Virtual and physical participation

The session will be conducted in a combination of physical and virtual means to take account of travel restrictions and physical distancing requirements brought about by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Bangkok based representatives of members and associate members and invited organizations will be able to attend in person at the United Nations Conference Centre, while capital-based representatives will be able to participate through the KUDO videoconferencing platform.

Given the technical limitations of conducting the Committee session in such a manner and in view of the mandates and operational requirements of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, participation through KUDO will be prioritized for members and associate members and observer countries of the Commission. A limited number of connections may become available for participating organizations on first come – first served basis.

Participants will be able to also observe the proceedings virtually via youtube broadcast. Details of the broadcast will be made available in due course.

Observer organizations, intergovernmental organizations, other entities and non-governmental organizations that wish to make statements in connection with any agenda item, may provide these to the secretariat in advance in the form of power-point or plain text, and they will be uploaded to the Committee website as supporting materials. Oral statements and interventions by observers will not be heard during the session.

For delegates who will participate virtually, a test-run of the videoconferencing platform will be arranged on 11 November 2020. Details of the test-run will be communicated to registered delegates directly. The connection of virtual participants will also be tested on the morning of the session, starting 30 minutes prior to the opening. ESCAP technical support will be available to all delegates throughout the session of the Committee. Delegates are requested to provide a phone number at which they can be reached by the technical support team if they lose connectivity during the session.

The number of participants attending physically in the UNCC will be limited according to prevailing physical distancing guidelines that will be communicated in due course. Seating arrangements in the meeting room will also be made accordingly.

Letter of credentials and online registration

Each delegation is required to submit a letter of credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authority of the respective Government, at the earliest convenience and prior to the opening of the session. Only delegates who appear on the letter of credentials will be recognized in the list of participants. Letters of credentials can be sent via email to the Transport Division, to the attention of Mr. Weimin Ren, Director, Transport Division at the following address: escap-td@un.org with copy to wanna.kunsabfueng@un.org. Originals should be sent to ESCAP at the address below.

ESCAP Transport Division
United Nations Building, 9th Floor Block B
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Each delegate who appears in the aforementioned letter of credentials is required to register online as soon as possible at https://meetings.unescap.org/. Only registrations of accredited delegates will be accepted.

Country interventions

Due to time constraints and to take account of any technical difficulties/delays that may occur through the videoconferencing platform, delegations are discouraged from delivering traditional country/national
statements under each agenda item. Delegations are encouraged to prepare brief interventions under each agenda item in response to the items for the consideration of the Committee reflected in each background document, and to engage in interactive discussion on those items. Delegations are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes every time they are given the floor. Copies of full statements or speeches may be provided to the secretariat and published on the website of the Committee under the tab “presentations and statements” before or after the session.

To participate in deliberations, delegates are requested to indicate which members of the delegations will have a speaking role during the session. A guide to using the Kudo videoconferencing platform will be shared in due course with members of each delegation assigned to speak during the session. Delegates participating physically at UNCC will be able to raise their country plate as per normal practice.

**Documents and interpretation**

Pre-session documents are available in Chinese, English, French and Russian and are accessible on the documents page of the Committee website. The draft report of the session will be circulated to virtually connected participants by e-mail and will also be uploaded on KUDO. Hard-copies will be circulated to participants attending in person in the UNCC. The report will be made available in all official languages of the Commission at approximately 13:00 pm on 13 November 2020. The adoption of the report will commence at 14:00 pm on 13 November 2020. The final report as adopted will be made publicly available on the Committee website in all languages following the session.

The report will comprise a list of items to be brought to the attention of the Commission, as well as a summary of organizational matters. In view of the limited time at this year’s session, the report will not include detailed proceedings. A summary of deliberations will be prepared after the session and annexed to the report as a Chair’s summary.

The Kudo videoconferencing platform provides live simultaneous interpretation in the four official languages of the Commission. Details on how to choose an interpretation will be provided in the Kudo participation guide.

**Deliberations**

The details on the deliberations under each agenda item are provided in the sections below.

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the session**

Agenda item 1 of the provisional agenda includes (a) opening addresses; (b) election of officers; and (c) adoption of the agenda.

