
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Working Group on the Asian Highway

7th meeting

Bangkok, 13-15 December 2017

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Opening statements;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Status of signatories and parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network.
3. Policies and issues related to the operationalization of the Asian Highway network:
 - (a) Status of the implementation of the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport;
 - (b) Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network;
 - (c) Road transport and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Policies and issues related to road safety along the Asian Highway network.
5. Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening statements

The tentative programme for the opening of the meeting will be circulated in due course and will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/seventh-meeting-working-group-asian-highway.

(b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/seventh-meeting-working-group-asian-highway.

The Working Group will elect a chair, vice-chair(s) and rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/L.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the meeting, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Status of signatories and parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network

Documentation

Status of signatories and parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/1)

Annotation

The Working Group will be informed of the current status of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network regarding the number of signatories and parties to the Agreement and the obligations of the parties. Member States that have not signed or become parties to the Agreement may wish to update the Working Group on their progress towards ratification, acceptance, accession to or approval of the Agreement.

3. Policies and issues related to the operationalization of the Asian Highway network

(a) Status of the implementation of the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport

(b) Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network

(c) Road transport and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Documentation

Policies and issues related to the operationalization of the Asian Highway network (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/2)

Annotation

The Working Group will be briefed on and invited to discuss the issues under this agenda item. The Regional Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport provides a general direction for member States that are formulating facilitation policies, agreements, programmes and projects. It also is a tool to bring together national, bilateral, subregional and regional efforts to accelerate the process of transport facilitation. Updates on accession to the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network, which was signed at the Ministerial Conference on Transport in Moscow in December 2016, will be provided.

The future development of road transport and challenges faced by the sector with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be discussed.

4. Policies and issues related to road safety along the Asian Highway network**Documentation**

Policies and issues related to road safety along the Asian Highway network (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/3)

Annotation

The Working Group will be informed of the secretariat's activities to reduce the number of road crashes in the region. Information about their economic and social costs will also be provided. The Working Group will be invited to share experiences addressing issues of road safety across the region.

5. Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network**Documentation**

Proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/4)

Annotation

Parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network have been invited to submit their proposals for amending the Agreement. The Working Group will consider the proposals received from member States in accordance with articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Agreement.

6. Other matters

The Working Group may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

7. Adoption of the report

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/AHWG(7)/L.2)

Annotation

The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report, including the conclusions and recommendations set out therein, of its 7th meeting.
