



***Policy Dialogue on Strengthening
Transport Connectivity among the
South and South-West Asian Countries
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- 1. ESCAP tools and measures to enhance***
- 2. regional transport connectivity***

ESCAP initiatives to enhance regional connectivity

- ❖ Inter Governmental Agreements on Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway Networks and the Dry Ports
- ❖ Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2006), 3 I's vision for transport and logistic system for the region
- ❖ 3I's are International, Inter-modal and Interconnected
- ❖ ESCAP resolution 48/11
- ❖ Transport facilitation is inherently challenging –
 - ❖ **Involves numerous government agencies and countries**
 - ❖ **Different institutional environment**
 - ❖ **Implementation capacities**
- ❖ Increasing importance of non- physical and need for a comprehensive approach. ESCAP member countries adopted a Regional Strategic Framework in 2012



Regional Strategic Framework for Facilitation of International Road Transport

Fundamental issues in facilitation of international road transport

- ❖ Road transport permits and traffic rights
- ❖ Visa issues
- ❖ Temporary importation of road vehicles
- ❖ Insurance of vehicles
- ❖ Vehicles weight and dimensions
- ❖ Vehicle registration and inspection certificate



Regional Strategic Framework for Facilitation of International Road Transport

Key modalities for facilitation international road transport

- ❖ Building an effective legal regime
- ❖ Wider application of new technologies
- ❖ Development of professional training
- ❖ Establishment and strengthening of national coordination mechanisms
- ❖ Promotion of joint controls at border crossings
- ❖ Promotion of economic zones at border crossings
- ❖ Application of facilitation tools



2. Proposed Regional Cooperation Framework for facilitation of international railway transport

Fundamental issues in facilitation of international railway transport

- ❖ Standardisation of Railway infrastructure and rolling stock
- ❖ Break –of –gauge
- ❖ Different legal regimes for railway transport contracts
- ❖ Coordination of regulatory controls



Proposed Regional Cooperation Framework for facilitation of international railway transport

Potential areas for Cooperation

- ❖ **Participate** in international railway organizations
- ❖ **Formulate** bilateral/subregional agreements
- ❖ **Collaborate** to standardize cross border railway operations
- ❖ **Use** advance cargo information systems
- ❖ **Arrangement** for exchange of wagons
- ❖ **Use** new technologies in train operations and in container tracking



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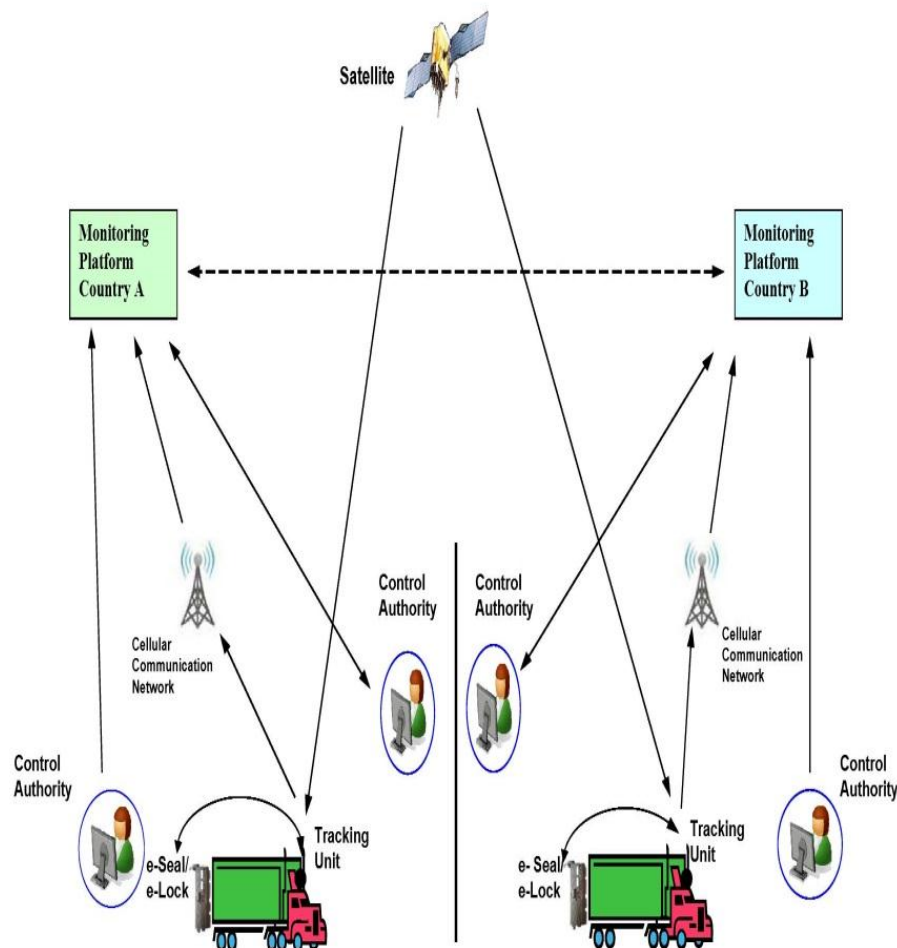
- ❖ **Develop** human resources for cross border railway operations
- ❖ **Establish** dry ports/logistics centers and maintenance hubs near border interchange stations
- ❖ **Simplify** intermodal interfaces of railway with other modes
- ❖ **Promote** and encourage corridor approach to facilitation of international railway transport
- ❖ **Work** towards paperless freight



3. ESCAP transport facilitation models

Secure cross border transport model

- ❖ Provides concept for vehicle tracking system
- ❖ Uses new technologies SPS, RFID, CCS, Electronic Seals
- ❖ Physical inspection at origin/destination addresses concerns of security, diversion of goods
- ❖ Balances control requirements and facilitation



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