



## **Workshop – Quantifying transport costs for landlocked developing countries**

**Held in conjunction with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (Geneva, 2-4 September)**

**Palais des Nations, Room XII**

**2 September 2019 (10.00-13.00)**

**10:00-10:15          Opening Session**

➤ **Welcoming Remarks**

- **Mr. Piet De Wildt**, Chair, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
- **Mr. Konstantinos Alexopoulos**, Chief of Transport Facilitations and Economics Section, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE
- **Ms. Dagmar Hertova**, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

**10:15-11:45          PANEL DISCUSSION – Transport cost quantification for LLDCs: challenges and opportunities**

**Selected topics:**

- Analytical parameters – identification, categorization and quantification of LLDC transport costs (i.e. soft and hard infrastructure, measuring economic distance, assessing efficiency of administrative processes etc.)
- Overview of available transport cost quantification models and approaches

**Moderator: Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic Affairs Officer/ WP.5 secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

**Speakers:**

- **Ms. Dagmar Hertova**, Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS

- **Ms. Luisa Rodriguez**, Transport Section/ Trade Logistics Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Ms. Jane Karonga**, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) **[through webex]**
- **Mr. Kazem Asyesh**, Senior Adviser TIR and Trade Facilitation, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

**11:45-12:00**            **Coffee/ tea break**

**12:00-13:00**            **ROUND-TABLE – National LLDC experiences in quantifying transport costs**

**Moderator: Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski**, WP.5 Secretary, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

**Selected topics:**

- Country statements and presentations on what works, what does not work and why
- Towards a possible unified approach in quantifying transport costs for LLDCs – Conclusions and recommendations for further work

**Speakers:**

- **Ambassador Purevsuren Lundeg**, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations Office, World Trade Organization and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Ms. Irina Sigua**, Adviser, Revenue Service of Georgia & **Ms. Aleksandra Suladze**, Expert, Transport Corridor and Logistics Development Division, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- Concluding tour-de-table

**13:00**            **Closure of the workshop**