Background

Road safety is a major challenge for sustainable development globally as well as in the Asia-Pacific region. Sixty per cent of the global road fatalities occur in the Asia-Pacific region and fifty-five per cent of them are vulnerable road users including pedestrians, bicyclist and motorized 2 and 3-wheelers. Road crashes are the number one cause of death for the children and young adults of 5-29 years of age. In the recent past, the number of road fatalities in the Asia-Pacific region increased by 3 per cent each year. As a follow up to the ambitious targets 3.6 and 11.2 of the 2030 Agenda, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2021-2030 as the 2nd Decade of Action for Road Safety- preventing 50% of road traffic deaths & injuries through its resolution 74/299 of August 2020.

The global community has adopted a new Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030) with a goal of reducing road fatalities and injuries by 50 per cent between 2021 and 2030 and a Global Plan of Action was launched in October 2021. How to implement the Global Plan in the Asia-Pacific region to reach at the ambitious goal is a major challenge as it will need a dramatic change in the approaches towards improving road safety in the region. The side event aim to provide a platform to address challenges and discuss ways forward in improving road safety in line with target 3.6 and 11.2 of the SDGs and the Global Plan of Action of the second Decade.

Organizers

Special Envoy for Road Safety and Transport Division of UNESCAP

Target Participants

- Ministers and senior officials of ESCAP member countries.
- UN agencies and other international Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations and civil society

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Working modality

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic all side events and special events organized during the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport held on 14-17 December 2021 will be held in a virtual format. Working language of this event is English. Simultaneous interpretation to and from Russian and Chinese will be provided.

Registration:

You may register for this event and other activities organized as part of the Ministerial Conference here: https://bit.ly/MCTSideEvents as soon as possible and no later than 8 December 2021. Virtual conference room link will be circulated in due time after registration.
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Opening of the meeting

16:15-16:30 (BKK)

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Ms. Armida Alisjahbana, Under Secretary General of the UN and Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP
- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety Special Envoy for Road Safety
- Ms. Michelle Yeoh, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador and Road Safety Ambassador for the Make Roads Safe campaign [Pre-recorded]

**Moderator:** Mr. Weimin Ren, Director, Transport Division

Session 1. Saving lives on the Asia-Pacific roads: lesson learned and ways forward

16:30-16:50 (BKK)

High-level discussion among key ESCAP member countries on the progress made in the past Decade (2011-2020) and strategic direction moving towards the new Decade of Action for road safety (2021-2030)
- H.E. Mr. Viengsavah Sipadone, Minister, Ministry of Public works and Transport, Lao PDR
- H.E. Mr. Alexander Gorovoy, First Deputy Minister Colonel-General of the Police, Ministry of Interior, Russian Federation [TBC]
- H.E. Dr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral, Undersecretary for Planning, PPP and Information Management Services Department of Public Works and Highways, Philippines

Session 2. Saving lives in the second Decade of Action for road safety (2021-2030)

16:50-17:40 (BKK)

Interactive discussion among key international and national organization leading the work on road safety including ADB, ESCAP, UNRSF, WHO, World Bank and national organization.
- Road Safety situation in the Asia-Pacific region
  Ms. Thanattaporn Rasamit, Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UN ESCAP
- The Global Plan for the second Decade of Action 2021-2030
  Dr. Nhan Tran, Head, Safety and Mobility, World Health Organization
- Asia-Pacific Road Safety Observatory initiative
  Mr. David Shelton, Senior Transport Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- Road safety financing
  Ms. Nneka Henry, Head, UN Road Safety Fund
- ERA-GLONASS: Advanced Navigation Technologies for Road Safety
  Mr. Vladislav Bariev, Director, Department of International Development, JSC-GLONASS
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