Agenda item 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)

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Resolution 73/4 of 23 May 2017 on the Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific requested the Executive Secretary to carry out in 2021 an evaluation of the implementation of phase I of the Regional Action Programme and submit a report with recommendations to the Ministerial Conference on Transport at its fourth session.
Evaluation objectives

(i) To assess the implementation of RAP Phase 1 in terms of the achievement of the objectives set out under each of the seven thematic areas.

(ii) To assess the performance of the activities and services provided by the secretariat to the member States in support of the implementation of the RAP Phase I using the standard evaluation criteria of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and gender mainstreaming.

(iii) To recommend areas for improvement in the next regional action programme and priority activities in light of the needs and requirements of the member States in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in the context of the current pandemic.
Key findings

• RAP phase I
  ✓ demonstrated flexibility, diversity, and customer-centric approach
  ✓ has tangible results which highlight successful and scalable approach
  ✓ fully achieved its indicators and objectives
  ✓ was successful in delivering advisory and capacity building services
  ✓ was implemented in a timely manner

• Majority
  ✓ confirmed RAP phase I entirely relevant to the needs and priorities
  ✓ convinced that activities under RAP phase I greatly contributed towards the achievement of transport-related Sustainable Development Goals
  ✓ highlighted the importance of incorporating cross-sectoral dimensions related to resilient, inclusive and environmentally friendly transport into the new RAP

• The secretariat successfully engaged a variety of stakeholders
• Gender mainstreaming was only partially incorporated into the outputs of phase I
Recommendations

• The new Regional Action Programme
  ✓ be continued
  ✓ include thematic area related to **environmentally sustainable and inclusive** transport
  ✓ mainstream **economic, social and environmental dimensions** across transport areas
  ✓ move towards a **results-oriented approach**
  ✓ incorporate **gender-responsive activities**
  ✓ continue with **awareness-raising and capacity-building** activities across all thematic areas
  ✓ enhance role of **national focal points** and create **mechanisms** similar to WGs, EGMs for each theme

• The secretariat
  ✓ to prepare the draft RAP in line with above recommendations and facilitate necessary discussion
  ✓ to enhance engagement of key stakeholders from non-transport sectors
  ✓ to forge effective partnerships with private sector, NGOs, academic institution and others
  ✓ strengthen communication outreach to increase visibility of new RAP
Issues for consideration

The Ministerial Conference may wish to provide its views on:

- the overview of the implementation of phase I and the key findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation;

- the following outstanding issues, as contained in the recommendations of the evaluation:

  • The role of **national focal points** in the implementation of the regional action programme (2022–2026);
  
  • The **creation of mechanisms** similar to the working groups or expert groups on thematic areas.