

REPORT
OF THE 25th SESSION OF THE SPECA THEMATIC WORKING GROUP
ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT, TRANSIT AND CONNECTIVITY¹

22-23 October 2020
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INTRODUCTION

1. Organization

The 25th session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity (TWG-STTC) was held on 22-23 October 2020 in a virtual format. The session was organized jointly by the Government of Kazakhstan, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and was hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development. The session was conducted in the English language with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

2. Attendance

Representatives of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as the Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank World Bank and Islamic Development Bank participated. The list of participants of the 25th session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity is attached to this report.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Opening of the session

The session was opened and chaired by Mr. Serik Bashimov, Director of the Transit and Transport Logistics Development Department of the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development of Kazakhstan. In his opening statement, the Chair welcomed the participants and emphasized the valuable contribution of activities in the SPECA framework for the development of the SPECA sub-region and unlocking potential of SPECA countries and the promotion of regional transport cooperation. The Chair also highlighted efforts and the ongoing work by Kazakhstan on the development of transport connectivity and transit, transport corridors and major international infrastructure projects. Opening statements were also delivered by Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina-Ducrest, Chief, Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section, UNESCAP Transport Division and Mr. Nenad Nikolic, Regional Advisor of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division,

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Thematic Working Group adopted the provisional agenda of its 25th session as contained in documents SPECA/TWG-STTC (25)/A.1. The conclusions and recommendations made by the Thematic Working Group on each of the agenda items are attached to the present report (SPECA/TWG-STTC (25)/8).

3. Adoption of the report on the 24th Session of the TWG-STTC

The Thematic Working Group adopted the report of its 24th Session held on 18 and 19 November 2019 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, which was available in English and Russian languages.

4. Special session

The WG discussed the socio-economic response to COVID-19 and post-pandemic recovery in SPECA region and the participating SPECA countries shared information about their national policy response initiatives to the pandemic and best practices of maintaining transport connectivity and supply chain operations during such disruptive event. The WG expressed high appreciation for the efforts made by the SPECA countries to keep their borders open for freight transport operations, especially for essential goods such as medical supplies and equipment, food products and ICT goods and services etc.;

The WG was informed about the outcomes of the Regional Dialogue on Strengthening transport connectivity in the SPECA region and beyond in the era of COVID-19 organized on 29 September 2020 in a virtual format by UNECE in cooperation with ESCAP, the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the United Nations Resident Coordinator Offices in SPECA countries, Georgia and Turkey. It took note of the proposal to elaborate a strategic document on the development of transport connectivity in SPECA region.

5. Review of transport infrastructure projects, activities and initiatives

5.1 Transport infrastructure projects, activities and initiatives at national and international level, including development of dry ports to facilitate intermodal transport in SPECA countries

Background document: SPECA/TWG-STTC (25)/1

UNECE and UNESCAP presented their respective initiatives and efforts for promoting the development of transport infrastructure in SPECA countries and provided the analysis of the existing challenges in this field.

UNESCAP highlighted the progress made in developing the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, and the dry ports of international importance. The session was informed about the eighth Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway held in Bangkok on 18-19 September 2019. The Working Group had emphasized that the quality of Asian Highway routes remained a concern, especially for SPECA countries, and that the COVID-19 pandemic revealed a strong need for increased use of ICT and digitalization for efficient cross-border and transit transport. In terms of railways infrastructure development, UNESCAP informed about the Sixth Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network convened in Bangkok on 10-11 December 2019, which urged the member States to eliminate missing links and highlighted the need for electronic information exchange among railways and between railways and control agencies to enhance operational efficiency. The Working Group on Dry Ports held its third meeting from 13 to 14 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. It emphasized the need to include dry ports in the international intermodal transport and economic corridors, to develop an up-to-date legal frameworks for international multimodal transport operations and application of

modern ICT, digital solutions and innovative business models and of developing a region-wide strategic vision of digital transport corridors. It also informed about the Regional Framework for the Development, Design, Planning and Operation of Dry Ports of International Importance as a regional guideline to the development of dry ports.

UNECE mentioned, in particular: (a) the progress made in the development of transport infrastructure Master Plans including the Trans-European North-South Motorways (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) masterplans²; the Pan-European Cycling Infrastructure Master Plan³ (in cooperation with THE PEP) and the Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (Phases I, II and III)⁴. The session was informed about the EATL Phase III report launched at the ECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its eighty-first session in February 2019 which identified cargo for which the EATL inland routes could compete with maritime and air routes between Europe and Asia. The Workshop on Strengthening security and inter-operability along Euro-Asian inland transport corridors was held in Tbilisi December 2019. The session was also informed about the UN the Joint call on 09 June 2020 to support efficient transport and transit procedures to increase connectivity and integration of the LLDCs in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America into world markets. UNECE also informed about the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory and encouraged SPECA countries to engage actively in the transport infrastructure construction costs data collection efforts taking place in the framework of the ongoing establishment of a web-based Observatory.

Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan informed the session on the progress made in international and regional projects and initiatives, aimed at enhancing connectivity, logistics and trade across the SPECA sub-region, in particular, international transport and transit corridors. The speakers provided a information on the current status and operability of national transport networks and freight transport by international routes, national programmes, plans and measures to facilitate international traffic and multimodality, and prospects for further cooperation.

5.2 Accession to and implementation of transport-related International Conventions and Agreements

Background document: SPECA/TWG-STTC (25)/2

UNECE informed the participants about (a) the current status of United Nations transport-related legal instruments, (b) new accessions to United Nations transport-related legal instruments by Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. UNECE also invited SPECA countries to intensify their efforts to accede all legal instruments as soon as possible, take measures for the efficient implementation of the relevant international transport conventions. UNECE also informed that based on the Inland Transport Committee Strategy until 2030, the ITC Capacity Development Action Plan had been presented and adopted at the 82nd session of Inland Transport Committee

² Website: <http://www.unece.org/transport/areas-of-work/ter/about-us/tem-and-ter-master-plan.html>

³ Website: https://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/special_project_pan_european_cycling_infrastructure_master_plan.html

⁴ Website: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/eatl.html>

held in February 2020 – as a basic document for future UNECE capacity development and technical assistance activities.

UNESCAP informed the session about (a) the accession status to the seven core international transport-related conventions recommended by UNESCAP resolution 48/11.

Kazakhstan provided information on the progress in the implementation of international transport-related conventions, international transport and infrastructure agreements and plans for acceding to other United Nations transport-related legal instruments. Azerbaijan informed the participants about the accession to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports in April 2020.

5.3 Enhancing transport operational connectivity along international transport routes in SPECA region

Background document: SPECA/TWG-STTC (25)/3

UNESCAP informed SPECA countries on its efforts to improve operational connectivity along the Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways networks and Dry Ports by identifying and eliminating non-physical barriers to land transport, promoting the use of digitalization, smart transport solutions and electronic exchange of information between railways. The implementation and outcomes of the projects, namely a) facilitating the deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic along the Asian Highway Network; b) harmonization of standards on weights, dimensions and emissions for road freight vehicles; c) strengthening capacity for operationalizing sustainable transport connectivity along the China-Central Asia-West Asia Economic Corridor to achieve the 2030 Agenda; d) as well as on intermodal transport corridors and development of legal frameworks for intermodal (multimodal) transport operations were presented. ESCAP also informed about the Virtual Expert Group Meeting on Safe and Seamless Transport Connectivity along the Asian Highway Network during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic organized on 25 June 2020 and the Joint Virtual Meeting on Challenges and Opportunities for international railway transport along the Trans-Asian Railway network and beyond held on 7-8 July 2020.

UNECE highlighted the United Nations transport legal instruments aimed at the simplification and harmonization of procedures at border crossings and some are most prominent, broadly used in the SPECA region, including the Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention. UNECE invited SPECA countries to think about introducing new technologies in the implementation of the UN transport legal instruments by joining those electronically processed (Additional Protocol to CMR (e-CMR), e-TIR). The progress in the implementation of the UNDA funded project entitled “Sustainable transport connectivity and implementation of transport related SDGs in selected landlocked and transit/bridging countries” which aims at developing a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) was also presented. Also presented projects included “Strengthening the logistics and transport competitiveness of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan” and “Strengthening the capacity of Central Asian countries to develop sustainable urban mobility policy on car sharing and carpooling initiatives sharing”.

5.4 *Road safety issues and policy interventions in the SPECA region*

Background document: SPECA/TWG-STTC (24)/4

UNESCAP recalled the Regional Road Safety Goals and Targets for Asia and the Pacific for 2016–2020 and provided the analysis of the road safety situation in SPECA countries. The Working group was informed that in September 2020, the United Nations General Assembly had proclaimed 2021-2030 as the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety with a goal of reducing road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent from 2021 to 2030. UNESCAP shared that the goal to halve number of road traffic injuries and fatalities in line with target 3.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals was included in the Regional Action Programme on Sustainable Transport Development (2017-2021). The Working group was also informed about the Asia-Pacific Road Safety Observatory which aims to become the regional forum on road safety data, policies and practices across Asia and the Pacific, and would provide a platform for decision-makers from countries in the region to learn more on the importance of accurate and harmonized crash data, but also to foster the development of a synergistic environment to empower countries to collect useful and timely information to address the ongoing road safety crisis. As of end-July 2020, six member countries including three SPECA member countries (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan) had confirmed their membership to the Observatory.

UNECE continued with an overview of its activities, projects and initiatives in this field: (a) new accessions to the United Nations legal instruments relevant to road safety and recently adopted amendments to international conventions, (b) SafeFITS and the Road Safety Performance Review, (c) the activities of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety, (d) the United Nations Road Safety Fund, established in April 2018 and hosted by UNECE and (e) other relevant activities.

