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Towards an efficient and resilient transport and logistics network and mobility

- Assessing the efficiency and resilience challenges in connecting Asia and the Pacific to regional and global supply chains
  - Asian Highway network,
  - Trans-Asian Railway network,
  - Maritime ports and networks and
  - Intermodal corridors involving dry ports
- Challenges of countries with special needs, especially Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

HIGHLIGHTS
- Geographical coverage and evolution of the regional land transport network
- Dynamic growth, especially in inter-regional trade
- Operational and facilitation challenges
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Digitalization and use of new technologies
- Accentuated connectivity divides
Regional land transport connectivity and logistics

• Encouraging the upgrading and extension of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, as well as dry ports of international importance
• Increasing the efficiency and resilience of land and intermodal transport corridors
• Enhancing the accessibility of the regional transport network with particular attention to countries with special needs
• Improving the quality and inclusiveness of logistics services and the overall competitiveness and competence of logistics in the region
• Deepening sustainability of freight transport across the transport networks

Maritime and inter-regional connectivity

• Supporting systematic and regular exchange of best practices on sustainable maritime connectivity for Asia and the Pacific
• Facilitating regular inter-regional multi-stakeholder forum for sustainable transport connectivity between Europe and Asia.

Exploring opportunities for more efficient and resilient transport connectivity in Asia and the Pacific
Leveraging digitalization in the regional transport and logistics network

Towards smart Asian Highway routes

Accelerating the digital transformation of rail transport

Digitalization in dry ports and intermodal transport

Accelerating the transition to smart ports
Agenda item 3 (a): Issues for consideration

- The Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport may wish to consider the policy directions and activities described in the present document in the light of the regional action programme for sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026), in particular its 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.