UNESCAP regional transport activities with focus on SPECA countries

- 62 member countries
- 12 landlocked countries
- 4 billion people (62% of world population)
- 26% of world GDP
- Unbalanced Development
  - Concentrated in coastal areas
- 635 million people in absolute poverty

Vision for transport development in the region

- Ministerial Conference on Transport, Busan, November 2006
  - Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific
  - Development of an international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system

- Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, First session, Bangkok, December 2009
  - Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific
  - Priority areas within Busan Declaration
    - Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railways, Dry Ports
Formulation of the Asian Highway

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network

- Signing ceremony: ESCAP Commission Session, 26 April 2004, Shanghai
- Entry into force: 4 July 2005
- Signatories: 28
- Parties: 26 (incl. 6 SPECA countries)

Obligations of the Parties:
- Adopt AH network
- Develop routes in conformity with standards
- Display AH route signs

Working Group on the Asian Highway

3rd meeting, September 2010, Bangkok

- China
  - Include Urumqi – Tashkent section in China, connecting with Yarantai in Mongolia
- India
  - Extend route AH48 from the border of Bhutan to Phulbari through Jaigaon,
- Kazakhstan
  - To create a branch to route AH61 from Aktobe to Zhaisan,
**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network**

- Signing ceremony: Ministerial Conference on Transport, 6-11 November 2006, Busan
- Entry into force: 11 June 2009
- Signatories: 22
- Parties: 14, incl. 2 SPECA countries
- Working Group Meeting on Trans-Asian Railway Network (December 2009)
- Priority investment needs for the development of the Trans-Asian Railway network:
  - US$34 billion - 8,200 kilometers of missing links on TAR
  - US$4.5 billion - 1,196 kilometers of missing links in SPECA countries

**International Integrated Intermodal Transport and Logistics System for Asia and the Pacific**

Development of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports

**Facilitation of international road transport**

- Agreement on facilitation of international road transport
- Main agreement adopted in June 2008
- Conducted study on the operational annexes
- Prepared draft contents of the annexes in September 2009
Facilitation of international transport

- Guidelines for the operation of logistics service providers
- Promoting partnership & exchange of information
- Capacity building in freight forwarding/multimodal transport & logistics
  - ESCAP Training of trainers and Foundation Course in Multimodal transport and logistics
  - Assisted several member countries to establish a sustainable capacity-building programme
  - Conducted training-of-trainer workshops in eight countries (including Kazakhstan)
  - Each country has in turn conducted its own foundation course in multimodal transport and logistics with UN ESCAP training material and guidance
- Empowerment of the industry
- Development of a pool of qualified and committed trainers

Issues for consideration

- Take measures towards acceptance, approval or ratification of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
- Actively participate in the UN ESCAP activities related to the implementation of the Busan Declaration and the Bangkok Declaration

Thank you for attention