

Towards a National Action Plan

Issues to consider

- International conventions on transport facilitation
 - Implementing the 12 conventions acceded by Azerbaijan
 - Have you analyzed the obligations and benefits under the conventions
 - If not, should you prepare analysis
 - Who should prepare this
 - Do you need any help to do the study?
- Acceding to the 8 new conventions sent for Government's consideration
 - Have you already done an analysis
 - If not done, should you do it?
 - If so, who should do it?
 - Should you prioritize them?
- Acceding to further conventions
 - UN conventions on transit for landlocked countries
 - World Customs Organization conventions on facilitation

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Issues to consider

- Analyzing the efficiency of alternative routes & identifying the bottlenecks
 - Do you think it will be useful to apply UNESCAP Time/Cost-Distance Model to specific routes so you can see the bottlenecks & then see what can be done to reduce the time or cost?
 - If so, what are the routes you would select for this
 - Who can provide the data (time & cost)
 - Who can take the task of sending the data to UNESCAP so that we can do a preliminary application & send you the results

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Issues to consider

- **Strengthening of trade/transport facilitation mechanisms**

- Who are the current members of the Pro Committee and are there any other representatives who should be included?

- What are the functions now and are there any additional functions that should be undertaken

- Is the Pro Committee recognized by the Government and is any formal recognition required

- Is there any other support that the Government can provide

- What are your suggestions to financially sustain the Pro Committee?

- Is there a need to strengthen coordination between ministries

Issues to consider

- Training and capacity building
 - Do you have any training programmes in transport at present
 - In the university or technical institute?
 - At the Ministry – conducted by the Ministry
 - Do you think training will be useful?
 - Would you be interested in using the UNESCAP training material and learning how to deliver this material in Azerbaijan
 - Who can be the focal point for the training programme in Azerbaijan?
 - Can the Pro-Committees be involved?