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**Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC)**

20th Session  
10-11 September 2015  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

**ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA  
FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF SPECA PWG-TBC**

1. Opening of the Session

The session will be opened by H.E. Mr. **XY, xy** of the Ministry for Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the lead country of the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC). Opening statements will be delivered by the representatives of UNECE and UNESCAP.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Project Working Group will review and adopt the draft agenda as contained in documents SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/L.1 and L.2.

3. Adoption of the report on the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the PWG-TBC

The report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the PWG-TBC, held on 18-19 June, 2014 in Almaty, which is available in English and Russian, will be presented by Kazakhstan, the lead SPECA country in the field of transport and the host of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session. The Project Working Group is invited to adopt the report.

4. Review of transport projects, activities and initiatives in line with the Vienna Programme of Action.

- 4.1. Transport infrastructure projects, activities and initiatives at national and international level, including development of dry ports to facilitate intermodal transport in SPECA countries

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/1;

Representatives of UNESCAP and UNECE will present their respective initiatives and efforts for promoting the development of transport infrastructure in SPECA countries.

The Project Working Group may wish to encourage SPECA countries to become Parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, actively participate in the Intergovernmental Agreement on the TAR network and the AH network, support UNECE and UNESCAP

secretariats in their respective initiatives on further implementation of Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) and development of dry ports of international importance.

#### 4.2. Accession and implementation of International Conventions and Agreements

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/2

After a presentation made by the UNECE representative, delegates of SPECA member countries will update the Project Working Group on their status with regard to accession and implementation of international conventions and agreements. Representative of UNESCAP will present the activities related to the establishment of the UNESCAP Regional Network of Legal and Technical Experts on Transport Facilitation.

The Project Working Group may wish to request the states to identify problems for implementation of the conventions and also any further assistance needed from UNECE and UNESCAP secretariats in assessing the implications of acceding to and implementing the transport-related UN legal instruments. The Project Working Group may also encourage SPECA countries to assign members to UNESCAP Regional Network of Legal and Technical Experts on Transport Facilitation.

#### 4.3. Establishment and operation of national coordinating mechanisms for transport facilitation

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/3

UNECE representative will present latest activities related to the “Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration” project. Delegates of SPECA member countries will inform the Project Working Group on the progress in the establishment and operation of national coordinating mechanisms for transport facilitation; share best practices and lessons learnt; and suggest possible further actions required.

The Project Working Group may wish to encourage SPECA countries to use the Project results.

#### 4.4. Identification, isolation and elimination of major bottlenecks along international transport routes

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/4

UNECE secretariat will inform the Group of the latest activities related to the Annex 9 on rail border crossing and Annex 8 on road border crossing to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. UNECE secretariat will also outline the developments related to implementation of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention-1975) and e-TIR procedures.

UNESCAP secretariat will inform the Group on the progress achieved in cooperation with UNCTAD and UNECA, in the implementation of the Development Account Project entitled “Capacity Building for Control Authorities and Transport Operators to Improve Efficiency of Cross-border Transport in Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries” from 2012. UNESCAP secretariat will also briefly outline the three facilitation tools that were developed to support countries in addressing major bottlenecks.

4.5. Progress towards Unified Railway Law

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/5

UNECE will report on the progress achieved in preparing the draft Unified Railway Law.

The Project Working Group may encourage SPECA Governments to actively participate in the activities of the Group of Experts towards the Unified Railway Law and provide comments on draft new Convention.

4.6. Progress report on the development of the SPECA PWG-TBC transport databases

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/6

The Research Institute of Transport and Communications, Almaty (NIITK) will report on the progress achieved in developing the four priority transport databases for the SPECA region that were selected by the Project Working Group (rail routes of international importance, road routes of international importance, border crossing, and intermodal transport infrastructure).

The Project Working Group may discuss on the possibilities to make better use of the data and information accumulated over years by the NIITK, in the framework of its activities, and endorse the report prepared by NIITK. Furthermore, Project Working Group may welcome further capacity building initiatives on transport statistics for the SPECA region

4.7. Establishment and strengthening of public-private partnerships in the SPECA region

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/7

UNESCAP secretariat will inform of the progress being achieved by UNESCAP and UNECE in promotion of the use of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and UNECE will inform on results of “Good practices and new tools for Financing Transport Infrastructure” workshop.

The Project Working group may update the meeting on developments in PPPs in SPECA countries, including application of this mechanism for specific transport projects. The PWG may also encourage SPECA member countries to pursue policy measures to create favourable institutional environment for PPPs and strengthen the training programmes for government

officials by taking advantage of training materials on PPPs prepared by UNECE and UNESCAP.

4.8. Road safety issues and policy interventions in the SPECA region

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/8

UNECE and UNESCAP secretariats representatives will make a presentation on their activities as regards the implementation of the UN Decade of action for road safety 2011-2020, as well as road safety projects and capacity building events. Representatives of SPECA countries will report on the national activities in addressing road safety issues.

The Project Working Group may ask SPECA countries to use results of the road safety capacity building workshop in Almaty (11 September 2015) and encourage one of SPECA Member countries to host a road safety awareness event, which other SPECA countries could attend and share best practices and lessons learned in the area of road safety.

5. Programme of Work 2016-17

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/9;

The Project Working Group may discuss proposed activities, and endorse the Programme of Work prepared by UNECE/UNESCAP.

6. Bilateral consultations on transport and border-crossing issues between SPECA countries

In the absence of written requests, this topic might not be discussed during this session. The questions raised meanwhile will be addressed afterwards to the countries concerned for follow-up actions. Notwithstanding the above, interested SPECA countries may take the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest informally.

7. Review of the draft agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the SPECA PWG-TBC.

**Background document:** SPECA/PWG-TBC (20)/10

The Project Working Group will be invited to review the draft agenda of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Project

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