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**Activities implemented under the Regional Action
Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in
Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021) ****

The secretariat is pleased to submit a summary of the Activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021), since the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific in December 2016. It is intended to provide participants with additional information relating to item 2 of the provisional agenda on Review of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021) and its associated document (ESCAP/CTR/2018/1).

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Summary of activities implemented by the ESCAP secretariat under the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021)

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	Thematic area/outputs	Summary of Progress
1	Regional transport infrastructure connectivity	Immediate objective: Regional connectivity is to be enhanced through the continued development, upgrading, planning and operationalization of the transport infrastructure networks, including through the introduction of new technologies and necessary regional standards.
1.1	Sessions of the Working Group on the Asian Highway, the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network and the Working Group on Dry Ports;	<p>Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network and Global Smart Rail Conference (Busan, Republic of Korea, 13–15 June 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network <hr/> <p>Second Meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports (Bangkok, 14–15 November 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports; and • Approval of the regional framework for the planning, design, development and operations of dry ports of international importance at the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports (Bangkok, 14–15 November 2017) <hr/> <p>Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway Network (Bangkok, 13–15 December 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, including the new Annex II bis “Asian highway design standards for road safety” to the Agreement
1.2	Study on a regional framework on infrastructure connectivity for integrated intermodal transport corridors with the inclusion of land, maritime and air transport;	<p>Project on “Enhancing efficiency of intermodal transport operations in Asia through developing coordination arrangements in support of balanced economic, social and environmental impacts” funded by the Government of the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative study on “Intermodal transport corridors in Asia to propose guidelines for corridor management” (on-going)

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1.3	Study on infrastructure integration of different modes of transport through further development of the Asian Highway network, the Trans-Asian Railway network, the network of dry ports and other regional transport infrastructure networks, including air and maritime infrastructure;	<p>Project on “Strengthening the development of dry ports international importance through a Regional Framework” funded by the Government of the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on “Strengthening the development of dry ports of international importance through a Regional Framework” (completed); • Formulation of a draft regional framework for the planning, design, development and operations of dry ports of international importance on the basis of the recommendations of the study (completed); and • Adoption of ESCAP Commission’s resolution 74/2 of 16 May 2018 on the Promotion of the regional framework for the planning, design, development and operations of dry ports of international importance (completed)
1.4	Study on harmonization of technical standards of transport infrastructure and its upgrading;	
1.5	Study on the application of new technologies to promote sustainable transport through improved infrastructure facilities;	<p>Project on “Development of technical standards on road infrastructure safety facilities and model Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) deployments for the Asian Highway (AH) Network” funded by the Korea Expressway Corporation (KEC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on “Development of road infrastructure safety facility standards and a detailed design guideline for the Asian Highway Network” (completed); • Study on “Development of model Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) deployments for the Asian Highway Network” (completed); and • Study on “Development of a strategy for promoting Asian Highway design standards” (completed)
		<p>Project on “Development of seamless rail-based intermodal transport services in Northeast and Central Asia for enhancing Euro-Asian transport linkages” funded by the Government of the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on “Documentation and procedures for the development of seamless rail-based intermodal transport services in Northeast and Central Asia” (completed); • Study on “Information technology for seamless rail-based intermodal transport Services in Northeast and Central Asia” (completed); and • Study on “Potential multimodal transport corridors in Kazakhstan and Central Asia” (completed) • Study on “Policy framework for the use and deployment of Intelligent Transport System in Asia and the Pacific” (completed)

