

OSCE Centre in Ashgabat: the activities in the area of trade and transport in Turkmenistan

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OSCE Mandate

GUIDED BY THE: OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions No. 11/06 on the future transport dialogue in the OSCE

No. 9/08 on follow-up to the 16th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on maritime and inland waterways co-operation (Helsinki, 2008);

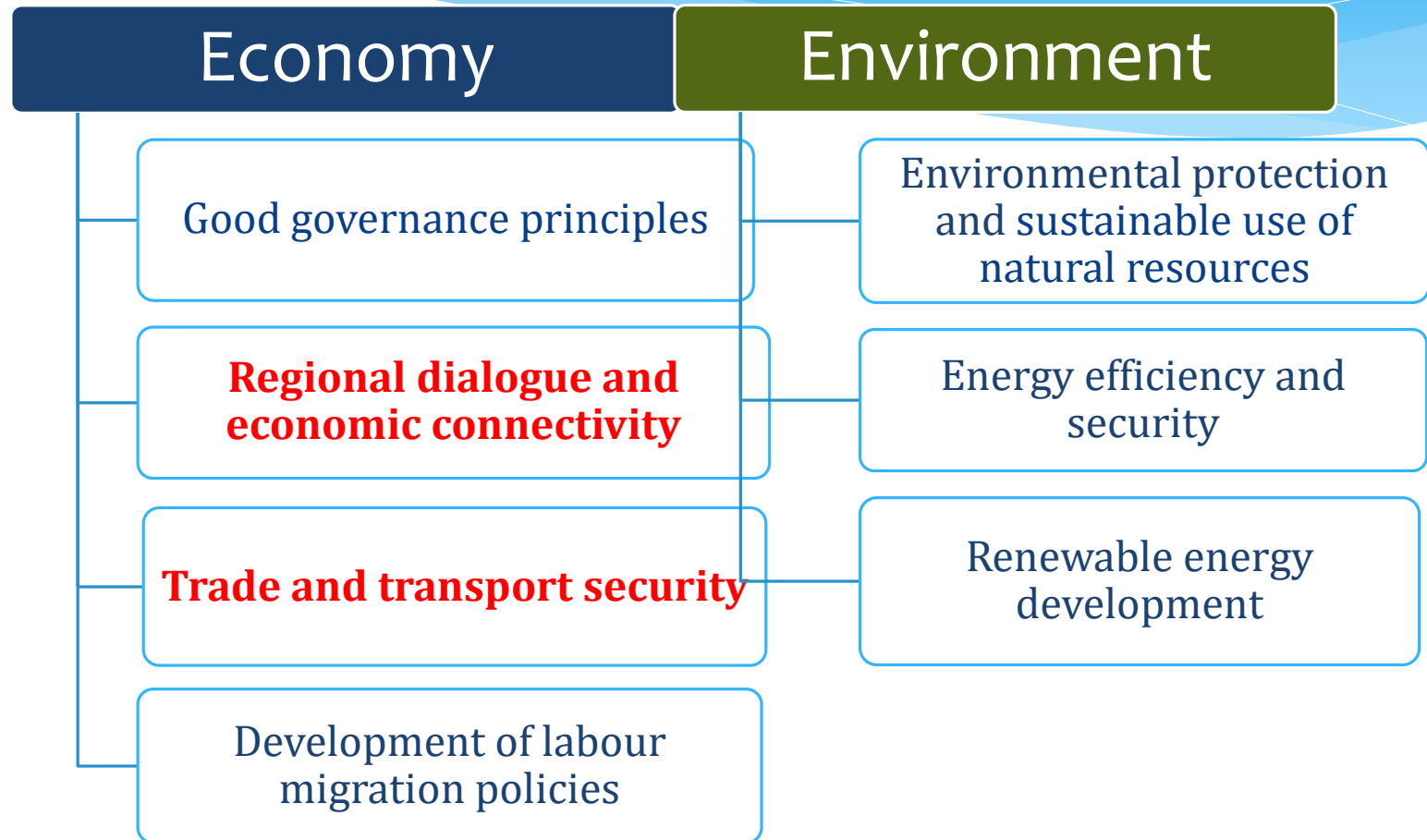
No. 11/11 on strengthening transport dialogue in the OSCE;

No. 4/16 on strengthening good governance and promoting connectivity;

No. 8/17 on promoting economic participation in the OSCE area;

By the conclusions and recommendations of the OSCE Regional Ministerial Conference “Good Governance and Economic Connectivity – Best Practices within the OSCE Region”, held on 30 and 31 May 2018 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan,

