

Capacity Building Workshop on Facilitation of International Railway Transport to support Intra and Inter-regional Trade

Bangkok, Thailand

18 and 19 December 2018

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

08:00 - 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 - 09:15	Opening statement ESCAP (Transport Division, Trade Investment and Innovation Division)
09:15 - 09:45	Keynote presentation on Common Consignment Note by representative of International Rail Transport Committee
	Session 1- Country Presentations
09:45-10:15	Each invited country will present the status of facilitation measures for international railway transport focusing on (a) challenges in application of common consignment note (b) customs formalities required for international railway transport <i>Azerbaijan and Georgia</i>
10:15-10:40	<i>Group Photo and Coffee Break</i>
10:40 - 12:00	Country Presentations continued <i>Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea</i>
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:20	Country Presentations continued <i>Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan</i>
	Session 2- Legal instruments in international railway transport
14:20 - 15:30	OSJD legal instruments <i>Presentations by OSJD</i>
15:30 - 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45 - 16:30	<i>Presentation by OTIF and European Union Agency for Railways</i>

	Session 3- Perspectives of Private Sector on strengthening international railway transport
16:30-17:30	Private sector perspectives on strengthening international railway transport in Asia and between Asia and Europe <i>Presentations by ULTC, KFFA and TBC</i>

Day 2

Wednesday, 19 December 2018

	<i>Session 4: Enhancing the efficiency of international railway transport</i>
09:00-09:45	Framework for enhancing efficiency of railway border crossings along the Trans-Asian Railway Network <i>Presentation by ESCAP secretariat</i>
09:45-10:15	Potential for a legal instrument on facilitation of international railway transport in the ESCAP region <i>Presentation by ESCAP secretariat</i>
10:15-10:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:35-11:15	Open discussion on the way forward for framework and potential agreement <i>Moderated by the ESCAP secretariat</i>
11:15-11:45	Telematic applications for freight within OTIF- <i>Presentation by OTIF</i>
11:45-12:15	Discussion of areas for ESCAP to focus on to further strengthen international railway transport in the region
12:15 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
	<i>Session 5: ESCAP tools to support electronic exchange of information</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Introduction to the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) ESCAP Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific <i>Presentation by ESCAP secretariat</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Workshop conclusions and recommendations

16:00 - 17:00

Meeting of the UNNExT Advisory Group on Transit Facilitation (by invitation)