Regional Cooperation Mechanism on Low Carbon Transport: Creation of Green Transport Corridors in Asia and the Pacific

Introduction and Day 2 Objectives

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The Development of a Regional Cooperation Mechanism on Low Carbon Transport

- The Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026) includes a specific activity to **"establish a regional cooperation mechanism to promote low carbon transport, including a shift to electric mobility and clean energy technologies to contribute to transport emissions reductions"**

- To help ESCAP member States identity and develop policies for low carbon mobility, clean energy technologies and logistics.

- Dependent upon regional and multi-stakeholder collaboration and supported by relevant data and policy analysis.

- Complement ESCAP's existing intergovernmental processes for transport and strengthen and accelerate collaborative efforts on low carbon transport action in between Committee on Transport sessions.



Objectives

- **Deepen regional collaboration** through the sharing of experiences, information and best practice knowledge, and identifying common interests and policy priorities

- Provide a platform for **multi-stakeholder engagement**, discussion and beyond

- **Enhance regional dialogue** on transport and climate change

- Outputs of this mechanism will contribute to the:
  1. Development of transport specific targets in NDCs,
  2. Identification of national and regional low and zero carbon transport goals and implementation action, and
  3. Strengthening of linkages between high-level regional and global dialogues on decarbonizing transport policies

Outputs and Timeline (2022 – 2026)

Phase 1 - Identification of subregional and regional priorities and the development of a cooperation framework (2022 – 2023)

Phase 2 – Implementation of the cooperation framework (2023 – 2026)

Key activities and outputs include:

- Three subregional consultations covering more than 30 countries
- One regional meeting in 2023; three regional meetings in 2024
- Summary reports on priority transport and climate change action in Asia and the Pacific
- Policy papers according to the **priority topics identified by member States**
- Cooperation framework that will enable joint work, knowledge transfer and data sharing on low and zero carbon transport for ESCAP member States
- Contribute to regional and global high-level dialogues and initiatives on transport and climate change
- Identification of focus areas for 2024-2026

Focus Areas (2024 – 2026)

- Climate Finance for Low Carbon Transport (May 2024)
- Establishment and Implementation of Low Carbon Transport Targets and Timelines (July 2024)
- **Creation of Green Transport Corridors (September 2024)**



Day 1 Recap

National Priorities

- Bridge capacity gap and provide skills for low carbon freight transport
- Coupling of renewable energy with low carbon transport
- Cost and innovative financing
- Technology gaps, e.g. cross-border transport infrastructure
- Eco-driving training for truck drivers
- Capture benefits of different transport corridors

Other Topics

- Global initiatives on green road and maritime transport corridor
- Setting targets and priority actions
- Green transport corridors and supply chain for sustainability and resilience
- Invest in what is possible now and not wait for future technologies

Review of Meeting Objectives

- Provides an opportunity for ESCAP member States and other stakeholders to present road and maritime freight transport challenges, needs and solutions.
- Serves as a platform for multistakeholder engagement.
- Introduces green transport corridors concepts and associated measures that are best suited for Asia and the Pacific through possible regional coordinated action.
- Supports the development and implementation of transport and climate change strategies of ESCAP member States.
- Discusses next steps and the possibility of a regional action plan

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