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First meeting
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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The tentative programme for the opening of the meeting will be circulated in due course.

2. Election of officers

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

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/DP/WG(1)/L.1)

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Annotation

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

4. Status of implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

Documentation

Status of implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports (E/ESCAP/DP/WG(1)/1)

Annotation

The Working Group will be informed of the current status of the Agreement with regard to the number of signatories and Parties to the Agreement and the obligations of the Parties. Member States may update the Working Group on the progress made towards ratification, acceptance, accession to or approval of the Agreement. Member States may also wish to update the Working Group on ongoing or planned projects to develop dry ports of international importance in their respective territories highlighting specific challenges.

5. Policies and issues relating to the development of dry ports of international importance

Documentation

Policies and issues relating to dry ports (E/ESCAP/DP/WG(1)/2)

Annotation

The Working Group will be informed of the decisions of legislative bodies relevant to the development of dry ports and the work of the secretariat with member States in this respect. Member States are invited to circulate information materials on the progress and plans for developing dry ports of international importance within their territory. The Working Group may consider policies and approaches for: (a) promoting investment in dry ports, including through public-private partnership modalities; (b) keeping the secretariat informed of priority development projects; (c) defining the appropriate roles for national Governments, local governments and the private sector in fostering the development of dry ports; and (d) providing guidance to the secretariat on how, jointly with other development partners, it can best assist in the development of dry ports.

6. Other matters

The Working Group may raise any matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

7. Adoption of the report

The Working Group will adopt the conclusions and recommendations emanating from its first meeting.