Regional Meeting on Integration of Urban Public Transport Systems and Application of Digital Technologies

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Concept Note

The Asia-Pacific cities are facing challenges to expand and integrate urban public transport systems and improve the efficiency of their services to meet increasing demand created by rapid urbanization. Many cities are operating a combination of different forms of urban public transport systems to meet mobility needs and enhance accessibility of the urban residents. Besides, the utilization of digital technologies can help significantly to further enhance the operational efficiency of urban public transport systems.

The project “Building capacity for the integration and application of digital technologies in urban public transport systems in Asia-Pacific cities” was initiated to help build the capacity of selected cities in the region to enhance overall sustainability of urban public transport systems. The project aims to evaluate the existing state of urban mobility in pilot cities and countries, and make recommendations for innovative solutions, including application of digital technologies, in planning, development and operation of integrated public transport systems.

The regional meeting, planned in collaboration with the Almaty city and Almaty City Development Center, aims to share experiences of pilot cities and countries on planning, development and operation of integrated urban public transport systems and use of digital technologies.

Urban transport policy makers and national experts from pilot cities and countries, representatives of member countries from the Asia-Pacific region, and international organizations and development partners working in the areas of urban mobility are expected to participate in the regional meeting.

The key objectives of the regional meeting are to: (i) highlight the importance of integration and application of digital technologies to enhance overall sustainability of urban public transport systems; (ii) share experiences of pilot cities and countries on integration and use of digital technologies; (iii) present a methodological guideline and compendium of best practices on integration of urban public transport systems; (iv) share experiences of countries, cities and development partners on planning, development and operation of sustainable urban public transport systems; and (v) discuss the way forward for improvement of urban public transport system, use of digital technologies and application of the methodological guideline and compendium of best practices.
Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the regional meeting.
2. Enhancing sustainability and integration of urban public transport systems and application of digital technologies.
3. Experiences of pilot cities and countries on sustainability assessment, integration and application of digital technologies in public transport systems.
4. Methodological guidelines and compendium of best practices on integration and application of digital technologies in urban public transport systems.
5. Updates from countries and cities on integration and application of digital technologies in public transport systems.
6. Updates from international organizations and development partners on initiatives and projects to enhance sustainability of urban public transport systems.
7. Discuss the way forward for improvement of urban public transport system, use of digital technologies and application of the methodological guideline and compendium of best practices.
8. Closing.