UNECE GROUP PF EXPERTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS

QUESTIONNAIRE

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

The questionnaire is divided into five main parts

I. General information and background
II. Level of awareness and availability of information and data on climate change impacts on transport
III. Level of preparedness and existing and planned transport adaptation policies, measures and initiatives
IV. Information, data and research needs and other requirements, including financing
V. Collaboration mechanisms at national/local, regional and international levels.

I. General information and background [depends on sample targeted]

Please provide some information about your country [addressed to governments] and/or your organization/company [addressed to transport operators, planners, or industry]

Name and location:

Type of entity/organization:

Function within Government/Organization/Company:

Role in making decisions about transport planning, operations, management and maintenance: YES NO
If yes, please specify and indicate the extent of your involvement?

II. Level of awareness and availability of information and data on climate change impacts on transport

Q1: On a scale of 1-10 (1= not at all, 10= very much) to which extent do you consider climate change to be a problem for transport in your country region [organization/company]?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not at all Very much

Q2: On a scale of 1-10 (1= no knowledge at all, 10= very good knowledge on all topics) how would you rate knowledge and level of awareness about the impacts of climate change on transport in your country region [organization/company]?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
No knowledge at all Very good knowledge on all topics

Q3. In your view, who should be the main target audience when raising awareness about climate change impacts on transport (e.g. transport ministry, industry managers, operators, investors, etc.)?

Q4: As applicable, please indicate whether transport in your country [for which your organization/company is responsible] has been impacted by any of the climate change factors (rising temperatures, extreme weather events, drought, sea level rise and storm surges, melting permafrost, etc.). YES NO

Please explain……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q5. As applicable, please indicate whether the impacts relate to a specific mode/modes of transport or a network linking together various modes and interchange platforms?

Please explain……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q6. Has your country [organization/company] undertaken any specific assessment of the vulnerabilities of transport (segments, modes, networks, operations, infrastructure, etc.) to various climate change factors (rising temperatures, extreme weather events, drought, sea level rise and storm surges, melting permafrost, etc.)? YES NO
Please explain……………………………………………………………………………….

Q7: Has your country [organization/company] conducted studies evaluating the implications of climate impacts on transport or estimated the costs of actual or potential damages to transport, in particular infrastructure?  YES  NO

As applicable, please indicate which specific climate change impacts on transport have/are being studied? [circle appropriately]

1. Impacts of rising temperatures on transport infrastructure  Yes……..No
2. Impacts of extreme weather events on transport infrastructure  Yes……..No
3. Impacts of drought on transport infrastructure  Yes……..No
4. Impact of sea level rise and storm surges  Yes……. .No
5. Impact of melting permafrost  Yes……..No
6. Other impact (explain)……………………………………………………………….………………..

Q8: If there has been little or no study of climate change impacts on transport in your country, please indicate what in your view are the main reasons: select one or more of the following

1. Lack of financing……………………………………………………..
2. Lack of interest from the responsible institutions……………………
3. Lack of awareness in the general public……………………… ………
4. Lack of scientific expertise and human resources………………
5. Though interest on the topic existed, other more pressing needs took precedence. (explain)………………………………………………………………………………
6. Other reasons…………………………………………………………………………..

Q9: On a scale of 1 - 10 (1=least important, 10= most important) to what extent do you consider is involvement of the following types of actors/entities important for the study/research/dissemination of information on climate change impacts on transport?

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Ministry of the Environment
Ministry of Transport
International organizations
Universities
Private companies
NGOs
Other (please specify)
Q10: In your view, what, if any, are the opportunities that may arise for transport in your country [for which your organization/company is responsible] in connection with climate change?

Please explain……………………………………………………………………………………………

III. Level of preparedness and existing and planned transport adaptation policies, measures and initiatives

Q11: Has your country adopted or is planning to adopt a general adaption strategy to climate change impacts (not sector specific)? YES NO

Please explain……………………………………………………………………………………………

Q12: Has a cost-benefit analysis been conducted with regard to any climate change adaptation plans/strategy? YES NO

Please explain……………………………………………………………………………………………

Q13: Has your country [organization/company] adopted or is planning to adopt a transport specific strategy for adapting to climate impacts? YES NO

Q14: If yes, please provide further details about the objectives and modalities of such adaptation strategy.

