Expert Group Meeting on Transport Connectivity and Logistics:
Emerging opportunities and challenges for enhancing rail connectivity along the Trans-Asian Railway network:
29-30 April 2024
Bangkok

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

29 April 2024

09:00-09:30	**Registration**
Session 1: Leveraging digitalization for strengthened rail connectivity	
09:30- 09:40	**Opening remarks** • **ESCAP**
09:40 - 10:10	**Supporting a regional approach to rail digitalization** • Strategy 2030 on Accelerating Rail Digital Transformation in Asia-Pacific • New Annex on General principles on electronic information exchange/data interchange among railways and between railways and control agencies along the Trans-Asian Railway Network • Growing importance of rail cybersecurity in context of rail digitalization *Presentation(s) by ESCAP*
10:10- 11:00	**Addressing rail cybersecurity - Country Presentations** • Country Presentations- *Experience sharing on rail cybersecurity by members of the Trans-Asian Railway*
11:00 – 11:20	**Coffee Break**
11:20 - 12:45	**Country Presentations—cont./-**
12:45 - 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 – 14:45	**Enhancing rail cybersecurity for Trans-Asian railway members** • State of play of rail cybersecurity in region – challenges and opportunities *Presentations by Richard Thomas (tbc)*
14:45- 15:15	**Leveraging regional cooperation for enhancing rail cybersecurity** • Draft framework on augmenting rail cybersecurity for Trans-Asian Railway members *Presentation by ESCAP*
15:15- 15:45	**Coffee Break**
15:45-16:15	• *Presentations by international organizations (OSJD, UIC, OTIF, DG MOVE) including experience of other regions*

16:15- 16:45	**Open discussion** • Identifying priority areas for capacity building on rail cybersecurity, if any. • Other comments/suggestions
16:45- 17:00	**Conclusions** • Conclusions and recommendations for Day 1

DAY 2

30 April 2024

Session 2 – Strengthening rail connectivity between South-East Asia and North and Central Asia	
09:30 - 09:45	**Background** • Strengthening NCA and SEA rail transport connectivity- ESCAP initiatives *Presentation by ESCAP*
09:45- 10:30	**Strengthening rail connectivity between Southeast and North and Central Asia** • Opportunities from enhancing rail connectivity between SEA and NCA • Developing a rail-based transport corridor between SEA and NCA- challenges and ways to address *Presentations by ESCAP*
10:30 - 10:50	**Coffee Break**
10:50 - 12:30	**Country Presentations** *Presentation by invited countries from SEA and NCA*
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 14:30	**International Organizations and private sector perspectives** *Presentations by international organizations (ADB, OSJD, UIC, OTIF)*
14:30- 15:00	*Private sector perspectives on rail connectivity between SEA and NCA*
15:00- 15:15	**Coffee Break**
Session 3: Key issues in strengthening rail connectivity in Asia and the Pacific	
15:15- 16:45	**Open discussion** • Open discussion/comments/suggestions on strengthening rail connectivity in the region (Moderated by ESCAP)
16:45-17:00	**Conclusions** • Conclusions and recommendations for day 2