Draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2020

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2020. The Inland Transport Committee (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt and recommend it for approval to the Executive Committee (EXCOM). Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in United Nations Umoja system used by the secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.

2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.

3. The objective, the most significant planned result and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.

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1 The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.
4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

I. Objective and alignment with SDGs

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to improve sustainable inland transport by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable, for both freight transport and personal mobility.

6. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Transport Division.

7. The objective is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), Goal 6 (ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), Goal 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), Goal 8 (promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all), Goal 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation), Goal 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), Goal 12 (ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns) and Goal 13 (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

8. Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals serves as a framework for contributing to the objective of the subprogramme. Within this framework, the subprogramme will develop cross-sectoral activities with other ECE subprogrammes where there is complementarity between the respective Sustainable Development Goals and targets in line with the nexus areas described in paragraph 3 above.

II. Highlighted planned result for 2020

Enhanced regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems

9. The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017 concluded that, while considerable progress had been made over the past decade across all areas of development, advancements had been uneven across regions and the pace of progress had been insufficient to fully meet the Sustainable Development Goal targets by 2030. For example, in 2018, the General Assembly, in its resolution 72/271, concluded that target 3.6, halving global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents by 2020, would not be met.

Challenge and response

10. The challenge was that despite the global efforts and overall improvements in the ECE region, the global trend appeared to go in the opposite direction.

11. Evidence indicates that countries with a greater number of accessions to conventions and agreements under the purview of the subprogramme have better results in terms of improving the sustainability of their transport systems.

12. In response, for 2020, the subprogramme plans to scale up its efforts to support the development of sustainable inland transport systems internationally and ensure that its activities further benefit other regions in their own efforts to curb the number of road traffic deaths and injuries; improve the environmental performance of the inland transport systems, including regarding the transport of perishable foodstuffs; and enhance efficiency and connectivity, including through digitalization and electronic documents in transport. The subprogramme plans to do so through the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee’s strategy by, among other things, encouraging the participation of countries from outside the ECE region in the activities of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies and scaling up outreach and capacity-building activities, including through partnerships with the
United Nations system and external stakeholders and participation in regional and global initiatives.

Result and evidence

13. The planned deliverables are expected to contribute to the result, which is the strengthened legal and regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems.

14. Evidence of the result, if achieved, will include increased accessions worldwide to conventions and agreements under the purview of the subprogramme, as shown in the figure.

15. The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made in 2020 towards the collective attainment of the objective. It will contribute to the nexus areas on sustainable use of natural resources; sustainable and smart cities; sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and measuring and monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Performance measures: increased number of contracting parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by the Economic Commission for Europe

16. The following General Assembly resolutions comprise the main mandates entrusted to the subprogramme: 58/9 on the global road safety crisis, 68/269 on improving global road safety, 69/137 on the Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, 69/213 on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development, 70/197 entitled “Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors”, 70/217 on follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, 72/212 on strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and 72/232 on the follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

17. In its resolution 72/271 on improving global road safety, the General Assembly in 2018 entrusted the subprogramme with a new mandate.

18. The subprogramme will continue to be guided by all mandates entrusted to it, which provide the legislative framework for its deliverables.

III. External factors

19. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption of the following external factors: (a) interested parties reach consensus on the updating of existing legal instruments and the development of new ones; (b) the environment is conducive to the accession to the United Nations transport conventions and their implementation and enforcement nationally; (c) there is a stable political climate internationally that supports the extension of transport infrastructure and networks, and border crossing facilitation; (d) there is political will to promote sustainable mobility.
IV. Deliverables to be implemented in 2020

20. The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

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Quantified deliverables

A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies

**Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)**

1. Parliamentary documentation for Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies
   - 1. Documentation for the Inland Transport Committee: 31
   - 7. Documentation for the Working Party on Road Transport: 10
   - 10. Documentation for the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics: 11

**Parliamentary documentation for High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment**


**Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)**

17. Meetings of Inland Transport Committee: 16
19. Meetings of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs: 8
23. Meetings of the Working Party on Road Transport: 6
25. Meetings of the Working Party on Rail Transport: 6
27. Meetings of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport: 18
28. Meetings of the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport: 46
29. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals: 1
31. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals: 10
Meetings of High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

32. Meetings of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment  2

B. Generation and transfer of knowledge

Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)  2
- 33. Project on Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM)  1
- 34. Project on Trans-European Railway (TER)  1

Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)  13
- 35. Workshops for Government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region and in Contracting Parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee on: intelligent transport systems; transport statistics and trends; road, rail, inland water, intermodal and intersectoral transport issues; vehicle agreements and regulations  9
- 36. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the TIR Convention and Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects  4

Publications (number of publications)  13
- 37. Publications on Transport of Dangerous Goods and special cargoes  3
- 38. Publications on Green and Safe Transport and cross-cutting issues  8
- 39. Publications on Vehicles Regulations  1
- 40. Publications on Statistics  1

Technical materials (number of materials)  2
- 41. Fact sheet on what you should know about safety belts  1
- 42. Transport statistics - country profiles  1

Non-quantified deliverables

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: Advisory services for Contracting Parties of United Nations Transport Conventions administered by ECE on legal instruments relating to: inland transport; facilitation of transport; border crossing; road safety; vehicle construction; and transport of dangerous goods and other special cargoes

Databases and substantive digital materials: Update and maintenance of the International TIR Databank on transport operators, including its online version; Development and maintenance of the International TIR Databank online project; Online register of customs sealing devices and customs stamps; TIR website; Internet-based inventory of standards on inland water infrastructure; Web-based inventory of existing European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) and European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) standards and parameters; Databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment; Development and maintenance of the web-based International Rail Security Observatory; Electronic Convention on Road signs and signals (E-CoRSS)

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: Information materials on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme

External and media relations: Annual set of press releases for the subprogramme

Digital platforms and multimedia content: Digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; Update and maintenance of the website of the subprogramme
# Annex I

## Details of proposed publications and promotional material for 2020

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Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

66/288  The future we want
67/10   Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290  Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277  Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313  Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1    Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133  Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221  Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/14   Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16   Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162  Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/243  Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/230  Development cooperation with middle-income countries
72/234  Women in development
72/237  South-South Cooperation
73/10   Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/13   Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
73/16  Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States

73/195  Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

73/227  Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

73/231  Disaster risk reduction

73/236  Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/46  Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

2006/38  Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission

2013/1  Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)  The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

A (65)  Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE

A (66)  Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region

A (68)  High-level statement

B (68)  Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

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Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

58/9  Global road safety crisis

68/269  Improving global road safety

69/137  Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024

69/213  Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development
Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors

Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Strengthening the link between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

Improving global road safety

Follow-up to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

**Economic and Social Council resolutions**


2013/7 Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar

2017/13 Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

**Economic Commission for Europe decisions**

ECE/AC.21/2014/2 Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session

ECE/TRANS/224 Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fourth session (“UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012–2020”)

ECE/TRANS/236 Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fifth session (Joint Declaration on the promotion of Euro-Asian rail transport and activities towards unified railway law; and Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links)

ECE/TRANS/248 Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-seventh session

ECE/TRANS/254 Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-eighth session

ECE/TRANS/270 Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-ninth session (Ministerial Resolution on embracing the new era for sustainable inland transport and mobility)
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