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1.6	Report on progress in transport infrastructure connectivity in the region;	73rd Commission Session (Bangkok, 15–19 May 2017) 74th Commission Session (Bangkok, 11–16 May 2018)
1.7	Workshop/ seminar/ meeting/ advisory service on transport infrastructure connectivity.	<p><u>Road connectivity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Group Meeting on Road Safety Facility Standards for the Asian Highway (Bangkok, 30–31 May 2017); and • Regional Meeting on Road Safety Facility Standards for the Asian Highway (Bangkok, 30–31 August 2017) <p><u>Railway connectivity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint ESCAP-OSJD Meeting on Strengthening Railway Transport Connectivity in South and Southwest Asia (New Delhi, 14–17 March 2017); • Capacity-building Training Workshop on the Use of the “Traincost” Railway Traffic Costing Model (Hanoi, 19–23 June 2017); and • Seminar on Identifying Key Issues and Potential Next Steps for Addressing Railway Network Connectivity and Interoperability Challenges (Dushanbe, 5–6 September 2018) <p><u>Dry ports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Group Meeting to discuss and finalize the draft regional framework for the planning, design, development and operations of dry ports of international importance (Bangkok, 6–7 June 2017); • Promotion of the recommendations of the study on “Strengthening the development of dry ports of international importance through a Regional Framework” at the International Conference on Regional Transport and Logistics Cooperation - Development Road organized with ESCAP’s assistance (Ulaanbaatar, 19–20 October 2017); and • Workshops on the Regional Framework for the Planning, Design, Development and Operations of Dry Ports of International Importance for the countries of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South-East Asia, Bangkok, 23–24 May 2018; ○ Central Asia, Almaty, 31 May – 1 June 2018; and ○ South Asia, New Delhi, 1–2 August 2018

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		<p><u>Intermodal transport:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint ESCAP-KOTI-KRRI Knowledge-sharing Seminar on the Facilitation of Intermodal Transport and Logistics in the Eurasian Region (Seoul, 22–23 February 2017); • Second Expert Group Meeting on Documentation, Procedures and Information Technology for Rail-Based Intermodal Transport Services in Northeast and Central Asia (Incheon, Republic of Korea, 5–6 April 2017); • Subregional Meeting on Seamless Intermodal Transport in Northeast and Central Asia (Bangkok, 18–19 September 2017); • Workshop on the Development of Seamless Rail-based Intermodal Transport in Northeast and Central Asia (Beijing, 21 September 2017); • Promotion of the recommendations of the studies on rail-based intermodal transport in Northeast and Central Asia at the International Conference on Regional Transport and Logistics Cooperation - Development Road organized with ESCAP’s assistance (Ulaanbaatar, 19–20 October 2017); • Seminar on Intermodal Transport in Central Asia for Enhancing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (Astana, 2 November 2017); and • Seminar on Development of Rail-based Intermodal Transport for Enhancing Euro-Asian Transport Connectivity (Moscow, 7 December 2017)
2.	Regional transport operational connectivity	<p>Immediate objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional transport operational connectivity is to be enhanced through strengthened transport facilitation measures, including harmonization of transport technical and operational standards, regulations and practices; understanding and use of new technologies; as well as implementation of transport facilitation tools and frameworks; 2. Integrated intermodal transport systems are to be developed and operationalized by using existing capacities and infrastructure more effectively, enhanced network connectivity resulting from better interconnected and compatible transport networks throughout the region, transfer facilities, harmonization of technical standards and the definition of common legislative frameworks; 3. Transport logistics services are to be increased in the region by building capacity and establishing logistics information systems to improve logistics efficiency and reduce costs.

