Strengthening Subregional Connectivity in East and North-East Asia through Effective Economic Corridor Management
Training-Workshop Series: Workshop 1

Lecture 2: Dry Ports

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What is a regional framework?

- Long-term common targets/strategy for member countries and their development partners (incl. UNESCAP)
- Direction of future possible development
- Reference and guide
  - Not legally binding like an agreement
  - No commitment required for implementation
  - No timeline for implementation
ESCAP initiatives to enhance regional transport connectivity

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The purpose of the regional framework on dry ports of international importance

- Facilitate implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports
- Serve as a guideline to establish a network of interconnected dry ports in the ESCAP region which follow the same standards and are interconnected
- Identify fundamental issues related to both hard and soft infrastructure of dry ports of international importance and propose solutions
ESCAP resolution 74/2 of 16 May 2018

ESCAP resolution 74/2 adopted on 16 May 2018 by the Commission at its 74th Session requests the secretariat:

- To accord priority to the promotion of the regional framework
- To facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices in the planning, design, development and operation of dry ports of international importance
Structure of the regional framework

- Description of the issue (what should be improved)
- Target (desirable result)
- Process (how to achieve the target)
### Issues covered by the Regional Framework:

1. Basic requirements  
2. Dry port location  
3. Transport infrastructure linkages:  
   a. Dry port-seaport linkages  
   b. Rail infrastructure within dry ports  
   c. Road transport linkages  
   d. Road infrastructure within dry ports  
4. Technical standards for dry ports  
5. Container yard capacity and equipment  
6. Design of other major facilities
Issues covered by the Regional Framework:

7. Technical management information technology system
8. Coding of the dry ports of international importance
9. Incorporation of dry ports into international transport documents
10. Proposed arrangements for customs clearance at dry ports
11. Policy measures, legislation and solutions for planning dry port development
12. Practical options for financing the development and operation of dry ports
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