4th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT
SIDE EVENT

Connecting globally through sustainable shipping
15 December 2021 | 12:30-14:00 (UTC+7) | Virtual

Background
The maritime connectivity of ESCAP member countries varies by region, and in particular, the Pacific Island countries are suffering from low connectivity, unstable services and high freight rates. While maritime transport policies should be developed based on the current issues of sub-regions, policy goals of individual countries, the realities of the maritime industry and the interests of stakeholders, there are several common issues that countries in this region should consider in establishing shipping policies. This includes global agendas such as implementing SDGs, greenhouse gas reduction targets, set by International Maritime Organization, technological innovation in the shipping and port industries, and collaboration with the private sector to improve the shipping performance.

Supporting systematic and regular exchange of best practices and experiences on sustainable maritime connectivity for Asia and the Pacific, as mandated by Resolution 76/1 on Strengthening cooperation to promote the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, would enable the region to consider best practices and possible collective actions which contribute not only to a greater transport connectivity, but also to a more sustainable use of the region’s vital marine resources.

Side event will be an opportunity to discuss comprehensive and strategic approaches to enhance maritime connectivity in the Asia-Pacific and contribute to the regional dialogue on sustainable maritime connectivity, promoting regional cooperation and strengthening the resilience to future shocks.

Organizers
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea and Transport Division of UNESCAP

Target Participants
- Delegates from international organizations and Member States
- Transport policy makers and researchers

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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 **13 December 2021**. Virtual conference room link will be circulated in due time after registration.

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**Tentative Agenda**

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| **Opening of the meeting** | **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
  **Mr. Jose Matheickal**, Chief, Department of Partnerships and Project, International maritime Organization  
  **Mr. Weimin Ren**, Director, Transport Division Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
  **Moderator: Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina**, Chief, Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section, Transport Division |
| 12:30-12:35 (BKK) | **Session 1. Keynote Speech**  
  Enhancing sustainable maritime connectivity through cooperation and partnerships in the Asia-Pacific  
  **Mr. EOM, KI-DOO**, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea |
| 12:35-13:50 (BKK) | **Session 2. High level panel on Sustainable maritime connectivity**  
  Sustainable maritime connectivity and port development  
  **Mr. Jan Hoffmann**, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
  Regional cooperation and partnership for maritime connectivity  
  **Mr. Jens Kruger**, Deputy Director Oceans and Maritime Programme, Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division, The Pacific Community (tbc)  
  Accelerating digitalization for sustainable maritime transport  
  **Mr. Pascal Ollivier**, Chairman, Data Collaboration Committee, International Association of Ports and Harbors  
  Strategies for Sustainable Port Development in the Pacific Region  
  **Mr. Ninan Oommen Biju**, Senior Port & Maritime Transport Specialist, The World Bank |
| 13:50-14:00 (BKK) | **Closing** |