



**Regional Policy Dialogue *Transforming the Logistics Sector***  
**UNESCAP and AITD**  
**Venue: AITD, New Delhi**  
**15 July 2022**

Most of the developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region are in the process of adopting reform measures to enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of their logistics sectors. While India is in the process of developing and implementing a National Logistics Policy, seeking to address infrastructural and technological gaps which adversely affect the overall functional efficiency of its logistics sector, similar efforts are underway in other countries of the region. This Regional Policy Dialogue aims to bring together stakeholders to facilitate capacity building from country experiences and to collect feedbacks from various stakeholders of the logistics industry.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**(Delhi time)**

<b>0930–1015 hrs.</b>	<p><i>Welcome Remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Edouard Chong</b>, Transport Division, ESCAP secretariat</li></ul> <p><i>Introductory Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. B. N. Puri</b>, Director (Research &amp; International Relations), AITD</li><li>• <b>Ms. Mikiko Tanaka</b>, Head, ESCAP SRO SSWA</li><li>• <b>Mr. Amrit Lal Meena</b>, Special Secretary (Logistics), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India</li></ul>
<b>1015–1030 hrs.</b>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<b>1030–1200 hrs.</b>	<p><b>National strategic development plan to enhance transport and logistics connectivity</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Mr. Edouard Chong</b>, Transport Division, ESCAP secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>India:</i> <b>Ms. Jivisha Joshi</b>, Deputy Secretary (Logistics), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry</li></ul> <p><b>Mr. Suman Prasad Singh</b>, Joint Secretary (Logistics)/<b>Mr. Amit Kumar Ghosh</b>, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indonesia</b> Dr. Kuncoro Harto Widodo, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia</li> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan</b> Mr. Andrey Yershov, Research Center for Regional Development and Management, Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Sri Lanka</b> Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe, CINEC Campus, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>
1200-1230 hrs.	<p><b>Digitalizing the logistics sector: national experiences from Northeast Asia</b></p> <p>Ms. Kerri Ahn, K-Consulting, Republic of Korea</p>
1230–1330 hrs.	<i>Lunch break</i>
1400–1530 hrs.	<p><b>Priorities for transforming the logistics sector: Stakeholder Perspectives</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. B. N. Puri, Director (Research &amp; International Relations), AITD</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rajan Sharma, Nepal Freight Forwarders Association, Nepal</li> <li>• Mr. Samir Shah, Former President of FFFAI, India</li> <li>• Mr. Ashutosh Bajpai, Vice President, APEC Gateways &amp; Customs at DHL Express</li> <li>• Mr Stephane Graber, Director General, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations</li> </ul>
1530–1600 hrs.	<p><b>Gender in transport: unveiling the lessons learnt</b></p> <p>Mr. Sampath Siriwardena, CINEC Campus, Sri Lanka</p>
1600–1630 hrs.	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p><i>AITD and ESCAP Secretariat</i></p>