

## **UNESCAP-MOIT**

### **National Capacity Building Workshop on Sustainable and Inclusive Transport Development**

*9-10 July 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka*

#### **Provisional agenda**

**1. Opening of the workshop**

**2. Global and regional overview of sustainable transport policies and practices**

This session will introduce global transport mandates and policies relating to sustainable and inclusive transport development. It will present the concepts, emerging trends and practices in planning and designing sustainable and inclusive transportation systems.

**3. National sustainable transport policies (presentation from Sri Lanka)**

This session will introduce existing national transport policies and strategies. It will highlight the issues and challenges faced by Sri Lanka, different sectoral organizations (highway, railway, and water transport) and local authorities in developing and implementing sustainable transport policies and projects.

**4. Regional connectivity, integrated transport planning and institutional coordination**

This session will elaborate on the principles and elements of integrated national transport planning with concept of regional connectivity and ways to improve physical, institutional and operational connectivity to and from Sri Lanka. It will also discuss institutional aspects and ways to enhance coordination among various stakeholders in implementation of integrated policies and strategies.

**5. Railway planning and development**

This session will elaborate basic principle, concept and practices of railway planning and development such as demand forecasting, integration with other modes, preparation of railway development master plan and policy formulation. It will also include examples of railway development, emerging technologies on railway development such as high speed rails and urban rails.

**6. Railway marketing, operation, revenue generation and financing**

This session will revisit the state of railway system in Sri Lanka and discuss issues related to passenger and freight railway systems, railway operation, marketing, and revenue generation. It will include options for financing railway infrastructure development, best practices and successful examples of railway projects & long-haul rail based intermodal transport systems.

**7. Developing sustainable railway, policy formulation and master plan (discussion session)**

This session will discuss on the ways to develop strategies, policies and action plan and address issues and challenges in planning and developing sustainable railway systems, integration with other modes of transport. This outcome of discussion will be helpful in developing/refining strategies, policies and developing railway development master plan for Sri Lanka and consider the ways forward.

**8. The way forward and closing.**

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