

Strategic Plan for TRB International Activities 2022-2027

Administered by the
Executive Committee, Subcommittee on International Activities

Vision

TRB's International Activities facilitates actions that result in a safe, more secure, and sustainable global transportation system through bilateral and multilateral international engagement and collaborative research conducted through international cooperation.

Mission

The mission of the Subcommittee on International Activities of the TRB Executive Committee is to provide guidance and support on building and strengthening strategic international transportation partnerships, and leveraging TRB activities, committees, and publications to advance impactful transportation research and practice around the globe.

Goals and Objectives

Goal One: Enhance and leverage TRB's impact with global entities and value by engaging with non-U.S. colleagues and partners.

- Partner with international transportation organizations through formal and informal agreements and action plans to achieve this goal.
- Pair international partner organizations' committees and research panels with relevant TRB technical committees and research panels to include international perspectives in joint programs and twinning research opportunities
- Encourage more international participation in the TRB Annual Meeting and in TRB committee activities.
- Encourage participation of TRB volunteers and staff in international conferences and other international convening activities.
- Offer networking and peer exchange opportunities for international participants of the TRB annual meeting and other activities, including encouraging informal mentorships of young international researchers.

Goal Two: Achieve bilateral and multilateral international cooperative benefits by leveraging TRB and international partner events.

- Create opportunities for international dialogue and shared resources to advance research that would address critical global, transcontinental, or international transportation issues.
- Build globally shared knowledge (such as TRID and TRR) and networks through the exchange and promotion of research and innovation results with and among TRB's international partners.
- Support sponsorship and co-sponsorship of international conferences to ensure they address criteria for international activities and leverage existing international partnerships.

Goal Three: Encourage international collaboration of transportation research and practice across the world and in all modes of transportation.

- Measure TRB's international activities based on information developed, identify opportunities to grow and enhance the international activities.
- Through TRB's International Coordinating Council as a forum of TRB committees and international partner organizations, encourage international collaboration on addressing TRB's critical issues.
- Using TRB and international partner events, peer exchanges, international visits and communication resources, present and share the impact TRB's reports, resources, and international activities have on international organizations and their transportation programs.

Goal Four: On behalf of the TRB Executive Committee, provide oversight and strategic direction to TRB's international activities.

- Receive reports from TRB's International Coordinating Council and other TRB international programs regarding TRB's international activities on a regular basis and provide reports on these activities to the full Executive Committee.
- Review draft memoranda of understanding or other types of agreements with international transportation organizations.
- On behalf of the Executive Committee, propose strategic international direction to TRB programs and activities, taking into account fiscal and staffing constraints.