



UNECE – UNESCAP

*UN Development Account Capacity Building Project on
Interregional Transport Linkages*

NATIONAL WORKSHOP AND ADVISORY SERVICES**On the Facilitation of Interregional Transport along the Euro-Asian Transport Links**

(15-16 May 2006, Tbilisi, Georgia)

PROGRAMME*1st Day - Morning session*

09.00	Registration	
10.00 - 10.30	Opening of the Workshop (Welcome addresses – objectives of the Workshop)	Mr. David Tsiklauri, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Georgia Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Regional Adviser, Transport Division, UNECE Ms. Geetha Karandawala, Chief, Transport Facilitation, Transport and Tourism Division, UNESCAP
10.30 - 11.30	Item 1: Progress of the UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian transport linkages project Item 2: UN legal instruments and initiatives on transport facilitation a) Towards harmonized legal regimes	Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, UNECE Ms. Geetha Karandawala, UNESCAP Mr. Li Yuwei, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport and Tourism Division, UNESCAP
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break	
12.00 - 13.00	Item 2: UN legal instruments and initiatives on transport facilitation (cont'd) b) Introduction of the major UNECE related Agreements and Conventions. c) Trade facilitation in the UNECE and the WTO	Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, UNECE Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Trade Division, UNECE
13:00 - 15.00	Lunch break	

1st Day - Afternoon session

15:00 – 16.30	<p>Item 3: National experience on transport facilitation - Progress and challenges</p> <p>a) Implementation of facilitation measures at national level</p> <p>b) The views of the stakeholders</p> <p>Item 4: Main issues of transport facilitation at subregional and interregional levels</p> <p>TIR, AETR, ADR, ATP, border crossing, safety/security and transit transport issues</p>	<p>Country presentation</p> <p>Stakeholders and private sector representatives</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
16.30 - 17.00	<i>Summary on the first day</i>	UNECE-UNESCAP

2nd Day - Morning session

09.30-11.30	<p>Item 5: Establishing /strengthening national coordination mechanisms for the facilitation of international transport</p> <p>a) UNESCAP experience</p> <p>b) UNECE experience</p> <p>c) Existing mechanisms and proposals for improvement</p>	<p>Ms. Geetha Karandawala, UNESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Mario Apostolov, UNECE</p> <p>Country presentation</p>
11.30-12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12:00-13.00	<p>Item 5: Establishing /strengthening national coordination mechanisms for the facilitation of international transport (cont'd)</p> <p>d) The views of the stakeholders</p> <p>e) Discussion on the most appropriate framework(s) and on who should be involved</p>	<p>Stakeholders and private sector representatives</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	

2nd Day - Afternoon session

14.30 - 16.30	Item 6: Preparation of National Action Plan	Group work
16.30 - 17.00	<i>Summary of the second day and follow-up</i>	UNECE-UNESCAP
17.00	<i>End of Workshop</i>	