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**Agenda items:**

- 4 (a) Transport and development: assessment of the contribution of transport to economic and social development**
- 4 (b) Transport and poverty: from farm to market—extending the reach of logistics**
- 4 (c) Transport and environment: energy consumption (utilization) and emissions**
- 4 (d) Transport and society: improving road safety in Asia and the Pacific**

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE PROPOSED  
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011**

*Note by the secretariat*

**SUMMARY**

The strategic framework and outputs proposed for possible inclusion in the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 for subprogramme 3, Transport, is submitted for the Committee's review and further guidance. It should be noted that instructions for the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 have yet to be issued by United Nations Headquarters. Hence, the secretariat may be required to make slight adjustments to the outputs in the course of preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The draft programme of work for 2010-2011 will be submitted to the Commission at its sixty-fifth session for endorsement and subsequently to the General Assembly for adoption in 2009.

\* While the instructions for the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 are still pending issuance by United Nations Headquarters, the secretariat wishes to seek the technical guidance of the Committee on the outputs proposed for possible inclusion in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 under subprogramme 3, Transport. The late submission of the present document is thus unavoidable.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1. The present document contains a set of outputs proposed for inclusion in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in respect of subprogramme 3, Transport, within the framework of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session<sup>1</sup> and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session.<sup>2</sup>
2. The programme thrust for subprogramme 3 is aimed at promoting regional cooperation and integration in transport for inclusive and sustainable development in the ESCAP region.

## 2. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2010-2011

3. Under subprogramme 3, Transport, the following expected accomplishments have been endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, at its forty-eighth session, as the programme framework for the preparation of the programme of work.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (a):** Enhanced knowledge and increased capacity of member States to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport policies and programmes, including those targeting the Millennium Development Goals.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (b):** Improved capability of member States and international financial institutions to use the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and other ESCAP-promoted initiatives for planning international intermodal transport linkages.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (c):** Increased capacity among ESCAP member States and regional industries to implement measures to improve the efficiency of international transport operations and logistics as well as to improve road safety.

## 3. PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011

Expected accomplishment <sup>3</sup>	Outputs
(a) Enhanced knowledge and increased capacity of member States to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport policies and programmes, including those targeting the Millennium Development Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantive servicing of the Committee on Transport and the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport;</li> <li>• Parliamentary documentation: reports on major issues related to transport; report of the Committee on Transport; report of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport;</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 19 (E/2008-39-E/ESCAP/64/39)*, paras. 182-193.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/63/16)*, paras. 220-231.

<sup>3</sup> As endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session in June 2008. Textual changes to the expected accomplishments at this stage are not possible.

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- Expert group meeting on preparations for the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport;
  - Publications: Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific; Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific;
  - Technical material: updating of the manual and software for transport policy planning; updating of the geographic information system database on transport, the Asian Highway database and the Trans-Asian Railway database; capacity and investment requirements of intermodal transport infrastructure; statistical abstract of transport in the Asia-Pacific region; updating of web-based training materials on public-private partnerships; scenario for sustainable transport development;
  - Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on transport;
  - Advisory service on transport policy, planning and development;
  - Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting to strengthen national capacity to improve intermodal transport planning; meeting on the development and operationalization of intermodal interfaces and corridors; web-based training of public officials on infrastructure development through public-private partnerships; workshop on public-private partnership development; meeting on sustainable transport development;
  - Technical cooperation projects: development of intermodal transport corridors; public-private partnerships and off-budget
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	<p>resources; inclusive and sustainable transport development.</p>
<p>(b) Improved capability of member States and international financial institutions to use the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and other ESCAP-promoted initiatives for planning international intermodal transport linkages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working groups on the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway network;</li> <li>• Technical material: maps of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway;</li> <li>• Advisory service on transport policy, planning and development;</li> <li>• Training courses, seminars and workshops: training courses on transport facilitation and on multimodal transport and logistics; meeting to formulate/implement subregional transport facilitation agreement;</li> <li>• Technical cooperation projects: development of intermodal transport corridors; transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container block trains and truck caravans.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) Increased capacity among ESCAP member States and regional industries to implement measures to improve the efficiency of international transport operations and logistics as well as to improve road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expert group meeting on progress in road safety improvement;</li> <li>• United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia project working group on transport and border crossing;</li> <li>• Publication: monograph series on transport facilitation and logistics development;</li> <li>• Technical material: collection and dissemination of road safety statistics; web-based guidelines on measures for road safety improvements; updating of training material on multimodal transport and logistics; updating of time/cost-distance methodology for corridor analysis; guidelines on the establishment and strengthening of national facilitation coordination mechanisms;</li> </ul>

	<p>regulatory environment in freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory service on transport facilitation, multimodal transport and logistics, including capacity-building;</li><li>• Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting to promote regional cooperation in transport facilitation; meeting on multimodal transport and logistics; training courses on transport facilitation, multimodal transport and logistics;</li><li>• Technical cooperation projects: transport and logistics, including the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway; transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container block trains and truck caravans; improvement of roads and road safety.</li></ul>
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#### **4. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2012-2013**

4. It is expected that the above-mentioned expected accomplishments will continue to be relevant for the biennium 2012-2013.

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