Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport

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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda of the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

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   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.

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10. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

II. Annotations

A. Senior officials segment (14 and 15 December 2021)

1. Opening of the senior officials segment

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the Ministerial Conference will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2021/ministerial-conference-transport-fourth-session.

(b) Election of officers

The Ministerial Conference will elect a chair and two vice-chairs for the segment.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.2)

Annotation

The provisional agenda of the senior officials segment will be considered and adopted, subject to such changes as may be necessary.
2. **Assessment and evaluation of the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021)**

**Documentation**

Assessment and evaluation of the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021) (ESCAP/MCT/2021/1)

Activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021) (ESCAP/MCT/2021/INF/1)

**Annotation**

Document ESCAP/MCT/2021/1 provides an overview of the activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021). It also contains the conclusions and recommendations of the independent evaluation of the implementation of phase I as mandated by resolution 73/4 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and related management responses.


The Ministerial Conference will be invited to consider these documents and to provide its views on the key findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme, phase I (2017–2021).

3. **Major issues in transport**

(a) **Towards an efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility**

**Documentation**

Towards an efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility (ESCAP/MCT/2021/2)

**Annotation**

Document ESCAP/MCT/2021/2 serves to highlight the importance of progressing towards a more efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility in the region. It also contains a summary of the current situation in Asia and the Pacific, considering both land and maritime transport and logistics networks and the potential for further regional actions in transport infrastructure and operational connectivity, highlighting the possible gains from digitalization of freight services. Against this background, the Ministerial Conference will be invited to consider the policy directions and activities described in the document in light of the next regional action programme for sustainable transport development, notably, the thematic areas of regional land transport connectivity and logistics, maritime and interregional transport connectivity, and digitalization of transport.
The Ministerial Conference may also wish to share updates and selected highlights with regard to national, bilateral and multilateral policies and initiatives aimed at achieving a more efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility.

(b) Towards environmentally sustainable transport systems and services

Documentation

Towards environmentally sustainable transport systems and services (ESCAP/MCT/2021/3)

Annotation

Document ESCAP/MCT/2021/3 contains a review of the environmental challenges the transport sector faces. The need to accelerate low carbon transport actions in Asia and the Pacific is highlighted and measures and interventions that can advance the region towards low-carbon transport are discussed, with a focus on decarbonizing the regional supply chain and low-carbon mobility. Two themes are discussed at length: (1) low-carbon mobility and logistics and (2) urban transport. The mobility aspects with regard to the digitalization of transport are also discussed.

The Ministerial Conference may wish to consider the policy directions, actions and activities described in the document in light of the next regional action programme, notably, the thematic areas of urban transport, low-carbon mobility, and digitalization of transport. The Conference may also wish to share updates and selected highlights with regard to national, bilateral and multilateral policies and initiatives related to environmentally sustainable transport systems and services.

(c) Towards safe and inclusive transport and mobility

Documentation

Towards safe and inclusive transport and mobility (ESCAP/MCT/2021/4)

Annotation

Document ESCAP/MCT/2021/4 contains information on selected challenges with regard to improving road safety, as well as addressing social inclusion in the transport sector in the region. Priority actions that can improve road safety and support the implementation of the global plan of action for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030 are discussed. The document also contains suggested policies and measures that could be considered for planning and developing socially inclusive and accessible transport systems in the region.

The Ministerial Conference will be invited to consider the policy directions, actions and activities described in the document in light of the next regional action programme, notably, the thematic areas on (1) road traffic safety and (2) inclusive transport and mobility.

The Ministerial Conference may also wish to share updates and selected highlights with regard to national, bilateral and multilateral policies and initiatives related to these issues.
4. Supporting implementation of the next ministerial declaration and the regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026)

Documentation

Explanatory note on the draft regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026) (ESCAP/MCT/2021/INF/2)

Annotation

The Ministerial Conference will be invited to take note of information document ESCAP/MCT/2021/INF/2 which contains information on the background, context, rationale and other substantive details concerning the draft ministerial declaration and the draft regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026), which will be considered under agenda item 9 during the ministerial segment.

5. Other matters

The Ministerial Conference may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

B. Ministerial segment (16 and 17 December 2021)

6. Opening of the ministerial segment:

(a) Opening statements

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(b) Election of officers

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(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.2)

Annotation

The provisional agenda of the ministerial segment will be considered and adopted, subject to such changes as may be necessary.
7. **Policy statements on scaling up sustainable transport initiatives in Asia and the Pacific to strengthen regional cooperation**

   The ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to deliver policy statements.

   Representatives of the United Nations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may also make brief statements on the policies and initiatives of their organizations on sustainable transport development and regional cooperation.

8. **Other matters**

   The Ministerial Conference may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

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)**

   **Documentation**

   Draft ministerial declaration on sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.4)

   Draft regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026) (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.5)

   **Annotation**

   The Ministerial Conference will consider and adopt 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), which will be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-eighth session, in 2022.

10. **Adoption of the report of the Conference**

    **Documentation**

    Draft report (ESCAP/MCT/2021/L.3)

    **Annotation**

    The Ministerial Conference will consider and adopt its report, which will be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-eighth session, in 2022.