Increasing numbers of powered two-wheelers (PTW) are being used across the world. The demand is driven by the increasing middle-class population across the globe, looking for affordable and efficient means of transport, such as motorcycles and scooters and mopeds. They are used for commuting, business/delivery and for leisure. Especially in urban areas, including in many European cities, the powered two wheelers are a crucial mode of commuting. According to the Global Status Reports on Road Safety by the WHO, the proportion of PTW user fatalities increased from 23% in 2013 to 28% in 2016. Higher proportions (up to 80%) can be observed in countries in Asia and Latin America where motorcycles can make up the majority of the vehicle fleet. Due to the lack of passive safety protection on the vehicle, motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable in traffic accidents.

This session will highlight different challenges around the world in order to increase understanding of the different realities met by each of the regions and continents represented.

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