Asia-Pacific Transport Network (APTN)

Expert Meeting on Dry Ports and Multimodal Transport
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The Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026) has reaffirmed the role of the intergovernmental agreements on Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways networks, and dry ports as the cornerstone of the coordinated regional approach to efficient and resilient logistics and transport networks.

Regional policymakers lack relevant data and planning tools to make evidence-based decisions on transport connectivity.

There is a significant need for commonly used evidence-based digital tool to identify the current state of the transportation network, keep track of missing links, and improve transportation connectivity along the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway, and Dry Port networks.
Transport Networks

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Pre-COVID information tools:

- Difficulty tracking the development of the network
- Lack of consultations on the proposed amendments to the agreements
- Criteria for route and nodes selections
- Requests from the Working Groups
• ESCAP developed the Asia-Pacific Transport Network (APTN) - an interactive online platform of the Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways, international dry ports, and selected maritime ports.

• APTN is expected to become a digitalized database on regional connectivity and be a unique tool to demonstrate regional transport connectivity and facilitate decision-making processes.
AHN, TAR, Dry ports and Maritime Ports
Dry ports
Dry ports (cont’d)
Vision for APTN

Will be used for the development of the next set of amendment proposals to the intergovernmental agreements on the Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways network and Dry ports.

A network of the governmental focal points on APTN;

Using APTN to identify the key elements of improving regional transport connectivity, including

- An online inventory of the missing links for AH and TAR network
- An online inventory of the major international transport corridors in Asia and the Pacific
- Mechanisms for cross-referencing APTN information with other GIS-referenced information platforms

Enhancing the decision-making process in implementing the Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways and dry ports Agreements.
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