The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on 12 November 2020 with an opening statement by the the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Minister of Transport of the Host Country, Thailand.

The Secretariat will preside over the election of officers.

In line with its rules of procedure and usual practice, the Committee will elect, from among its members, a Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the session.

Following the election of officers, the Chair of the sixth session will present the provisional agenda of the session (ESCAP/CTR/2020/L.1/Rev.1.) before the Committee for adoption.

**Agenda item 2: Review of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021).**
Agenda item 2 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat of the status of implementation of the current mandate including highlights of completed and current activities under each thematic area (ESCAP/CTR/2020/1).

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for deliberations. The Committee will be asked to limit interventions to direct comments on the status of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme and to providing guidance for its final year of implementation and for the preparation of the evaluation of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme in 2021.

Under agenda item 6, it is anticipated that the Committee will include in its report a reference to the outcome of the discussion on this Agenda item 2, based on the issues for consideration by the Committee as outlined in the relevant pre-session document.

Agenda item 3: Cross-cutting issues in transport

(a) Transport connectivity for efficient and resilient supply chains

Agenda item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat of the supporting document (ESCAP/CTR/2020/2) and of the summary of the informal consultations on this item from 27 October 2020.

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for country interventions. The Committee will be asked to limit interventions to direct comments on the points for consideration of the Committee as reflected in the relevant supporting document.

Under this Agenda item, the Committee will be invited to take note of document ESCAP/CTR/2020/INF/3, submitted for the information of the Committee by the government of the Russian Federation.

The Chair will manage time strictly and adjourn the debate on this agenda item according to the time-slots designated in the programme.

Under agenda item 6, it is anticipated that the Committee will include in its report a reference to the outcome of discussions on this Agenda item 3(a), based on the issues for consideration by the Committee as outlined in the relevant pre-session document.

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(b) Environmentally sustainable transport systems and services

Agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat of the supporting document (ESCAP/CTR/2020/3) and of the summary of the informal consultations on this item from 28 October 2020.

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for country interventions. The Committee will be asked to limit interventions to direct comments on the points for consideration of the Committee as reflected in the relevant supporting document.

The Chair will manage time strictly and adjourn the debate on this agenda item according to the time-slots designated in the programme.

Under agenda item 6, it is anticipated that the Committee will include in its report a reference to the outcome of discussions on this Agenda item 3(b), based on the issues for consideration by the Committee as outlined in the relevant pre-session document.
(c) Safe and inclusive transport and mobility

Agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat of the supporting document (ESCAP/CTR/2020/4) and of the summary of the informal consultations on this item from 28 October 2020.

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for country interventions. The Committee will be asked to limit interventions to direct comments on the points for consideration of the Committee as reflected in the relevant supporting document.

The Chair will manage time strictly and adjourn the debate on this agenda item according to the time-slots designated in the programme.

Under agenda item 6, it is anticipated that the Committee will include in its report a reference to the outcome of the discussions on this Agenda item 3(c), based on the issues for consideration by the Committee as outlined in the relevant pre-session document.

**Agenda item 4: Accelerating transformative action in transport for the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals.**

Agenda item 4 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat of the supporting document (ESCAP/CTR/2020/5) and of the summary of the informal consultations on this item from 29 October 2020.

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for country interventions. The Committee will be asked to limit interventions to direct comments on the points for consideration of the Committee as reflected in the relevant supporting document.

The Chair will manage time strictly and adjourn the debate on this agenda item according to the time-slots designated in the programme.

Under agenda item 6, it is anticipated that the Committee will include, in its report, a reference to the outcome of the discussions on this Agenda item 4, based on the issues for consideration by the Committee as outlined in the relevant pre-session document.

**Agenda item 5: Other business**

Under Agenda item 6, the Chair will invite delegations to raise any other issues for consideration that may not have been covered by the other agenda items.

**Agenda item 6: Adoption of the report**

Under agenda item 6, the Committee will consider for adoption the report of its sixth session in parts: I. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission; II. Organization followed by adoption of the draft report in whole as amended during the reading. A summary of deliberations will be prepared after the session and annexed to the report as a Chair’s summary.

Following the adoption of the report, the Director of the Transport Division will deliver closing remarks.

The Chair may also deliver a closing statement before formally closing the session.