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Transport Facilitation Tools

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ESCAP

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- ❑ Vision: to be the most comprehensive multilateral platform for promoting cooperation among member States to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;
- ❑ Convening power is used to bring countries together to address issues through regional cooperation, including issues that:
 - ❑ all or a group of countries in the region face, for which it is necessary to learn from each other;
 - ❑ benefit from regional or multi-country involvement;
 - ❑ **are transboundary in nature**, or that would benefit from collaborative inter-country approaches;
 - ❑ are of a sensitive or emerging nature and require further advocacy and negotiation.

ESCAP mandates

- ❑ Global e.g. United Nations Charter, General Assembly Resolutions;
- ❑ Regional e.g. ESCAP Commission Resolutions, Ministerial Conferences
 - ❑ Most recent: Resolution 73/4 (May 2017) on Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, including the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017-2021);
- ❑ Specific requests from countries.

Ministerial Declaration

- ❑ Adopted by Ministerial Conference on Transport (5-9 December 2016, Moscow)
- ❑ Endorsed by Resolution 73/4 (May 2017) on Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific,
- ❑ Includes six annexes:
 - ❑ the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017-2021);
 - ❑ Standard Model for Logistics Information System;
 - ❑ Model Subregional Transport Agreement;
 - ❑ Model Bilateral Road Transport Agreements;
 - ❑ Model multilateral permits for international road transport;
 - ❑ Regional road safety targets and goals.

Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific

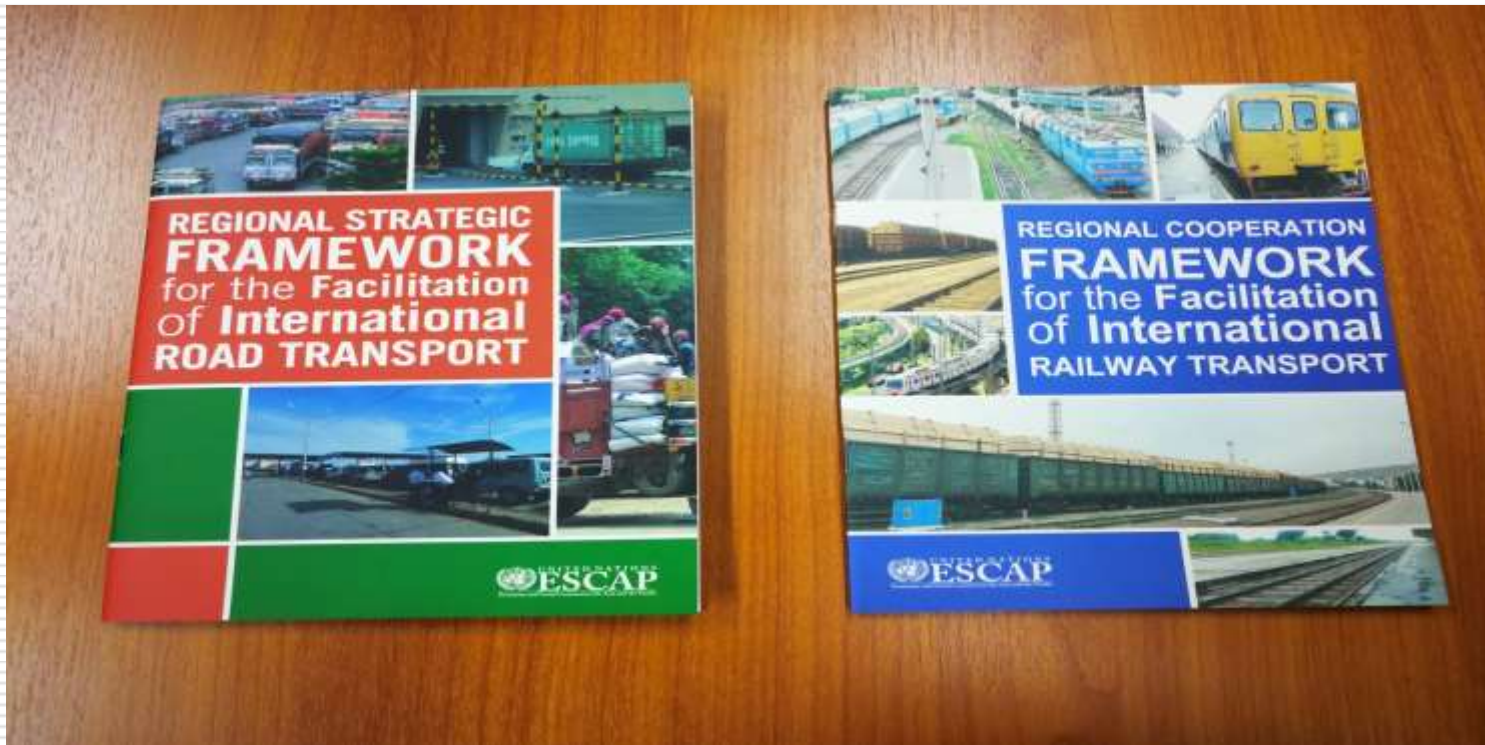
- ❑ Includes seven thematic areas, immediate objectives in each area, outputs and indicators of achievement:
 - ❑ Regional transport infrastructure connectivity
 - ❑ Regional transport operational connectivity
 - ❑ Euro-Asian transport connectivity
 - ❑ Transport connectivity for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
 - ❑ Sustainable urban transport
 - ❑ Rural transport connectivity to wider networks
 - ❑ Improving road safety

ESCAP transport facilitation work

- ❑ Overarching goal: to support countries in achieving effective regional operational connectivity
 - ❑ by providing feasible harmonized, secure, efficient and reliable options for facilitated cross-border transport
- ❑ Applicability: specific or extended (national or international, corridors or entire networks), as needed.

ESCAP transport facilitation tools

- ❑ Two Regional Frameworks
 - ❑ Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport (2012);
 - ❑ Regional Cooperation Framework for Facilitation of International Railway Transport (2015).



ESCAP transport facilitation tools (cont'd)

- ❑ Eight mutually complementary models
 - ❑ Time/Cost-Distance Methodology: identifying barriers and monitoring performance from starting to ending points;
 - ❑ Secure Cross-border Transport Model: providing real-time monitoring *en-route*;
 - ❑ Model on Integrated Controls at Border Crossings: simplified and streamlined procedures at border crossings;
 - ❑ Efficient Cross-border Transport Model: more efficient transport arrangement across borders;
 - ❑ Standard Model for Logistics Information System;
 - ❑ Model Subregional Transport Agreement;
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- ❑ Recommendations, guidelines etc.
 - ❑ http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Policy%20Brief_National%20Requirements_Women%20in%20Logistics.pdf

Transport Facilitation Tools/Products

- work in progress -

- ❑ A «Handbook» to document the requirements for cross-border road transport;
- ❑ A set of performance indicators to assess efficiency of cross-border transport by road and propose measures for improvements;
- ❑ A detailed handbook for AH3 and AH4 to facilitate the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network;
- ❑ A multilateral permits system for the international transport of goods by road.

Thank you for your
kind attention!

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