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Q15: On a scale of 1 to 4 where 1 means not effective at all and 4 means very effective, please indicate how would you rate the results/effectiveness of any transport specific adaptation strategy adopted?

1. Not effective at all
2. Somewhat effective
3. Effective
4. Very effective
5. Not applicable/Do not know

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Q16: How are or will the effectiveness of adaptation measures taken currently or in future be monitored and evaluated?

Please explain ……………………………………………………………………………………………
Q17: What concrete actions, if any, have been taken or are being planned with a view to building the resilience of transport networks to climate change impacts in your country [for which your organization/company is responsible]?

Please explain…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q18: Please explain and clarify the extent to which these relate to transport planning, investment, design, construction, operation, management and maintenance?

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Q19: If new transport infrastructure developments are being undertaken/planned, do relevant plans take into account climate change drivers (e.g. extreme events, increased rainfall, rising sea levels, etc)?

YES  NO  

Please explain ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q20: Based on the experience of your country [organization/company] what are, in your view, some of the main best practices and lessons that could be drawn with respect to adaptation action in transport?

Please explain ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q21: Has your country [organization/company] developed or is planning to develop and emergency response systems for transport.

Please explain ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Q22: Has the insurance industry in your country integrated climate change considerations into their products offered to the transport sector/industry?

YES  NO  

Please explain ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

IV. Information data and research needs and other requirements, including financing

Q23: What are, in your view, the type of information, data or measures that would be most valuable for achieving effective preparedness to climate change impacts and designing adequate adaptation responses in transport? (Multiple answers possible)

Please explain…………………………………………………………………………………………

Q24: What are the main data/information sources that are currently used for the purposes of studying climate change impacts/developing adaptation measures in transport?

Please explain…………………………………………………………………………………………

Q25: How do you rate the availability of relevant data/information in your country [organization/company], on a scale of 1 – 5 where 1 is Poor and 5 is excellent:

1. Poor
2. Bad
3. Good
4. Very Good
5. Excellent
6. Not applicable/Do not know

Please explain, as appropriate ..............................................................

Q26: How do you rate the suitability/relevance/quality of relevant data/information and in your country [organization/company], on a scale of 1 – 5 where 1 is Poor and 5 is excellent:

7. Poor
8. Bad
9. Good
10. Very Good
11. Excellent
12. Not applicable/Do not know

Please explain, as appropriate ..............................................................

Q27: Are specific models/software tools used and, if so, for which purpose (e.g. forecasting storm surge impacts on ports)?

YES  NO  Do not know
Q28: If yes, please list the models/software tools and indicate for each one the level of aggregation (Tier 1, 2 or 3 according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC)

Q29: Please identify any existing or potential funding mechanisms that could support further adaptation action in transport (including study of impacts)?

Please explain

Q30: Overall, please indicate the specific priority areas that require further attention to enable effective adaptation strategies in transport and that are tailored for your local conditions?

Please explain

V. Collaboration mechanisms at national / local, regional and international levels

Q31: Which existing or potential mechanism(s) for cooperation do you consider most useful in addressing the issue of climate change adaptation for transport? Please briefly also state your reasons, the type of cooperation/partners involved and the mode or type of transport infrastructure/service/operational aspect you are referring to?

Q32: Do you consider the current level of cooperation at the national or local level adequate/sufficient

YES NO

As appropriate, please indicate any specific suggestions for improvements/enhanced cooperation

Q33: Are regional or sub-regional cooperation and information exchange on climate change part of existing practice and policy in your country [organization/company]? If so, how much of this cooperation addresses transport in particular and in what ways?

Please explain
Q34: Do you consider the relevant current level of cooperation at the regional/sub-regional level adequate/sufficient

YES  NO

As appropriate, please indicate any specific suggestions for improvements/enhanced cooperation

Q35: Do you think that possibility of amendments to existing UNECE infrastructure agreements (AGR, AGC, AGN, AGTC) merits serious consideration with a view to promoting/facilitating climate change adaptation of transport networks?

Please explain…………………………………………………………………………………………

Q36: Do you consider the current level of cooperation at the international level adequate/sufficient

YES  NO

As appropriate, please indicate any specific suggestions for improvements/enhanced cooperation

Q37: In your view, which type of further international cooperation would be of value in addressing climate change impacts and adaptations requirements?

Please explain…………………………………………………………………………………………

Q38: Please provide any additional comments/suggestions (Please attach additional sheets if necessary):

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