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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	Session I: Climate change Scientific Review 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.
10:30 - 10:45	Prof. Stefan RAHMSTORF, Potsdam institute for climate impact research (PIK)
10:45 - 11:00	Prof. Robert Nicholls, University of Southampton,
11:00 - 11:15	Prof. Martin BENISTON, Head, Research Group on Climatic Change and Climate Impacts, University of Geneva
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>
12:00 – 12:15	Mrs Summer Montacute , UNFCCC
12:15 – 12:30	Mrs. Rosario BENTO PAIS , Head of Unit European Commission, DG Climate Action Adaptation to Climate Change Unit
12:30 – 12:45	Mrs. Kristie L. Ebi , Head, IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit, Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX)
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>
15:00 – 15:15	Mr. Dimitrios MANDALOZIS , Strategic & Organizational Manager, Attica Tollway Operations Authority
15:15 – 15:30	Mr. Michael SAVONIS , ICF International
15:45 – 16:00	Mr. Robert M GALBRAITH , Highways Team, Transport & Development, Jacobs Engineering UK
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>
16:30 – 16:45	Mr. Christopher BAKER , Professor, Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education, University of Birmingham
16:45 – 17:00	Mr. John DORA , Principal Engineer responsible for climate change adaptation, Network Rail, United Kingdom
17:00 – 17:15	Mr. Libor Lochman , Director General, CER - Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies
18.00	End of first day
20.00	Dinner offered by the hosts

Second Day	
9:30 – 10:30	Session V: Impacts and adaptation of requirements of inland water networks Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on inland water networks.
09:30 – 09:45	Andreas Bäck, M.E. , Deputy Project Coordinator of PLATINA, Senior Project Manager
09:45 – 10:00	Mr. Bas TURPIJN , Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, Netherlands
10:00 – 10:15	Mr. Johan Gille , ECORYS Nederland BV, (ENERGY EFFICIENT INLAND WATER TRANSPORT IN BANGLADESH, World Bank report)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Session VI: Impacts and adaptation requirements of ports Presentations on adaptation measures and requirements that should be taken or foreseen to prevent impacts of climate change on ports.
11:00 – 11:15	Mr. Susumu NARUSE , Secretary General, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)
11:15 – 11:30	Prof. Nicole VON LIEBERMAN , Hamburg Port Authority
11:30 – 11:45	Mr. Austin BECKER , Emmet Interdisciplinary Program for Environment and Resources Stanford University
12:00 - 12:45	Sixth VII: Impacts and adaptation requirements of transport networks – Regional and sub-regional perspective 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.
12:00 – 12:15	Dr. Adolf NG , The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
12:15 – 12:30	Dr. Leonard NURSE , University of West Indies, Barbados
12:30 – 12:45	Ms. Sin Lan NG YUN WING , Director, Ministry of Environment, Mauritius
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 - 16:00	Session VIII: National Initiatives 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.
14:30 – 14:45	Mr. Krister SANDBERG, Senior Adviser, Transport Analysis, Ministry of Transport Sweden
14:45 – 15:00	Mr. André LEUXE, Adjoint au Chef du bureau des études économiques générales, Ministère de l'Ecologie, du Développement Durable, des Transports et du Logement, France
15:00 – 15:15	Ms. Viktoriia SHTETS, Chief Specialist, UNFCCC Secretariat Liaison and Adaptation to Climate Change Division, State Environmental Investment Agency, Ukraine
15:15 – 15:30	Ms. Olga KRISTOFIKOVA, Head of Section of Environment and Technical Support, Strategy Department, Ministry of Transport, Czech Republic
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 - 17:30	Round Table – Conclusions \ Recommendations The Conference should provide conclusions but mainly recommendations to the expert group regarding the topic.
18.00	End of conference