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UNECE

SPECA Workshop on Connectivity and Inland Transport Competitiveness

**Park Inn by Radisson Astana
Astana, Kazakhstan
26-27 November 2018**

The web of global economic connections is growing deeper, broader, and more intricate. Nowadays, national economies world-wide are entangled and interdependent, which gives transport, trade and logistics interconnections an important role in boosting national economies.

Good transport connectivity means that all modes of the transport networks are interlinked by an infrastructure which allows travel on all origin-destination connections within a reasonable range of time and without risk of major interruptions e.g. by low levels of service on selected network links. This is particularly important for landlocked countries which do not have a direct territorial access to the sea. For them, efficient regional connectivity and transit plays a crucial role in facing the challenges associated with remoteness and isolation from the world markets. For these countries, fragmentation of the supply chain in a poorly regulated transit process and fragmented infrastructure can add up to 50 per cent to transport costs to a nearest sea port.

The aim of the Workshop is to strengthen the knowledge of SPECA and East-Europe countries on how to improve regional transport connectivity and inland transport competitiveness. As such, the workshop will help participants to better understand international framework for transport connectivity and the role of regional cooperation in achieving more efficient transport systems in Central Asia. The workshop will allow attendees to share national best practices in transport infrastructure development as well as the setting-up of efficient transport operations and services. Furthermore, the workshop will strengthen national capacities to design a harmonized legal framework and implement an evidence-based transport policy framework for inland transport that fosters sustainable transport connectivity and the implementation of transport-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

DRAFT AGENDA

26 November 2018

13.30 - 14.00 Registration

14.00 – 14.20 Welcome/ Opening speech

Mr. Seryk Bashimov, Director, Ministry of Investment and Development, Kazakhstan
Mr. Nenad Nikolic, Regional Advisor, UNECE

14.20 – 15.40 Session I. Strategic Framework for transport connectivity – international organization’s perspective

Mr. Francesco Dionori, Chief of Section, UNECE, Fostering connectivity in the region, (25 min)
Mr. Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, European Union delegation Kazakhstan (25 min)
Q&A

15.40 – 16.10 Coffee break

16.10 – 16.30 Session I. Strategic Framework for transport connectivity – multi development bank’s perspective

Ms. Guldana Sadykova, Senior Regional Cooperation Coordinator, CAREC (20 min)
Q&A

16.30 – 17.30 Session I. Strategic Framework for transport connectivity

Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Affairs Officer, Euro-Asian Transport Link, UNECE, (20 min)
Mr. Berik Bulekbayev, Director, Research Institute of Transport and Communication, Problems of transport support of trade and economic cooperation of the Central Asia states and their solution (20min)

17.30 Closing Day I

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09.00 – 10.10 Session II. Transport Infrastructure development – Experience of SPECA and EE Countries

Moderator: Mr. Nenad Nikolic, UNECE

- Key successes in transport infrastructure development, connectivity, future plans (special emphasis on railways and terminals)
- 3x20 minutes of country (AZE, GE, BY) experiences

Q&A

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 Session II. Transport Infrastructure development – Experience of SPECA and EE Countries (cont')

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- 3x20 minutes of country (KAZ, KYR, TAJ) experiences

Mr. Anatoly Molokovich, UNECE report on Review of the Transport and Logistics System (4 countries), UNECE consultant (20 min)

Q&A

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 13.50 Session III. Inland Transport Competitiveness

Mr. Roel Janssens, SITCIN project, UNECE, (20 min)

13.50 – 15.00 Session III. Inland Transport Competitiveness - Experience of SPECA and EE Countries (cont')

Moderator: Mr. Francesco Dionori, UNECE

- Key successes in inland transport operations, development of intermodal solutions, border crossing facilitation, future plans (special emphasis on how road and rail operations are changing to meet the needs of national, international and transit traffic)
- 3x20 minutes of country (AZE, GE, BY) experiences

Q&A

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

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17.10 Conclusions and Closing statements (UNECE/ MID RK)