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2.1	<p>Studies/workshops/technical assistance on the implementation of the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport and the Regional Cooperation Framework for the Facilitation of International Railway Transport;</p>	<p>Project on “Enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border transport on the Asian Highway network” funded by the Government of China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Meeting on the Handbook on Cross-border Road Transport Formalities, and on Related Indicators” (Bangkok, 22–23 June 2017); and • Expert Group Meeting on the Handbook on Cross-border Transport and Ancillary Facilities along the Asian Highway Network Routes 3 and 4 (Bangkok,16–17 October 2017) <p>Project on "Harmonization of rules and regulations for facilitation for international railway transport in the region" funded by the Government of the Russian Federation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies on further enhancing efficiency of railway border crossings and on common technical standards and harmonized operational practices along the international railway corridors to increase the competitiveness of international railway freight transport operations (completed) <p>UNDA project on “Logistics integration for a more sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Latin America and the Caribbean”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study covering the Asia-Pacific logistics development perspectives, best practices related to the natural resources imports from Latin America and the Caribbean and possibilities to integrate inter-regional value chains (completed); and • ESCAP-ECLAC Workshop on Transport Infrastructure and Logistics (Santiago, 30–31 October 2017)
2.2	<p>Studies/workshops/advisory services for assessing, designing and implementing integrated intermodal transport systems as a key element of sustainable transport connectivity, including maritime, land and air transport;</p>	<p>Workshop on Strengthening Transport Operational Connectivity between Cambodia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand (Phnom Penh, 25–26 September 2017; Hanoi, 30 November – 1 December 2017; and Yangon, 2 days in September 2018)</p> <p>Capacity building Workshop on Strengthening Integrated Intermodal Transport Connectivity for Southeast and South-Southwest Asia (Bangkok, 8–9 March 2018)</p>
2.3	<p>Assistance/advisory services/workshops on the formulation and implementation of legal instruments and on the harmonization of technical standards, including vehicle axle load control systems, for operationalizing transport connectivity;</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network between China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Preparation for the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network (Ulan-Ude, Russian Federation, 30 – 31 August 2017); and • Expert Group Meeting on Preparation for the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network (Bangkok,16–17 November 2017).

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		<p>Intergovernmental Agreement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on the Facilitation of International Road Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advisory mission to assist in the establishment of the Joint Committee of the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (Beijing, 23–24 May 2017); • ESCAP-SCO Round Table on Prospects for the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on the Facilitation of International Road Transport and its Impact on Regional Transport Connectivity (Beijing, 5–6 July 2017); and • ESCAP-SCO High-level Special Event “Towards Regional Transport Connectivity” (Bangkok, 23 November 2017) organized on the sidelines of the Second Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and integration in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 21–24 November 2017)
		<p>Project on "Harmonization of rules and regulations for facilitation for international railway transport in the region" funded by the Government of the Russian Federation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGM on Harmonization of Rules and Regulations for Facilitation for International Railway Transport (Bangkok, 4–5 September 2017); • Regional Meeting on Harmonization of Rules and Regulations for Facilitation for International Railway Transport (Astana, 20–21 December 2017); and • High-level EGM on the Harmonization of the Rules and Regulations for Facilitation of International Railway Transport (Ankara, 3–4 May 2018)
2.4	Studies/workshops on the application of new technologies to facilitate international maritime, road, rail, air and intermodal transport;	Regional Study on "Use of logistics information systems for increased efficiency and effectiveness" (completed)
2.5	Updating of transport facilitation tools to reflect technological progress and the evolving needs of operational connectivity and related studies/workshops/advisory services on their application;	<p>Model Subregional Agreement on Transport Facilitation (on-going);</p> <p>Model Bilateral Agreement on International Road Transport (on-going);</p> <p>Model Multilateral Permit for International Road Transport (on-going); and</p> <p>Standard Model of Logistics Information Systems (on-going)</p>

