



## **Regional Policy Dialogue on Strengthening** Transport Connectivity in Southern Asia New Delhi, India, 19-20 November 2014

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1	Wednesday, 19 November 2014
0930-1000	Registration
1000-1100	Inaugural Session
	Opening Remarks by ESCAP and AITD
	<b>Keynote Address: H.E. Smt. Sujatha Singh</b> , Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
	<b>Special Address: H.E. Prof. Gowher Rizvi,</b> International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh
	<b>Special Address: H.E. Mr Mozammil Shinwari</b> , Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Afghanistan
	Inaugural Address: H.E. Dr Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Railways, Government of India (tbc)
	Vote of thanks
1100-1130	Group Photo and Coffee Break
1130-1300	Session 1: High-level Panel on Potential and Prospects of Strengthened Transport Connectivity for Regional Economic Integration in Southern Asia
	Chair: Mr Rajeev Kher, Commerce Secretary, Government of India
	Introductory theme presentation
	<b>Dr Nagesh Kumar</b> , Head, South and South-West Asia Office, UNESCAP
	Distinguished Panelists
	H.E. Mr Burak Akçapar, Ambassador of Turkey in India (tbc)
	H.E. Mr Tarun Vijay, M.P.
	Mr. Azher Ali Choudhry, Additional Secretary, Ministry of

Commerce, Government of Pakistan

**Maj. Gen. A K M Abdur Rahman**, Director-General, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Dhaka

**Dr Esmaeil Tekyehsadat**, Advisor to Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran

Mr T.N. Ninan, Chairman, Business Standard

**Open Discussion** 

#### 1300-1400 Lunch

#### 1400-1600

Session 2: Status of Transport Connectivity including Transit Facilitation in Southern Asia: Country Presentations

**Chair: Mr Vijay Chhibber,** Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India (tbc)

Country presentations (8-10 minutes each) by senior transport officials of

**Afghanistan** 

Bangladesh

Bhutan

India

**Islamic Republic of Iran** 

**Maldives** 

Myanmar

Nepal

**Pakistan** 

Sri Lanka

**Turkey** 

Open discussion

#### **1600-1615** Coffee Break

#### 1615-1730

Session 3: Business Sector Perspective on Strengthening Transport Connectivity in Southern Asia

**Chair: H.E. Mr Mozammil Shinwari**, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Afghanistan

Key panelists

**Mr Sunil Kant Munjal**, Jt. Managing Director, Hero MotoCorp Ltd (tbc)

**Mr Rajan Sharma**, President, Nepal Freight Forwarders Association, Kathmandu

**Mr A. Didar Singh,** Secretary-General, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industries

Mr Anil Gupta, CMD, Container Corporation of India Ltd.

**Dr Pritam Banerjee,** Senior Director, Corporate Public Policy (South Asia), Deutsche Post DHL

Mr Ali Sokmen, Economic Policy Research Institute of Turkey

Open discussion

#### 1930 Welcome Dinner at India International Centre

### Day 2 Thursday, 20 November 2014

0930-1100 Session 4: Regional frameworks and tools for facilitating cross-

border transport connectivity

Chair: Mr K.L. Thapar, Chairman, AITD

**Key Presenters** 

Mr Li Yuwei, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP

**Mr Konstantinos Alexopoulos**, Secretary, Rail Secretariat, Transport Division, UNECE, Geneva

**Mr Sandeep Raj Jain**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP

Dr Nisha Taneja, Professor, ICRIER

Open Discussion

#### **1100-1130** Coffee Break

# Session 5: Roundtable on Promoting Transport Connectivity in Southern Asia: Initiatives of Regional Bodies, Development Banks and Bilateral Donors

Chair: Mr Li Yuwei, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP

**Panelists** 

Mr Ahmar Ismail, Director, SAARC Secretariat

**Ms Zukhra Abhisheva**, Directorate of Transport and Communications, Economic Cooperation Organization, Tehran

Md. Shafiqur Rahman, Director, BIMSTEC Secretariat, Dhaka

Amb Tariq Karim, Adviser, The World Bank

Ms Kavita Ivengar, Asian Development Bank

**Mr Ayhan Karaca**, Manager of Asia and CIS Countries Office, Islamic Trade Finance Corporation, Islamic Development Bank Group, Jeddah

**Dr Duncan Overfield**, Senior Regional Integration and Partnership

Manager, Asian Regional Team, DFID

Mr Toshiaki Shinozaki, JICA

Open Discussion

1300-1400 Lunch

Session 6: South Asia-ASEAN Connectivity, Transit and Trade Facilitation and Development of Border Regions

Chair: Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs. Government of India (tbc)

Presentation

Dr Prabir De, Professor and Head, India-ASEAN Centre, RIS

Key panelists

**Dr Ajay Gondane,** Joint Secretary (Border Connectivity and SAARC), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Mr Y.S. Shahrawat, Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India

**Dr Shaheen Afroze,** Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Dhaka

**Dr C. Raja Mohan**, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (tbc)

**Dr Manoj Singh**, Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India

Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

Open Discussion

**1530-1600** Coffee Break

1600-1700 Concluding Session

预览已结束,完整报告链接和二维码如下:

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