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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the seventieth session* ****

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 June 2019

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Workshop on Urban Public Transport Statistics.
3. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

* 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Transport Division's website:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/agenda.html>. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, the third floor, Palais des Nations).

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<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=DodTIS>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (Yana.Brynkina@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.

4. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals:
 - (a) Data collection for indicator 3.6.1;
 - (b) Data provision for indicator 9.1.2;
 - (c) Ensuring modal split data are comparable;
 - (d) Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators;
 - (e) Raising awareness of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (f) Other activities.
5. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics:
 - (a) Glossary for Transport Statistics;
 - (b) Classification systems for transport statistics;
 - (c) Common questionnaire;
 - (d) Collection of statistics on trade in used vehicles;
 - (e) Road traffic accident statistics and rail traffic accident statistics;
 - (f) Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance;
 - (g) Bus and coach statistics;
 - (h) Intermodal transport statistics.
6. Traffic censuses in the ECE region:
 - (a) 2015 and 2020 E-Road traffic censuses;
 - (b) 2015 and 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses;
 - (c) Considering an E-Inland Waterway Traffic Census;
 - (d) Uses of Census Data.
7. Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
8. Statistical activities of member States of interest to the Working Party.
9. Capacity-building activities.
10. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics.
11. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party.
12. Other business:
 - (a) Date of next session;
 - (b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics.
13. Summary of decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/176

2. Workshop on Urban Public Transport Statistics

The Working Party will invite various experts from national administrations, international organizations and other interested stakeholders to present and discuss methods and challenges in the collection of statistics on urban public transport, in the context of data provision for Sustainable Development Goal 11.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/4

3. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee from 19 to 22 February 2019, in particular about its decisions relating to the activities of the Working Party. The Working Party may wish to note the decision¹ of the Committee which “requested the secretariat to discontinue the preparation of programmatic documents with a biennial coverage previously adopted by the Committee, including on evaluation and monitoring, since they will no longer be relevant for the new programmatic cycle.”

Documentation

Informal document ITC (2019) No.9/Rev.5

4. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals

(a) Data collection for indicator 3.6.1

The Working Party will hear from the World Health Organization and others on the provision of data for monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal indicator 3.6.1 which calls for the halving of road traffic accident fatalities by 2020.

(b) Data collection for indicator 9.1.2

The Working Party will be updated on progress on data provision for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 9.1.2, which measure passenger and freight volumes by mode of transport. The custodians of this indicator, the International Civil Aviation Organization

¹ www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/itc/List_of_Decisions_81st_ITC_Rev5_eng.pdf

and the International Transport Forum, will be invited to describe recent activities, together with partner agencies, ECE and UNCTAD.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/1

(c) Ensuring modal split data are comparable

The Working Party may wish to consider the current comparability of both goods and passenger volumes depending on mode of transport on the monitoring of indicator 9.1.2. Ways to make data more comparable across modes in the future may be considered.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/9

(d) Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators

The Working Party will hear from the ECE Statistics Division about the activities of the Interagency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators (IAEG-SDG), in particular about the Statistics Division's activities on assisting member States to measure the Sustainable Development Goals.

(e) Raising awareness of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals

The Working Party will be informed about the secretariat's activities on promoting the existing data collection activities of the Working Party that are relevant to monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. Within this, the Working Party will be invited to suggest improvements of the series of papers already published on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/6

(f) Other activities

The secretariat's involvement in other initiatives of the Sustainable Development Goals, such as the Sustainable Mobility for All initiative and its Mobility Global Tracking Framework, will be presented. Any member States with Sustainable Development Goal indicator platforms are invited to present or describe their operation and describe how their transport-related indicators are compiled, with description of any multiple-agency cooperation.

5. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics

(a) Glossary for Transport Statistics

The Working Party may wish to be updated on progress in preparing the fifth edition of the Glossary. The Working Party may recall that a provisional draft fifth edition was presented at the previous session.

The Working Party may wish to discuss when work should start on any future updates to the Glossary, in addition to ideas on how to better disseminate the existing definitions, through an online version for example.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/7

(b) Classification system for transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on implementing the NST 2007 Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics. Delegates are invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the present session.

