

## **PROMOTING THE CONTINUOUS TRAINING OF TRAINERS IN DEFENSIVE AND BEHAVIOURAL DRIVING**

The SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY Foundation, an important pillar in the ongoing quest to prevent road accidents, has made driver training in defensive and behavioral driving (DBD) one of its priorities in achieving this goal.

This major activity periodically brings together some thirty certified SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY trainers from the Foundation's member companies and their transport subcontractors.

Conscious of the fact that the effectiveness of the multiplication of training courses for drivers depends above all on the quality of the trainers, the Foundation organized on November 25th and 26th, 2020, a self-retraining session for the latter with the double aim of :

- Review the knowledge acquired during the initial training sessions with the instructors and assess the level of assimilation of the modules;
- Share experiences for a continuous improvement of their performance in the field.

Three main themes selected by the trainers themselves were used during the theoretical phase, which took the form of a videoconference, followed by a feedback session. These themes are :

- 1/- Adoption and contextualization of the training modules;
- 2/- Advantages and limitations of these modules;
- 3/- Design of a course specific to the technical knowledge of 4WD vehicles and automatic transmission systems as well.

The relevance of the recommendations made testifies to the seriousness that characterized the work; They aim at a continuous improvement of the trainers' performance at the center of which is the ability to adjust on the one hand the pedagogy according to the level of the drivers and the teaching to the environment both in terms of infrastructure and other factors, and on the other hand in order to best meet the expectations of the learners in particular and the needs of the member companies in general.

The practical phase (day 2), organized in an appropriate setting, with a relief that facilitated the simulation of the defined exercises, focused on three main areas: technical inspection and inspection of vehicles, maneuvers and driving with commentary using onboard cameras and additional mirrors placed in certain vehicles.

According to the participants, it was a real success; this self-retraining session enabled them to deepen their knowledge and improve their pedagogical approach in order to be more effective in the field, with other drivers within the framework of the increase in defensive and behavioral driving training (DBD).



Technical inspection of the vehicle



Simulation of drills and family photo