Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport
Bangkok and online, 14–17 December 2021
Agenda item 10
Adoption of the report of the Conference

Draft report

I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

A. Matters calling for action by the Commission

1. The Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport recommends that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), at its seventy-eighth session, endorse the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026).

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission


II. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the Conference

3. The Ministerial Conference was held in Bangkok and online from 14 to 17 December 2021. It comprised two segments: the senior officials segment (14 and 15 December 2021) and the ministerial segment (16 and 17 December 2021).

4. The senior officials segment was opened by the Executive Secretary. A statement was made by Mr. Chayatan Phromsorn, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Thailand.

5. The ministerial segment was also opened by the Executive Secretary. Opening and welcoming remarks were delivered by Mr. Saksayam Chidchob, Minister of Transport, Thailand.
B. Attendance

6. The Ministerial Conference was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members of the Commission: Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; Fiji; France; Georgia; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Samoa; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Turkey; Turkmenistan; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uzbekistan; and Viet Nam.

7. Representatives of the following Permanent Observers to ESCAP attended: Egypt; Italy; and South Africa.

8. Representatives of the following offices of the Secretariat attended: Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Centre for Regional Development; and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

9. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations attended: Asian Development Bank; Economic Cooperation Organization; Eurasian Economic Commission; Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail; International Transport Forum; Pacific Community; South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation secretariat; and Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia.

10. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities attended: Asian Institute of Transport Development; Institute of Railway Technology of Monash University; Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia; International Association of Public Transport; International Chamber of Shipping; International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation; International Road Assessment Programme; International Road Transport Union; Thai Intelligent Transport Systems Association; and Towards Zero Foundation.

11. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission’s rules of procedure, the Chair and Vice-Chairs examined the credentials of all the representatives and found them to be in order.

C. Election of officers

12. The Ministerial Conference elected the following officers for the senior officials segment:

   Chair: Mr. Punya Chupanit (Thailand)
   Vice-Chairs: Mr. Fakhriddin Sultanov (Uzbekistan)
               Mr. Sukmo Yuwono (Indonesia)

13. The Ministerial Conference elected the following officers for the ministerial segment:

   Chair: Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi (Indonesia)
   Vice-Chairs: Ms. Serap Ersoy (Turkey)
               Mrs. C.A. Chaminda I. Colonne (Sri Lanka)
D. Agenda

14. The Ministerial Conference adopted the following agenda:

**Senior officials segment (14 and 15 December 2021)**

1. Opening of the senior officials segment:
   (a) Opening statements;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.


3. Major issues in transport:
   (a) Towards an efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility;
   (b) Towards environmentally sustainable transport systems and services;
   (c) Towards safe and inclusive transport and mobility.

4. Supporting implementation of the next ministerial declaration and the regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026).

5. Other matters.

**Ministerial segment (16 and 17 December 2021)**

6. Opening of the ministerial segment:
   (a) Opening statements;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.

7. Policy statements on scaling up sustainable transport initiatives in Asia and the Pacific to strengthen regional cooperation.

8. Other matters.

9. Adoption of the ministerial declaration on sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific, including a regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026).

10. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
E. Other events

15. The following special sessions and side events were held in conjunction with or as part of the Ministerial Conference:


(b) 14 December 2021, side event: “Legal frameworks in the time of changes for multimodal transport”, organized by ESCAP;

(c) 14 December 2021, side event: “Saving lives on the Asia-Pacific roads” organized by the Special Envoy for Road Safety and ESCAP;

(d) 15 December 2021, side event: “Connecting globally through sustainable shipping”, organized by the Government of the Republic of Korea and ESCAP;


(f) 16 December 2021, ministerial round table: “Accelerating transformative action in transport for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”, organized by ESCAP;

(g) 16 December 2021, side event: “Launch of the Transport Research and Education Network in Asia and the Pacific”, organized by the Russian University of Transport and ESCAP.

III. Chair’s summary

16. The deliberations during the Ministerial Conference will be summarized in the Chair’s summary, which will be available within a week following the conclusion of the Conference and included as annex II to the present report.
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