

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 22 September 2020 (12:30 – 15:30 pm)	
12:30-13:45	<p><b>Setting the scene and context: Transport and the Climate Change Challenge in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><i>The opening session will invite experts to present the most recent trends and projections on climate change in the region, the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement frameworks and the broader issues of transport as a contributor to climate change and as a sector that can greatly contribute to climate action. The presentations will be followed by interactive discussion and Q &amp; A.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening and welcome remarks, <i>ESCAP secretariat</i></li> <li>• The UN institutional foundation for climate action, <i>Ms. Hafida Lahiouel, Director, Legal Affairs Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i></li> <li>• Climate change and the role of transport: an overview, <i>Mr. Madan B. Regmi, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, ESCAP</i></li> </ul>
13:45- 15:30	<p><b>Mitigating the environmental impact of transport</b></p> <p><i>This session will invite experts and country representatives to present initiatives, challenges and perspectives on achieving low-carbon transport. This session will focus on emission reduction potential, fuel consumption and prospects for modal shift. The presentations will be followed by interactive discussion and Q &amp; A.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation potential and strategies for transport in Asia and the Pacific, <i>Prof. Shobhakar Dhakal, Asian Institute of Technology</i></li> <li>• Decarbonization of transport: options and challenges, <i>Mr. Christopher Dekki, Policy Advocacy Strategy &amp; Engagement, SLOCAT Partnership</i></li> <li>• <b>Country presentations:</b> perspectives and challenges on reducing emissions from transport.</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 23 September 2020 (12:30 – 15:30 pm)	
12:30 -14:00	<p><b>Climate Change Adaptation and resilience building for transport networks in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><i>This session will be supported by a background note on key issues in climate change adaptation and resilience building for transport. On that basis, experts will further present selected considerations on assessing climate risks and vulnerabilities for regional transport networks, as well as on the special case of ports and coastal transport infrastructure. Government representatives of small island States and archipelagic States will be invited to share challenges and experiences in this session. The presentations will be followed by interactive discussion and Q &amp; A.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of key issues in climate change adaptation for transport, <i>Mr. John Dora, adaptation specialist and independent consultant</i></li> </ul>

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14:00-15:00	<p><b>Urban and Public Transport: How can Cities advance Climate Actions?</b></p> <p><i>This session will briefly touch upon urban and public transport, in the context of rising urbanization and motorization rates in Asia and the Pacific. Country representatives may also make presentations in this session regarding climate action initiatives and policies for the transport sector in cities. The presentations will be followed by interactive discussion and Q &amp; A.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerations on climate change and urban transport, <i>Prof. Shivanand Swamy Handihal, CEPT University</i></li> <li>• Urban resilience: perspectives on urban planning and public transport, <i>Dr. Juan Valle Robles, Deputy Team Leader, Urban Planning Expert, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)</i></li> <li>• <b>Country presentations:</b> Examples and experiences from Asian cities</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	<p><b>Conclusions and recommendations</b></p> <p><i>Participants will be invited to consider and adopt a list of main conclusions and recommendations, on the basis of the discussion and a draft prepared by the secretariat.</i></p>