

**Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Rural Transport Connectivity to
Regional and International Transport Networks**

9-10 July 2019, Bangkok

Tentative Programme

Day 1: Tuesday 9 July 2019

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
Session 1	Introduction Moderator- Ms. Jo Yee Yung Fung, Section Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP
9:00 – 9:10	Opening of meeting <i>Mr. Ren Weimin, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP</i> <i>Group photo</i>
Session 2	The Role of Rural Transport Connectivity in Rural Development Moderator- Ms. Jo Yee Yung Fung, Section Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP
9:10 – 9:20	Rural transport connectivity in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda <i>Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP</i>
9:20 – 9:40	Keynote addresses Transport Connectivity and Development: Some Experiences from Asia <i>Dr. Jayant K. Routray, Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor of Regional and Rural Development Planning & Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management, Asian Institute of Technology</i>
9:40 – 10:00	Positive and negative effects of rural connectivity: a closer look at the gender impacts of transport projects in the Greater Mekong Subregion <i>Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe, Professor, Gender and Development Studies School of Environment, Resources and Development Asian Institute of Technology</i>
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee break
Session 3	National and local government policies on rural transport connectivity to regional and international transport networks

	Moderator- Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP National Strategies for rural transport connectivity: Linking national and local road networks to reap benefits of connectivity
10:40 – 11:00	Introduction to Session 3: Conceptual framework for looking at connectivity between rural and regional transport networks <i>Ms. Jenny Yamamoto, Consultant, UNESCAP</i>
11:00 – 11:20	Bangladesh
11:20 – 11:40	Cambodia
11:40 – 12:00	China (to be confirmed)
12:00 – 12:20	Thailand
12:20 – 12:30	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 3 (continued)	National and local government policies on rural transport connectivity to regional and international transport networks Moderator- Ms. Jenny Yamamoto, Consultant, UNESCAP
13:30 – 13:50	India
13:50 – 14:10	Kazakhstan
14:10 – 14:30	Nepal
14:30 – 14:50	Vietnam
14:50 – 15:00	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 4	<i>Multi-stakeholder presentations and Panel discussion: How can local, national and regional transport networks be better connected to benefit rural residents?</i> Moderator- Ms. Jenny Yamamoto, Consultant, UNESCAP
15:20 – 15:40	ADB's Strategy 2030: Implications for rural roads transport <i>Dr Michael Anyala, Senior Road Asset Management Specialist, Transport Sector Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines</i>
15:40 – 16:00	Whole-of-Country Approach to Rural Transport – Case Study of India <i>Mr. Ashok Kumar, Senior Highway Engineer, World Bank India Office</i>
16:00 – 16:20	Potential for Transit Oriented Development along major transport networks: example of the Lao-Chinese High-Speed Railway <i>Mr. Keola Souknilanh, Research Fellow, Bangkok Research Center, IDE-JETRO, Bangkok</i>
16:20 – 17:00	<i>Panel Discussion</i>
17:00	<i>Close of Day 1</i>

Day 2: Wednesday 10 July 2019

Session 5	Strengthening government capacities in planning and implementing rural transport connectivity: Data collection, monitoring and analysis for rural connectivity, including GIS and spatial data Moderator- Ms. Jo Yee Yung Fung, Section Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UN ESCAP
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction to Session 5. How does data feature in planning and implementing rural transport connectivity? <i>Ms. Jenny Yamamoto, Consultant, UNESCAP</i>
9:10 – 9:40	Update on the Rural Access Indicator (RAI) and next steps <i>Dr. Annabel Bradbury, ReCAP Deputy Team Leader</i>
9:40 – 10:10	Rural Inaccessibility Score (RIS): An Alternative Approach to Measure Accessibility <i>Dr. Ashoke Kumar Sarkar, Senior Professor and Director, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan, India</i>
10:10 – 10:30	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 5 (continued)	Strengthening government capacities in planning and implementing rural transport connectivity Moderator- Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP
10:50 – 11:20	Planning and Prioritization of Rural Roads in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Abdul Quium, Independent Consultant</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Maintenance and Safety Enhancements of Rural Road Networks <i>Mr. Dhan Parkash Gupta, Director (Roads & Highways) Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD)</i>
11:40 – 12:10	Gender and rural transport connectivity <i>Dr. Annabel Bradbury, ReCAP Deputy Team Leader</i>
12:10 – 12:30	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 6	Strengthening government capacities in planning and implementing rural transport connectivity: How to use data from non-transport sectors to integrate sustainable development goals into rural transport policies & projects Moderator- Ms. Jenny Yamamoto, Consultant, UNESCAP
13:30 – 13:50	Potential uses of Probe Data for transport planning and policies <i>Mr. Nuthapong Dumrongrat, Business Development Manager Toyota Tsusho Nexty Electronics (Thailand) Co., Ltd.</i>

13:50 – 14:20	Measuring connectivity using mobile sources: estimating truck movements between Thai and regional cities using probe (GPS) data <i>Dr. Hiroyuki Miyazaki, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Engineering and Technology, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and Mr. Keola Souknilanh, Research Fellow, Bangkok Research Center, IDE-JETRO, Bangkok</i>
14:20 – 14:40	The role of R3A and Digital platform to promote Thai agricultural product into China market <i>Dr. Danaitun Pongpatcharatorntep, Head of China Intelligence Center, College of Arts Media and Technology, Chiangmai University</i>
14:40 – 15:00	<i>Questions and Answers</i>
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 7	<i>Group work and plenary discussion: Future priorities for enhancing rural transport connectivity to regional and international transport networks</i>
15:20 – 16:50	Moderator- Ms. Jo Yee Yung Fung, Section Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP
16:50 – 17:00	<i>Wrap up and closing of the meeting</i>
