing and vehicle safety initiatives in their countries
 - Business models used by the various stake holders and role players in their region
 - Best practises that they are willing to share with others on the continent
 - Challenges they need assistance and input for:-
 - Local challenges related to their own immediate environment

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- Legislative influence and motivation within their own countries and regions, especially in the light of the draft African Road Safety Charter;
- Issues that need to be raised at the various CITA and UN Forums
- To hold a gathering of members, stake-holders and role players within the mandatory testing environment once every 12-18 months for the sharing of information and networking.
- To ensure that we have built up a data base of knowledge of each country in terms of vehicle population, legislative framework and standards environment.
- To ensure that all people on our data base receive the CITA publications and news on activities.
- To group countries of the major regions together, and build an activity around each of these regions that would promote CITA.
- That in addition to the CITA publication that is despatched from Brussels, that the information gathered through information sharing initiatives is published in quarterly African newsletter.

So, in summary, what is required at present is the following:-

- Any additional suggestions on our proposed strategy
- Provide contact details of any role players and stake-holders who should receive our information and who would benefit from our activities (First Name, Surname, Position, Company / Organisation, Telephone and Email address), or to forward this letter to such contacts that you know.
- Share information as described above that can be distributed in our quarterly African newsletter, the first of which will be published at by mid December. Deadline for this is 30th November 2013.
- We would like to have our first 2-day CITA Regional Conference, followed by a CITA Regional Advisory Group meeting for Africa during the first 2 weeks of March 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa. We are establishing logistics and costs, and our corporate members will be invited to participate commercially in this event. Please save the date, which we will confirm by mid November, and also let us have any suggestions of topics you would like to have covered.
- There are now web pages for the regional CITA conferences for Africa. Please have a look at the link hereafter <http://www.cita-vehicleinspection.org/Home/CITAConferences/tabid/85/Default.aspx> The access to these web pages is not restricted, and the presentations from the 2 former CITA meetings (conferences) for Africa are also published on these web pages. The matters on the RAG A activities itself will be published on its webpage <http://www.cita-vehicleinspection.org/Membersonly/Allmembers/RegionalAdvisoryGroups/AfricaInterim/tabid/496/Default.aspx> , this is normally restricted to CITA members.

We look forward to your active participation in a vibrant continental initiative within the CITA environment.

Yours faithfully



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