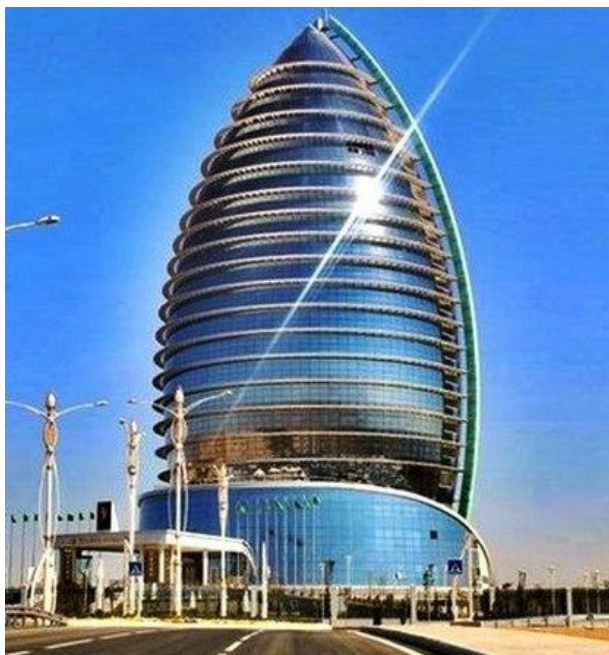
OSCE Centre in Ashgabat: EED basket



3. Economic Connectivity

Regional initiative for 2018

**Regional Ministerial Conference on “Good Governance and Economic Connectivity – best practices within the OSCE region”,
Ashgabat, 30-31 May 2018**



Venue – Hotel YYLDYZ, Ashgabat

... gathered Ministers of Economy from CA countries and 26 OSCE PS

...facilitated discussion on economic good governance, trade facilitation, development of transport, digitalization and modernization of economies...

... provided a platform for boosting a political dialogue on economic issues related to security in the region

Sustainable trade and transport management

Workshops for relevant state authorities in charge of the development and implementation of related transport and trade policies, on international standards and practices in effective management of logistic and supply chain and specific customs, regulatory and administrative procedures

TRADE AND TRANSPORT



Workshop on “Facilitating development of secure national trade and transport infrastructure”

Facilitating economic connectivity

In pictures...



Regional seminar “Towards regional economic connectivity – national mechanisms for trade and transport facilitation”, Ashgabat, May 2019- an OUTCOME DOCUMENT

High-Level OSCE Conference “Good Governance and Economic Connectivity: best practices in the OSCE region” Ashgabat, May 2018



An OUTCOME DOCUMENT agreed during the regional seminar in 2019:

to make an effective contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the period up to 2030, the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation, and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific

In the area of trade and transport facilitation:

- co-operation in the development and introduction of co-ordinated border management, in particular by applying a mechanism for joint border controls and also by capacity building in this area;
- the development and introduction of an integrated border management approach;
- the development and use of business process analysis and a trade facilitation road map as tools for locating bottlenecks and identifying opportunities for improving trade and transport facilitation procedures;
- capacity-building in the countries of the Central Asia region and in the Republic of Azerbaijan so as to achieve a balance between trade facilitation and security in trade;
- the development and use of interregional mechanisms for pre-arrival information exchange during import, export and transit so as to ensure effective risk management;

the organization of expert-level seminars for stakeholders of the transport supply chain along transit routes relevant to the Central Asia region and the Republic of Azerbaijan so as to discuss the capacity and reliability of all the links and to draw up measures for identifying bottlenecks and enhancing supply chains;

co-operation in the establishment of priority procedures for customs clearance, taking into account best practices used at borders for the handling of perishable goods, notably during transport operations related to export and transit;

the conduct of seminars to share regional best practices on the use of risk analysis to ensure smooth trade and transport; and

the development of public-private partnership models aimed at involving relevant private- and public-sector actors in the above-mentioned seminars and in the drawing up of recommendations to promote trade and transport facilitation

In the area of digitalization of customs and transport procedures:

- the incorporation into bilateral, regional and international transit agreements of provisions for effective information exchange (including information protection and restrictions on the use of the information), provisions for the harmonization of information requirements in line with international rules and regulations, and also definitions of the duties and responsibilities of customs administrations with regard to ensuring the integrity of the information provided by authorized operators;
- promoting the development and implementation, at the national level, of a data set for transit based on relevant international standards, such as, but not limited to the World Customs Organization (WCO) Data Model, including the Transit Derived Information Package (DIP).;

use of the WCO ICT Guidelines and the WCO's *IT Guide for Executives* at the national level when planning and launching ICT projects;
adoption of the information technology (IT) tools developed by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) for digitalization of the TIR procedure, including TIR-Electronic Pre-Declaration, RealTime SafeTIR and Electronic Guarantee Information Service