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2.6	Studies/workshops on strengthening intermodal interfaces at dry ports, intermodal terminals, sea and air ports and for operationalizing integrated intermodal transport corridors;	<p>Project on “Study on strengthening the institutional framework for dry ports development in CLMV countries plus Thailand” funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea (Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on “Strengthening the institutional framework for dry ports development in CLMV countries plus Thailand” (on-going)
2.7	Technical assistance/ workshops /seminars/ training courses for capacity-building for logistics services professionals and in establishing effective mechanisms for efficient logistics services, including regional meetings of logistics service providers and their national associations;	<p>Visit to Port of Gwangyang to gather information for the study covering the Asia-Pacific logistics development perspectives, best practices related to the natural resources imports from Latin America to Asia and the Pacific especially in Korea and Japan (Gwangyang, Republic of Korea, 23–24 February 2017)</p> <p>Regional Conference/Forum for Logistics Service Providers (Bangkok, 29 June 2017; and Busan, Republic of Korea, 21–22 June 2018)</p> <p>Policy Brief on “National Requirements to become Freight Forwarders” and “Women in Logistics” (released during the Conference for Logistics Service Providers on 29 June 2017)</p> <p>EGM on the Establishment of the Integrated Logistics System in the Region Connecting to the Korean Peninsula (Bangkok, 25 May 2017);</p> <p>Seminar on the Establishment of the Integrated Logistics System in the Region Connecting to the Korean Peninsula (Bangkok, 28 September 2018);</p> <p>International Conference on Regional Transport and Logistics Cooperation - Development Road organized with ESCAP’s support (Ulaanbaatar, 19–20 October 2017); and</p> <p>ECLAC-ESCAP Meeting on Transport Infrastructure and Logistics (Santiago, 30–31 October 2017)</p>
2.8	Study/workshop/advisory service on enhancing maritime operational connectivity.	Report on "Strengthening the capacity to plan and develop efficient coastal shipping in Southeast Asia" (on-going)
3	Euro-Asian transport connectivity	<p>Immediate objective:</p> <p>To work towards the establishment of an interregional coordination committee on transport between Asia and Europe designed to foster seamless sustainable transport connectivity between Asia and Europe for people and goods.</p>

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3.1	Study on initiatives, transport infrastructure planning and institutional arrangements related to the development of transport corridors between Asia and Europe;	<p>Project on “Comprehensive planning of Eurasian Transport Corridors to Strengthen the Intra- and Inter-Regional Transport Connectivity” funded by the Government of China:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on “Comprehensive planning of Eurasian transport corridors to strengthen the intra- and inter-regional transport connectivity prepared under the project (on-going)
3.2	Study on harmonizing rules and regulations to eliminate non-physical barriers impeding the efficiency of transport between the two regions;	
3.3	Study on technical standards applied along transport corridors between Asia and Europe;	
3.4	Establishment of an interregional coordination committee on transport between Asia and Europe to help enhance transport links between Asia and Europe, including preparation of the terms of reference and governance;	<p>Project on “Connecting transport infrastructure networks in Asia and Europe in support of interregional sustainable transport connectivity” funded by the Government of the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for the Inter-regional Expert Group Meeting on Transport Connectivity between Asia and Europe (on-going)
3.5	Workshop/seminar/meeting/advisory service on enhancing transport connectivity between Asia and Europe;	<p>22nd session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity (TWG-STTC) (Astana, 1–3 November 2017);</p> <p>23rd session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity (TWG-STTC) (Astana, 27–28 August 2018); and</p> <p>Meetings under the project on “Comprehensive planning of Eurasian Transport Corridors to Strengthen the Intra- and Inter-Regional Transport Connectivity” funded by the Government of China:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Eurasian transport corridors team (Beijing, 3 May 2017); • EGM on comprehensive planning of Eurasian transport corridors (Beijing, 5–6 July 2017); • Subregional EGM on comprehensive planning of Eurasian transport corridors (Istanbul, 20–21 September 2017); and • Final Expert Group Meeting on Comprehensive Planning of Eurasian Transport Corridors and Intermodal Transport in North-East and Central Asia (Bangkok, 7–8 November 2017)
3.6	Report on progress in enhancing transport connectivity between Asia and Europe.	

