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Questionnaire, Success Story and Summary Format

NGO's in (General) Consultative Status with the United Nations

This questionnaire, summary and success story format is for NGO's in General Consultative Status who would like to be included in a United Nations Publication focused on the MDGs. Please complete the submission and send it to: Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, DESA, One UN Plaza, Room DC1-1480, New York, NY 10017, USA; Telephone: (212) 963-8652, Fax: (212) 963-9248. Email address: desangosection@un.org

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of the Organization:

INTERNATIONAL TUNNELLING ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE TRAVAUX GN SOUTERRAIN

2. Does your Organization have an acronym? If yes, please provide the acronym:

ITA - AITES

3. Headquarters and Contact Information:

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Title/ Position in the Organization: SECRETARY GENERAL

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 Phone 4: _____ Fax 4: _____ Email 4: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Title/ Position in the Organization: _____

5. In which area of the Millennium Development Goals is your organization focused? Please circle only the MDGs addressed by your organization's activities in order of priority giving 1 to the goal that receives maximum focus and 8 to the area that receives the least:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger 1 2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8
- Achieve universal primary education 1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8
- Promote gender equality and empower women 1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 8
- Reduce child mortality 1 2 3 4 5 6 **7** 8
- Improve maternal health 1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **8**
- Ensure environmental sustainability **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Develop a global partnership for development 1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8

6. Is your organization involved in any of the following areas? If yes, please circle the activity (ies) in order of priority

- Peace and Security 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Human Rights 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SUCCESS STORY TO BE SHARED:

The MDG Success Story
(In 300 words or less)

GIBRALTAR CROSSING (SCG ANNEX 1)

A picture from your MDG success story
(Please transmit the picture by mail for best resolution)



SUMMARY OF YOUR MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Please provide your organizations main activities and most significant experiences in working with the MDGs. (Please describe in 200 words or less)

- INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS
- HOLDING ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, EXECUTIVE AND OTHER MEETINGS
- ORGANIZING AND CO-ORDINATING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES + EXPERIMENTS
- BRINGING TOGETHER INFORMATION + PREPARING PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
- STUDYING RELATED QUESTIONS + PUBLISHING THE RESULTS
- PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS, REPORTS + DOCUMENTS

Gibraltar Crossing

Under a bilateral agreement, Spain and Morocco, through their respective agencies SECEG and SNED, are jointly studying the feasibility of a fixed link across the strait of Gibraltar, presently developed as subsea railway tunnel. The United Nations, through a resolution of ECOSOC, have invited relevant organisations affiliated with the UN system to participate in the studies. The International Tunnelling Association (ITA) has been directly asked to cooperate with the two government organisations, SECEG and SNED, in preparation of several international workshops linked to the project.

The first of these events was the Open Session on the Gibraltar Strait Crossing (Cairo, April 1994).

The second was the workshop on "Characterisation of TBMs for tunnelling in flysches" (Tarifa, February 1997). The participants included Mr. J. Capel Ferrer from the UN. The workshop has been divided in several conference sessions and activities. Important parts of the workshop have been the field visits to the sites of the three large scale in-situ experiments: the Bolonia and Malabata experimental shafts and the Tarifa experimental tunnel.

The third workshop, devoted to "Methodology to establish the construction costs of tunnels bored with TBMs" has been held in Vienna, Austria, on April 11, 1997, with a number of invited specialist organisations. A special message of encouragement was sent by Mr J. Capel Ferrer, who confirmed he was strongly convinced that the results of the workshop would be an important step in defining the methodology to assess the construction costs.

The fourth workshop was held in Rabat on April 22-24, 1999 focusing on the challenging subject "Costing of TBM-built tunnels". The meeting, organised in two working sessions, gathered 35 participants and received 15 papers by experts from 9 countries. The opening session was presided and warmly addressed by Mr El Mehdi Benzekri, Secretary General of the Moroccan Ministry of Equipment and by Mr José Cappel Ferrer.