



A COMMITMENT TO ROAD SAFETY

THE CASE IN MAURITIUS

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MAURITIUS AT A GLANCE



An island of 2,040 km² situated in the Indian Ocean

- Population: 1.2 Million
- Road Network: 2,275 kms
- Number of registered vehicles: 481,382
- Fatality Rate per 100,000 population: 11.2
- Average Killed yearly : 150



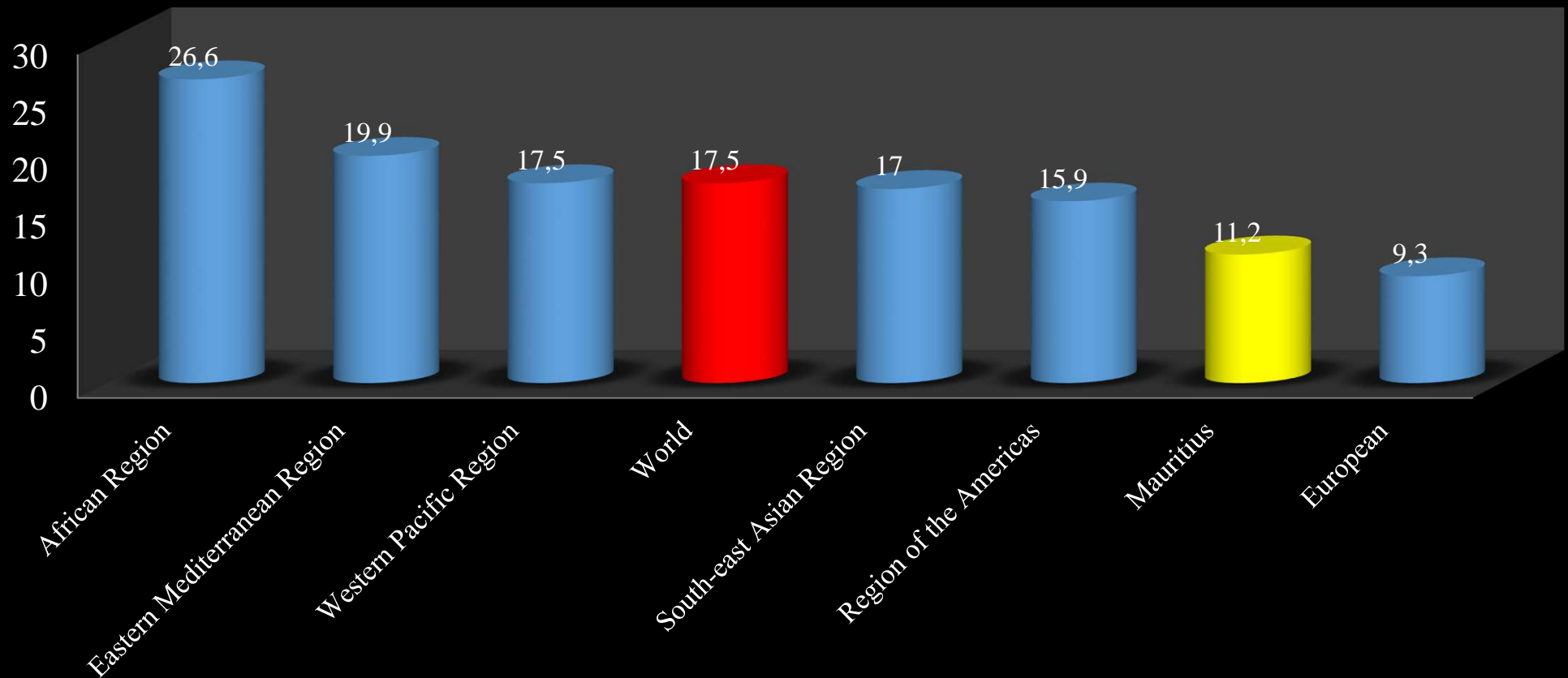
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PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT & POSITION HELD YEARS 1982- 2015

- ❖ COORDINATOR OF TRAFFIC PLAYGROUND(1982 – 1988)
- ❖ IN CHARGE OF POLICE ROAD SAFETY UNIT(1988 – 2009)
- ❖ SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ON ROAD SAFETY MATTERS(2009- 2014)
- ❖ ROAD SAFETY COACH AND CONSULTANT(2015)