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4	Transport connectivity for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	<p>Immediate objective:</p> <p>States with special needs (least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States) are to be assisted in developing and implementing innovative policies and frameworks to improve and enhance sustainable transport connectivity with adequate inclusion of urban and rural transport and road safety.</p>
4.1	Study on transport facilitation, integrated intermodal transport and logistics for least developed countries and landlocked developing countries;	<p>Project on “Enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border transport on the Asian Highway network” funded by the Government of China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbook on “Cross-Border Transport along the Asian Highway including relevant cross-border transport indicators” (completed), and • Handbook on “Cross-Border Transport and Ancillary Facilities along the Asian Highway Network Routes 3 and 4” (completed).
4.2	Study on approaches to connect least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States to the region’s infrastructure networks, including ports;	Report on “Strengthening transport connectivity from/to ports for selected countries” (completed)
4.3	Study on developing railway networks and improving urban and rural transport and road safety and security in least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;	<p>Project on "Enhancing the Capacity of Member States to Achieve Transport Related Targets of Sustainable Development Goal" funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGM on Developing Framework for Integrated Intermodal Transport as a Key Driver for Sustainable Development among ESCAP Member States (Bangkok, 1–2 June 2017)
4.4	Study on enhancing maritime and air connectivity for small island developing States;	
4.5	Technical assistance to landlocked developing countries and their neighboring developing countries in planning/establishing/ operating efficient integrated multimodal transport corridors;	International Conference on Connectivity in Asia: Trade, Transport, Logistics and Business (Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam, 25–26 June 2018)
4.6	Regional inputs to the global report on the midterm review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 in the transport sector;	

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4.7	Workshop/seminar/meeting/advisory service to support least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States to enhance transport connectivity, improve road safety and develop urban and rural transport.	Joint ADB-ESCAP Training Workshop on Cross-Border and Transit Transport Facilitation (Bangkok, 11–12 December 2017)
5	Sustainable urban transport	<p>Immediate objective:</p> <p>The region’s countries and cities are to initiate and implement innovative policies and frameworks to assess, plan, develop, improve and maintain sustainable urban transport systems and services.</p>
5.1	Study on integration of urban transport modes and assessment of urban transport systems;	Monograph Series on Sustainable and Inclusive Transport - Assessment of Urban Transport Systems (completed)
5.2	Regional framework and tools on deployment of intelligent transport systems;	Policy framework for the use and deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in Asia and the Pacific (on-going)
		Innovative and integrated Intelligent Transport System (ITS) for the development and operation of sustainable transport system in urban areas (on-going)
5.3	Guide to national policy frameworks on sustainable urban transport development;	<p>Data Collection Guidelines for indicators of the Sustainable Transport Index (SUTI) Excel sheet for analysis of urban transport systems and services in cities (completed); and</p> <p>Study reports on “Pilot application of Sustainable Urban Transport Index in four pilot cities” (completed)</p>
5.4	Report on regional progress on improvement of urban transport systems;	<p>2017 Review Chapter 4, on urban transport containing review of urban mobility in the region (completed);</p> <p>Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific, No. 87 with five articles on the theme of transport and SDGs (completed); and</p> <p>Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific, No. 88 on the theme of ITS (completed)</p>

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5.5	Workshop/seminar/meeting/advisory service to support member countries in developing and improving urban transport systems.	<p>Sustainable Urban Transport Index (SUTI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Meeting on Sustainable Urban Transport Index (Jakarta, 2–3 March 2017); • Collaborated with UNCRD to plan and organize 10th Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum (Vientiane, 14–16 March 2017); • Advisory missions for pilot application of Sustainable Urban Transport Index to the cities (Hanoi, 19–21 July and 16–18 August 2017; Colombo, 13–15 September 2017; Jakarta, 25–27 September 2017; and Kathmandu, 15–17 October 201) and a subregional capacity building workshop (Colombo, 30–31 October 2017; and Manila, 8–9 November 2017); • High-Level International Conference on City and Transport: Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability (Khabarovsk, Russian Federation, 4–5 September 2017); • Regional EST Policy Dialogue and Training Workshop for South and South-East Asia (Bangkok, 10–12 October 2017); • Capacity Building Workshop on Sustainable Urban Transport Index (Colombo, 30–31 October 2017); • Application of the Sustainable Urban Transport Index in cities (Mission/consultation meeting) (Dhaka, 5–7 June 2018; Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam, 25–27 June 2018; Jakarta, Surabaya and Bandung, Indonesia, 9–13 July 2018; and New Delhi, Surat, India, 24–26 July 2018); and • Capacity Building Workshop on Urban Mobility and Sustainable Urban Transport Index (Dhaka, 12–13 September 2018).
		<p>Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory and fact-finding meetings on ITS developments and operations (Kuala Lumpur, 8–9 March 2017; Hanoi, 15–16 March 2017; Sejong, Republic of Korea, 26 March 2017; Beijing, 29–30 March 2017; and Singapore, 5–6 April 2017); • International Forum of EV and Self-driving Car (Jeju, Republic of Korea, 23–24 March 2017) • Consultation meeting on ITS with MOLIT, KOTI and ITS Korea (Sejong, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 24–25 April 2018); • 16th ITS Asia-Pacific Forum (Fukuoka, Japan, 8–10 May 2018); and • International Forum on ITS (Nanjing, China, 6–7 September 2018)

