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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth session¹

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday,
14 January 2015

I. Provisional agenda

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¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039).

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Group of Experts is invited to adopt its agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/15

2. Climate Change and Transport Networks and Nodes: Presentations of initiatives at national and international levels

The members of the Group will discuss initiatives at national and international levels on climate change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks. The Group may wish to consider how this information could be better utilized in the framework of its work.

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed by the external consultant about the latest projections on climate changes in ECE region (Informal Document 1) and discuss on how this information could be better presented in its final report.

Documentation

Informal Document 1

3. Partners and expected contributions

At its first session, the Group discussed potential partners for work and possible collaboration. The Group at the same session recognized that climate change impacts and adaptation on transport networks and nodes is a global issue that concerns countries globally and not only the UNECE member States, that this Group has a unique character of work, and therefore had invited:

(a) the secretariat to consider ways and means that the work of the group be aligned with and or benefit from other related United Nations activities, particularly the processes and mechanisms developed under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the reports and researches undertaken by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as well as of work undertaken under the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and the European Commission;

(b) Trans-European Motorways (TEM), Trans-European Railway (TER) and Euro-Asian transport Links (EATL) projects and UNECE secretariat to explore practical ways of ensuring operational interaction of the projects with the work of the Group;

(c) Governments, international governmental and non-governmental organization, international financial institutions, businesses and donors to consider co-funding future project activities as they may be proposed by the Group.

The secretariat will inform the Group about the results of its efforts to explore collaboration with the above mentioned bodies. The members of the Group may also wish share information on achieving this goal.

4. Preliminary discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts

At its first session, the Group following an exchange of views on the possible structure of its final report requested the secretariat, with the help of the consultant, to prepare an outline of the contents of the final report for its consideration at the next session (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2016/1).

According to the approved programme of work, the Group should take stock of inventories of transport networks in the ECE region which are vulnerable to climate change impacts; of methodologies, tools and good practices to address potential extreme hazards; of case studies on the potential economic, social, and environmental consequences of the climate change impacts; and of the available data and analysis of climate change impacts on transport networks and nodes in the ECE region. The Group, noting the importance of gathering information, may wish to consider and approve the questionnaire prepared by the secretariat and the external consultant. The questionnaire is to be sent to UNECE member States and other parties concerned. The draft questionnaire will be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2016/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2016/2

5. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The Group of Experts may wish to note that its ninth meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva on 11–12 April 2016.

7. Summary of main decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.