(c) Common questionnaire

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the availability of data collected through the common questionnaire for transport statistics, and the secretariat's activities aimed at increasing the response rate and improving data quality over the last twelve months. Delegates may wish to exchange views on the practical aspects of providing data through the common questionnaire.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/12

(d) Collection of statistics on trade in used vehicles

The Working Party will be informed on a request from the secretariat of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to consider data collection of the international trade of used vehicles. This request follows the ECE and United Nations Environment Programme conference on "Ensuring Better Air Quality and Reduced Climate Emissions through Cleaner Used Vehicles" as part of the seventy-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee in 2017. Second-hand vehicle imports make up a large proportion of new vehicle registrations in many countries. Statistics on the exact age and technical specifications of these vehicles are not available at the international level, yet these two characteristics have a large impact on the safety performance and environmental impact of the vehicles. Delegates (both from importing and exporting countries) are encouraged to share their current data availabilities.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/5, ECE/TRANS/270/Add.1, Annex IX

(e) Road traffic accident statistics and rail traffic accident statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the availability of data on road traffic accidents.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about rail accident data availability, together with data on safety at level crossings, the data collection of which was made permanent at the previous session.

Given the increasing importance of comparing safety across different modes of transport, the Working Party may wish to discuss producing combined safety data for road and rail accidents, possibly in combination with more activity data such as passenger-km.

(f) Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

At its previous sessions, the Working Party adopted the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance. The Working Party may wish to hear from Eurostat and the secretariat on developments concerning this data collection, data availability from this pilot questionnaire, and consider continuing this pilot collection.

(g) Bus and coach statistics

The Working Party will recall that at its last session, the pilot questionnaire on bus and coach statistics was made a permanent collection exercise. The Working Party may wish to be updated on the current data availability in this dataset, discuss ways to make data more comparable across countries, and consider possible uses for these data, not least in measuring the Sustainable Development Goals.

(h) Intermodal transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to discuss data available on intermodal transport at the international level.

6. Traffic censuses in the ECE region

(a) 2015 and 2020 E-Road traffic censuses

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on the 2015 E-Road Traffic Census, and receive updates on which countries have submitted data. The Working Party may wish to discuss potential improvements and uses of the interactive map of the census results that was presented at the previous session of the Working Party.

Recalling the draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Road Traffic Census that was endorsed at the last session, the Working Party will be informed of these recommendations being adopted and endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee in February 2019. The Working Party may also wish to consider some minor updates to these recommendations as set out in ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/11.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/11

(b) 2015 and 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on the 2015 E-Rail Traffic Census, and receive updates on which countries have submitted data. The Working Party will be informed of the progress that the secretariat has made in disseminating the results of the E-Rail census, in particular on producing an interactive map similar to the E-Road map.

Recalling the draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Rail Traffic Census that was endorsed at the last session, the Working Party will be informed of these recommendations being adopted and endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee in February 2019.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/8

(c) Considering an E-Inland Waterway Traffic Census

The Working Party will be informed that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) and its subsidiary bodies have requested WP.6 to consider the practicalities and feasibility of a census of the E-Inland waterway (E-IWW) network, in a similar fashion to those covering the E-Road and E-Rail networks. The Working Party may recall that infrastructure information of the E-IWW network is already published in the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway network (“Blue book”) publication, therefore any data collection would only be on the traffic side.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2019/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207

(d) Uses of Census Data

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat on potential uses of the census data in general. In particular, corridor specific goods modal split analyses, which identify potential for modal shifting opportunities, the tracking of Euro-Asian Transport Links, and segment specific road-safety analyses could be conducted using output from the censuses.

The Working Party may wish to note the decision² of the Inland Transport Committee whereby it “expressed its concern about the decline in response rate [of the census] in recent years and encouraged its members to address this”. Any new use of the census data would be dependent on improved data coverage.

7. Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the ECE database on transport statistics and the status of the publications: Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) and the “Inland Transport Statistics for Europe and North America”³ (formerly Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS)). In addition, the Transport Statistics Infocards will be presented, with comments from delegates on ways to improve them sought.

8. Statistical activities of member States of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to receive reports from member States on their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics. Any presentations of novel approaches to data collection, national strategies in measuring the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals, or any other topic of interest to the Working Party are welcome.

9. Capacity-building activities

The Working Party may wish to discuss future capacity-building activities to be undertaken.

10. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG).

² www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/itc/List_of_Decisions_81st_ITC_Rev5_eng.pdf

³ Both publications are available at www.unece.org/transport/resources/publications/transport-statistics.html.

11. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to receive reports from representatives of the following organizations on their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics:

- European Commission (DG MOVE)
- European Commission (Eurostat)
- International Transport Forum (ITF)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- Other international organizations.

12. Other business

(a) Date of next session

The secretariat has tentatively scheduled the sixty-ninth session for 17 to 19 June 2020 at the Palais des Nations (Geneva).

(b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about dates and locations of upcoming meetings on transport statistics in 2019 and 2020.

13. Summary of decisions

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), at the end of the session, the Chair will make a brief summary of the decisions taken. Following the session, the ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.