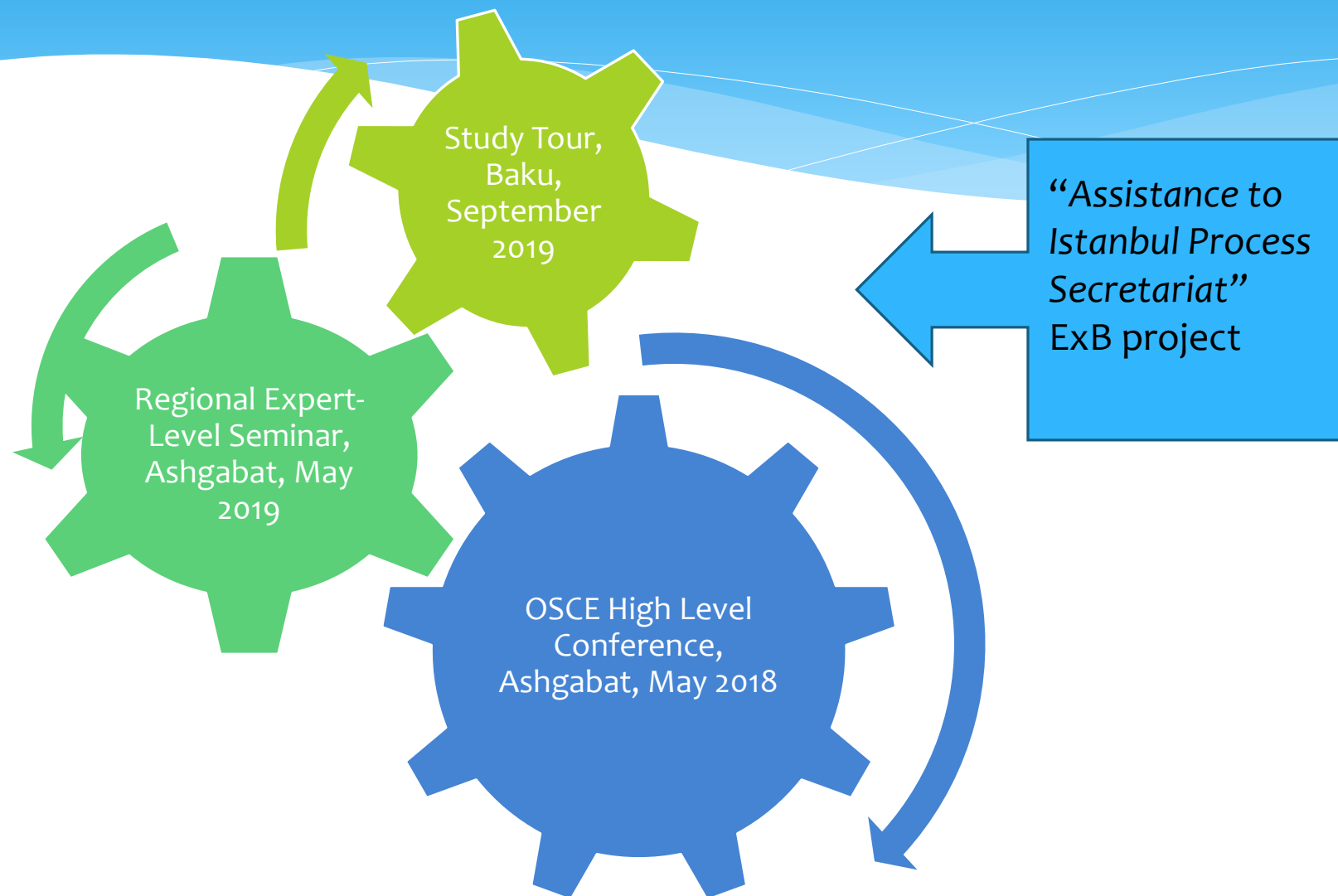
participation in the meetings of the working bodies of the TIR Convention at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva, i.e., of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (AC.2) and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30);

facilitating digitalization of the TIR procedure by supporting speedy adoption of a new Annex 11 to the TIR Convention at the meetings of the working bodies of the TIR Convention;

joining the pilot projects on the organization of transport operations using a digital TIR procedure (eTIR) that are being conducted in the region (projects in which China, among other countries, is participating, and which are supported by IRU and UNECE);

- acceding to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR), and promoting the use of electronic consignment notes in international road transport;
- promoting the use of electronic SMGS and CIM/SMGS consignment notes when conducting international rail freight operations;
- the development and implementation, at the bilateral, regional and international level, of electronic permits for international road transport operations;
- the use of training courses (including those developed under the WCO CLiKC! platform, by the IRU Academy and by other international organizations) that cover existing international best practices in order to enhance the human resources capacity of customs and transport officials.

Facilitating economic connectivity...



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stands to support the efforts of the host government in addressing contemporary economic and environmental challenges, next year paying particular attention towards the economic connectivity and sustainable use of natural resources



thus, to contribute into building confidence and trust in the OSCE area...