Railway Safety & Security Conference
Risks and challenges - cooperation and shared efforts

Djibouti, 28-29 March 2018
Palais du Peuple
Wednesday 28 March

9am - 9.30am: Arrival and registration

9.30am - 11am: Official opening
Official opening session: Djibouti Minister of Transport (or high authority), SDCF, UIC and official representatives of participating countries
Video of the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway

11am - 11.30am: Coffee break

11.30am - 1.30pm Panel 1: Identifying various types of risks and threats:
Presentation of the rail system and complexities. Focus on strategic elements to safeguard sustainable activity and industrial assets in a rapidly changing world.

- Description of the rail system and its role within social and economic life. General presentation of risk areas: organisation-specific interfaces et activities
- Traffic safety,
  Technologies
  Procedures
  Human factors
- Health and safety in the workplace,
  Protection of workers’ health (working hours, night shifts, etc.)
  Occupational safety
  Ergonomics
  Psychosocial risks
  etc.
- Security of people and property,
  Petty crime
  Terrorism
  Threats to railway investment
- Risks relating to climatic conditions.

Discussion: 30 minutes

1.30pm: Lunch
2.30pm - 3.30pm Panel 2: Regional priorities:

- Trespassing on railway lines and tracks
- Recent accidents: lessons learned
- Level crossings
- etc.

The new Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway line as a step towards a future trans-African railway (Djibouti - Dakar)
Discussion: 20 minutes

3.30pm - 4pm: Coffee break

4pm - 5pm Panel 3: UIC’s overall response framework

- Fundamental values at UIC
- Technologies
- Procedures
- Employee training
- Safety culture: the features of a positive culture, derived from an effective safety management system
- Design and maintenance of railway systems and installations
- Environmental risks

Discussion: 20 minutes

Thursday 29 March

9.30am - 11.30am Panel 4: Round table/workshop
Definition of an action plan for UIC’s African Region; key priorities

11.30am - 12pm: Coffee break

12pm - 1pm: Closing remarks
Workshop conclusions and insights
Handling opportunities (and risks) relating to digital development

1pm: Lunch

2pm: Technical visit
Speakers/UIC experts:

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Jacques Colliard – Manager, Security Division

Bernard Penners – Manager, Safety Division