

**Enhancing regional integration of landlocked developing countries  
in North and Central Asia through infrastructure connectivity**

**6 – 7 September 2017, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan**

**PROGRAMME**

**Day One: Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Agenda 1. Opening of the seminar</b></p> <p>Opening remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov</b>, Senior Officer, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Elena Nalobina</b>, Head, Department of External Relations and Integrations, Ministry of Transport and Road of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary discussion</b> “Eurasia: Sustainable Regional Development in the Global Context”</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov</b>, Senior Officer, ESCAP</p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Larisa Plachinda</b>, Deputy Head of Coordination Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Leonid Komarover</b>, Senior Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Programme</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Mirlan Mamyrov</b>, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:10 – 12:30	<p><b>Agenda 2. Eurasian Integration and Economic Belt of the Silk Road</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To understand future vision for regional integration through the Eurasian Economic Union and the Belt and Road Initiative.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Representative of <b>Kazakhstan</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Madina Turaeva</b>, Expert, Doctor of Economics, Leading Researcher Institute of Economy, Russian Academy of Sciences</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Andrey Diyansky</b>, Head, Department of Infrastructure, Eurasian Economic Commission</li> </ul>

	Open Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Agenda 3. Infrastructure Priorities of Landlocked Developing Countries</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To identify current opportunities and challenges at the national level to accelerate infrastructure development in landlocked developing countries in North and Central Asia.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Representative of <b>Kyrgyzstan</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Armenia</b></li> <li>• <b>Azerbaijan</b></li> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan</b></li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kyrgyzstan</b></li> <li>• <b>Tajikistan</b></li> <li>• <b>Turkmenistan</b></li> <li>• <b>Uzbekistan</b></li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:10 – 17:30	<p><b>Agenda 4. Taking stock of Ongoing Intergovernmental Projects</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To understand progress of ongoing intergovernmental projects and opportunities for seamless infrastructure connectivity in North and Central Asia.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Representative of <b>Tajikistan</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Paul Vallely</b>, Program Leader for Connectivity and Infrastructure, Central Asia Regional Office, World Bank</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Candice McDeigan</b>, Country Director, Kyrgyz Republic Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Aigul Berdigulova</b>, Economist, Eurasian Development Bank</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>

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09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Agenda 5. Perspectives from Transit Countries</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To identify transit potential to access to growing demand for trade and energy in neighboring countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Representative of <b>Turkmenistan</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Azim Wardak</b>, Acting Deputy Director General, Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Noshrevan Lomtadze</b>, Deputy Director, Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zare</b>, Director, Division of International Environment and Energy Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Alexander Alimov</b>, Deputy Director, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion</p>
10:30 – 10:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:40 – 12:10	<p><b>Agenda 6. Enhancing Synergy among Cross-Sectoral Infrastructure</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To understand the ESCAP initiatives and its latest assessment for the development of transport, energy and ICT infrastructure in North and Central Asia as well as synergy from multisectoral infrastructure development.</p> <p>Moderator: Representative of <b>Armenia</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Edouard Chong</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, ESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Siopé Ofa</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, ICT and Development Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Sergey Tulinov</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
12:10 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Agenda 7. The Way Forward: Regional Integration through Infrastructure Connectivity</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To identify concrete next steps to accelerate regional integration through ongoing connectivity initiatives at the national and subregional level.</p> <p>Moderator: Representative of <b>Azerbaijan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Hiroaki Ogawa</b>, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Each participant is invited to provide comments and visions on how North and Central Asia can achieve regional integration through cooperation in infrastructure development. Possible modalities at the national and regional level such as the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia could be discussed. The formulated recommendations will be reported to other intergovernmental and subregional meetings.</p>

14:30 - 15:00	<b>Agenda 7. Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations and closing of the seminar</b>  Closing remarks by  - <b>Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov</b> , Senior Officer, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP
15:00 - 15:10	<i>Coffee break</i>