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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Statistics

##### Seventy-second session

Geneva, 9–11 June 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-second session\***

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To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva in a hybrid/online format starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 9-11 June 2021.

## **I. Provisional Agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Big data for transport statistics.
3. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals:
4. Statistical activities and challenges faced by member States.
5. Urban transport statistics.
  - (a) Tram and metro statistics;
  - (b) Tracking final leg deliveries.

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\* Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Transport Division's website: <https://unece.org/transport/events/wp6-working-party-transport-statistics-72nd-session>.

\*\* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=73rfPC>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (Yana.Brynkina@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website at: [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

6. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics:
7. Traffic censuses in the Economic Commission for Europe region:
  - (a) 2020 E-Road traffic censuses;
  - (b) 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses.
8. Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
9. Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee strategy to 2030 and the Programme of Work 2020-2021.
10. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies.
11. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party.
12. Election of Officers.
13. Other business:
  - (a) Date of next session;
  - (b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics.
14. Summary of decisions.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/180

### 2. Big Data for transport statistics

Germany is scheduled to present their work on constructing origin-destination matrices from floating car data. Colleagues from the United Nations Statistics Division will introduce the United Nations Global Working Group on Big Data, in particular their work on mobile telephone data, and how this work might be of use to the Working Party and an area for future collaboration.

The secretariat will share some conclusions from the informal webinars that have taken place this year, covering ways to generate transport statistics from new data sources, organised in cooperation with the International Transport Forum.

Various other experts may present and discuss methods and challenges in producing transport data from big data sources, including mobile network operator data, and tolling or traffic counting data. This will include the impact of COVID-19 on the generation of transport statistics.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/2; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/4; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/11.

### 3. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals

This agenda item will cover data collection and monitoring activities for each of the Sustainable Development Goal indicators related to transport, as well as looking at transport and the 2030 agenda with a more holistic approach. The secretariat will provide an update on collecting and disseminating data on road traffic accidents, in the context of monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal indicator 3.6.1 which calls for the halving of road traffic accident fatalities by 2020. Member States are encouraged to share their experiences in monitoring road traffic safety.

The Working Party may wish to hear from the new rural access working group to monitor indicator 9.1.1 on rural transport access. The Working Party will be updated on progress on data provision for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 9.1.2, which measures passenger and freight volumes by mode of transport. The secretariat will provide an update on the guidance document produced in 2020, which aims to provide a toolkit to assist countries in monitoring this indicator.

The Working Party will hear from the ECE Statistics Division about their activities on assisting member States to measure the Sustainable Development Goals.

Member States are encouraged to share their views and own experiences on monitoring the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/1; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/1

**4. Statistical activities and challenges faced by member States**

Member States are strongly encouraged to share their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics under this agenda item. Any presentations of current projects are welcome. Delegates should share their views with the secretariat beforehand, to adequately plan the session and pair relevant topics together.

**5. Urban transport statistics**

**(a) Tram and metro statistics**

The secretariat will present an update on the pilot collection of tram and metro statistics, including considering new ways to collect these data, especially on collecting these on a short-term basis.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/5

**(b) Tracking final leg deliveries**

The Working Party will be provided with information from Switzerland and others on collecting data on the last leg of logistics chains, so-called “last mile” deliveries.

**6. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics**

The availability of data collected through the web common questionnaire for transport statistics (WebCoQ) will be discussed, in addition to the activities of the three custodian organizations aimed at increasing the response rate and improving data quality over the last twelve months. Last year a streamlining of the WebCoQ, involving the suppression of several indicators, was implemented. Further suggestions for streamlining are welcome. An update on the new questionnaire-based data collection system, to be implemented in 2021, will be presented.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/7

**7. Traffic censuses in the Economic Commission for Europe region**

**(a) 2020 E-Road traffic censuses**

Recalling the draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Road Traffic Census that was endorsed at the sixty-ninth session, the secretariat will remind member States of the request to carry out a road traffic census on highways of international importance in 2020. In particular, delegates are requested to provide data on Annual Average Daily Traffic in a geospatial format, preferably Shapefiles.

Given the exceptional nature of traffic in 2020 due to COVID-19, the secretariat will request that data for 2019 are provided as well to make a more meaningful historical comparison.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/12

**(b) 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses**

Recalling the draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Rail Traffic Census that was endorsed at the sixty-ninth session, the secretariat will remind member States of the request to carry out a rail traffic census on rail lines of international importance in 2020. In particular, delegates are requested to provide data on rail line traffic in a geospatial format, in addition to the data requested by Eurostat (only relevant for countries who submit data to Eurostat).

Given the exceptional nature of traffic in 2020 due to COVID-19, the secretariat will request that data for 2019 are provided as well to make a more meaningful historical comparison.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/9

**8. Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the ECE database on transport statistics and the status of the publications: Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) and the “Inland Transport Statistics for Europe and North America”<sup>1</sup> (formerly Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS)). In addition, the Transport Statistics Infocards will be presented. Short country interventions on their own dissemination strategies are welcome.

**9. Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy to 2030 and the Programme of Work 2020-2021**

The ITC has asked all Working Parties to take follow-up actions to align their work with the ITC strategy that was adopted in 2019. The secretariat has prepared an updated draft terms of reference for the Working Party to consider.

There is no longer a need to prepare a biennial Programme of Work due to a change in reporting requirements to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC). As no alternative process has been requested, the secretariat believes that such a document may still be relevant for programming and monitoring reasons and prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/9 setting out the draft programme of work for the biennium. Further information is available in ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/6.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/3; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2021/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/9, ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2

<sup>1</sup> Both publications are available at [www.unece.org/transport/resources/publications/transport-statistics.html](http://www.unece.org/transport/resources/publications/transport-statistics.html).

## **10. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the eighty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee, which took place from 23 to 26 February 2021, in particular about its decisions relating to the activities of the Working Party.

### **Documentation**

Informal document ITC (2021) No.8/Rev.5

## **11. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party**

The Working Party may wish to receive reports from representatives of the following organizations on their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics:

- European Commission (DG MOVE)
- European Commission (Eurostat)
- International Transport Forum (ITF)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- Other international organizations.

This agenda item will also cover activities conducted by the Intersecretariat Working Group on transport Statistics.

## **12. Election of Officers**

Given the extraordinary circumstances in 2020, only a Chair was elected for 2020 and 2021. Delegates may wish to elect a vice-chair for this period as well.

## **13. Other business**

### **(a) Date of next session**

The seventy-second session of the Working party is tentatively scheduled for 15 to 17 June 2022 at the Palais des Nations (Geneva).

### **(b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics**

The Working Party will be informed about dates and locations of upcoming meetings on transport statistics in 2021 and 2022.

## **14. Summary of decisions**

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), at the end of the session, the Chair will make a brief summary of the decisions taken. Following the session, the ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

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