Road traffic fatality rates per 100,000 population



Government Commitment

Five Road Safety Reports were commissioned:

- ❖ 1981, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2013

Main Findings Of The Reports

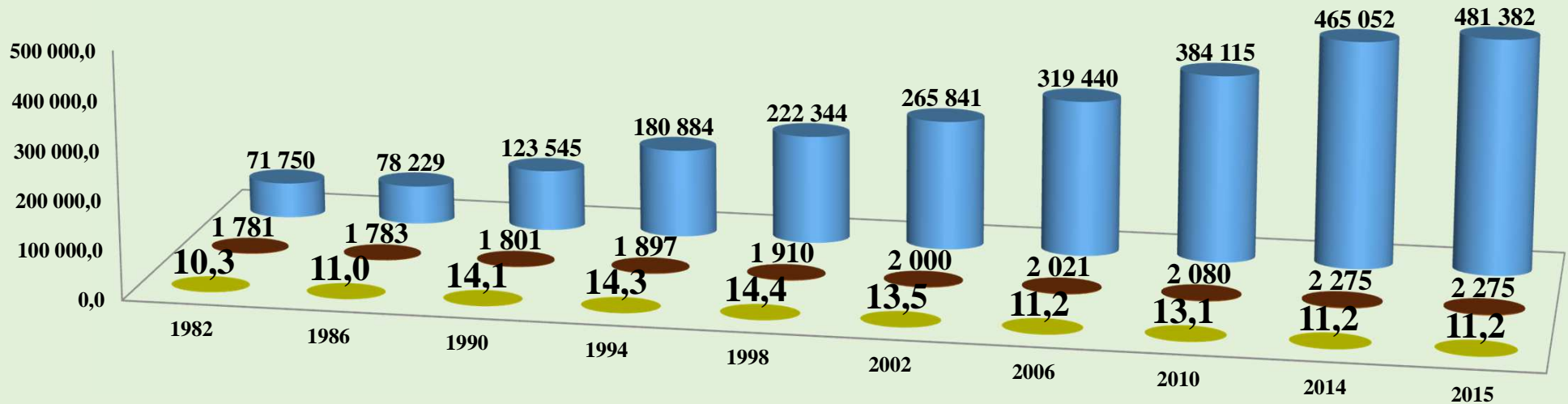
- ❖ Introduction of Road Safety in School curriculum
- ❖ Setting up of Road Safety Unit within the Ministry
- ❖ Working towards Safer Roads, Safer Vehicles, Safer People
- ❖ Setting up of accident database on road and statistics
- ❖ Setting up of a lead agency
- ❖ Capacity building
- ❖ Funding

1980

2000

2009

ROAD SAFETY STATUS: Years 1982-2015



■ Fatality Rate per 100,000 population

■ Length of roads(km), as at end of year

■ Total Vehicles Registered

Road Safety was mainly a Police affair:

- ❖ Enforcement
- ❖ Education/campaign
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Driver Testing

Approach : Guesswork in the absence of data and statistics

Main Laws in place (based on RTO 1962):

- ❖ Drink Driving
- ❖ Speed limit regulation

Road safety in the 2000s

Setting up of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit

Role and Responsibilities:

- ❖ Data collection and statistics analysis
- ❖ Coordinate Road Safety Activities
- ❖ Introduction of New Road Safety Laws and Policies
- ❖ Road Safety audits
- ❖ Road safety Strategy plan

A new milestone in Road Safety Management

Creation of a Special Road Safety Unit in 2009

- ❖ Advising the Government on Road Safety Policies
- ❖ Coordinate Road Safety activities with Stake holders
- ❖ Introduction of New Laws :
 - Penalty Point System
 - Compulsory wearing of fluorescent jacket for motorcyclists.
 - Privatization of vehicle Fitness centers
 - Standardization of vehicle number plates

Hurdles and lacunas

- ❖ Absence of road safety strategic plan
- ❖ Lack of technical expertise
- ❖ Lack of fund
- ❖ Public non-acceptance of certain laws and back pedaling
- ❖ Lack of proper communication plan
- ❖ People value more Mobility than Safety

Future Interventions

- ❖ Strategic Plan
- ❖ DETC: Driving and Education Testing Center
- ❖ Child restraint
- ❖ Setting up of Mauritian Road Safety Observatory
- ❖ Medical fitness test for drivers
- ❖ Roadside Drug testing
- ❖ Reviewing of Driving license and Instructors

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