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Provisional Programme, Sessions and Topics

First Day	
09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Official Opening, Welcome address
10.30- 11.30	<p>Session I: Climate change Scientific Review</p> <p>Presentations by professors and scientists regarding the scientific background, the last developments and the illustration of the hot spots map of climate change. The challenges and the different impacts of climate change should be also addressed.</p>
11.30-12.00	Coffee Break
12.00-13.00	<p>Session II: The international regulatory and policy framework</p> <p>This session will focus on different international regulatory and policy frameworks regarding the issue of the climate change adaptation. The adaptation and mitigation of climate change should be also addressed. The United Nations Framework convention for climate change (UNFCCC) will be also analysed.</p>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 16:00	<p>Session III: Impacts and adaptation requirements of road networks</p> <p>Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on road networks.</p>
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break
16.30-18.00	<p>Session IV : Impacts and adaptation requirements of rail networks</p> <p>Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on rail networks.</p>

18.00	End of first day
20.00	Dinner offered by the hosts
Second Day	
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Session V: Impacts and adaptation of requirements of inland water networks</p> <p>Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on inland water networks.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	<p>Session VI: Impacts and adaptation requirements of ports</p> <p>Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on ports.</p>
12:00 - 12:45	<p>Sixth VII: Impacts and adaptation requirements of transport networks – Regional and sub-regional perspective</p> <p>The Adaptation measures and requirements will be evaluated on sectorial basis (previous sessions) but is also essential and crucial to be addressed on geographical basis. The transport networks of the landlocked countries, of the small islands, of the coastal countries, of the countries that are far away or close to the “hot spots” of climate change map have different needs and will have different impacts from climate change. These severalties should be addressed and evaluated.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Session VIII: National Initiatives</p> <p>Several countries have already started to address the issue of transport networks adaptation to climate change impacts. National laws, recommendations and other initiatives will be presented, in particular case studies that could become best practices.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 17:30	<p>Round Table – Conclusions \ Recommendations</p> <p>The Conference should provide conclusions but mainly recommendations to the expert group regarding the topic.</p>
18.00	End of conference