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6	Rural transport connectivity to wider networks	Immediate objective: Member countries are to be assisted in developing and achieving greater rural connectivity coverage and connections to the wider transport networks.
6.1	Study on improving rural transport connectivity and its impact on poverty alleviation, health, education and employment generation;	Background papers on “Rural connectivity and rural-urban connectivity” prepared for the Intergovernmental Tenth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia (Vientiane, 14-16 March 2017)
6.2	Regional strategy/master plan/policy framework to improve rural transport connectivity to wider local, national and regional transport networks (Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and dry ports);	Background papers on “Policy framework on rural transport development” for the Intergovernmental Tenth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia (Vientiane, 14–16 March 2017). Vientiane Declaration on Sustainable Rural Transport towards Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2017 at EST Forum organized in collaboration with UNCRD.
6.3	Study on financing options for developing rural transport connectivity;	
6.4	Report on regional progress on the improvement of rural transport connectivity;	2017 Review Chapter 5, on a regional review of rural transport (completed)
6.5	Workshop/seminar/meeting/advisory service to support member countries on the development of rural transport access.	Regional Seminar on Sustainable and Inclusive Transport Development: Fostering Rural Transport Connectivity to help achieve SDGs focusing on rural access organized jointly by ESCAP and UNCRD in conjunction with the Intergovernmental Tenth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia (Vientiane, 14-16 March 2017); A pre-event on rural transport contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Vientiane, 13 March 2017)
7	Improving road safety Immediate	Immediate objective: Countries in the region are to be assisted in improving road safety situations and meeting their commitments under the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 11.
7.1	Study on measures to improve road safety, such as rules and regulations covering the key risk factors (e.g. speeding and drink-driving);	Project on "Tackling Main Causes of Road Crashes for Asia and the Pacific" funded by the Government of the Russian Federation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations to improve road safety in the area of speed management and drink-driving (on-going)
7.2	Study on technical standards for improving road safety;	Study on “Asian Highway Design Standards for Road Safety” (completed) Design Guideline for Road Safety (completed)

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7.3	Report on progress on the improvement of road safety in the region;	Technical material on road safety situation and progress in Asia and the Pacific (on-going)
7.4	Road safety tool/handbook for improving road safety at the national level;	<p>UNDA Project on "Strengthening the National Road Safety Management Capacities of Selected Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on "Road Safety Performance Review of Viet Nam" (completed)
7.5	Workshop/ seminar/ meeting/ advisory service to support member countries on improving road safety, including technical assistance for the establishment of the data-collection system.	<p>UNDA Project on "Strengthening the National Road Safety Management Capacities of Selected Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Capacity Building Workshops on Implementation of Road Safety Related Legal Instrument (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam, 12-13 and 16-17 January 2017); • Consultative Meeting on the Main Findings of Viet Nam's Road Safety Performance Review (Hanoi, 15 June 2017); and • Capacity Building Workshop on Road Safety Audits (Hanoi, 12-18 June 2017 and Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, 19-25 June 2017) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Workshop on Motorcycle Helmets in collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety and UNECE for the countries in the South and South-East Asia region (Kuala Lumpur, 7 April 2017); • Subregional Workshop on the Updated Regional Road Safety Goals and Targets for Asia and the Pacific 2016-2020 (Phnom Penh, 27-28 September 2017); and • Advisory Group Meeting: Vulnerable Road Users Safety in South East Asia (Bangkok, 2 October 2017).