SPECA countries reported on the national activities in addressing road safety issues. Azerbaijan provided a brief information on various road safety measures implemented at the national level and the state programme for road safety for 2019–2023. Kazakhstan highlighted its activities at national and international levels on road safety. Kyrgyzstan highlighted the new strategy for improving road safety for 2020–2024, the activities, ongoing projects and priorities of the Ministry of Transport and Roads in this field. Tajikistan informed the participants about the progress made harmonizing the national legislative framework for road safety with global standards.

6. Other business

The Thematic Working Group was invited to consider the date and the venue of its 26th session and agreed that this issue would be decided later.

7. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations

The conclusions and recommendations of its 25th session, based on the draft prepared by UNECE and UNESCAP in English and Russian, were distributed to the governments of participating countries and approved virtually.

**Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and
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**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE 25th SESSION OF THE SPECA THEMATIC WORKING GROUP ON
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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 25th session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity (TWG-STTC) was held on 22-23 October 2020 in a virtual format. Kazakhstan chaired the session with representatives of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as the Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Islamic Development Bank and World Bank participated.

Following the presentation and consideration of the session documents as stipulated in the Agenda of the 25th session of SPECA Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity (TWG-STTC), the Working Group adopted the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. The WG adopted the report of its 24th session;
2. The WG discussed the socio-economic response to COVID-19 and post-pandemic recovery in SPECA region and expressed high appreciation for the efforts made by the participating countries to keep their borders open for freight transport operations, especially for essential goods such as medical supplies and equipment, food products and ICT goods and services etc.;
3. The WG welcomed the outcomes of the Regional Dialogue on Strengthening transport connectivity in the SPECA region and beyond in the era of COVID-19 organized on 29 September 2020 in a virtual format by UNECE in cooperation with ESCAP, the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the United Nations Resident Coordinator Offices in SPECA countries, Georgia and Turkey. It took note of the proposal to elaborate a strategic document on the development of transport connectivity in SPECA region.
4. The WG-STTC welcomed the active work by UNECE and ESCAP in addressing the transport connectivity challenges arising out of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It noted with gratitude concrete support activities, such as the implementation of the United Nations Development Account Project on “Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics: United Nations solutions for contactless, seamless and collaborative transport and trade”. It also welcomed the establishment of an online “Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to

COVID-19” created by UNECE and supported by ESCAP and the other regional commissions and organizations;

5. The WG acknowledged information provided by the representatives of SPECA countries on their ongoing activities and initiative aimed at transport infrastructure development including expansion of road networks and improvement of their quality, construction of missing links of railways and ports development and encouraged them to strengthen their efforts in this area;

6. The WG-STTC noted with satisfaction the efforts of SPECA countries on enhancing transport connectivity through, inter alia, international transport facilitation, accession to and implementation of transport-related United Nations conventions and agreements, as well as road safety and other initiatives at national and regional level;

7. The WG-STTC welcomed a UN joint call issued on 09 June 2020 to support efficient transport and transit procedures to increase connectivity and integration of the LLDCs in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America into world markets;

8. The WG took note of the Eighth Meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway Network (18-19 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand), Third Meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports (13-14 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand) and Sixth Meeting of the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway (10-11 December 2019, Bangkok, Thailand);

9. The WG-STTC encouraged SPECA countries to put efforts in improving the quality of road infrastructure, give priority to the construction of missing railway links in cooperation with development partners as well as greater use of information and communications technology, electronic information exchange for efficient cross-border and transit transport along the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks;

10. The WG-STTC invited SPECA countries to use the regional framework for the planning, design, development and operation of dry ports of international importance and to enhance intermodal/multimodal transportation with the involvement of dry ports;

11. The TWG-STTC took note of the establishment of the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory and requested SPECA countries to engage actively in the data collection efforts to support its activities;

12. The TWG-STTC welcomed the Pan-European Cycling Infrastructure Master Plan (in cooperation with THE PEP) and the implementation and recent activities under the Euro-Asian Transport Links Project (EATL) especially activities on establishing of the Corridor Management Groups, to support the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and transit countries in Europe and Asia;

13. The WG reaffirmed the importance of the United Nations transport-related conventions and agreements, particularly those listed in ESCAP resolution 48/11 and the Protocol of this Working Group at its 2nd session, as well as the Intergovernmental Agreements on the Asian Highway Network, on the Trans-Asian Railway Network and on Dry Ports of International Importance and invited SPECA countries to intensify their efforts to accede to and effectively implement them;

14. The TWG-STTC noted with satisfaction that several SPECA countries acceded to a total of nine international conventions and agreements since the last session of TWG-STTC and encouraged other countries to enhance their efforts to do the same;

15. The TWG-STTC welcomed the ITC Capacity Development Action Plan adopted at the 82nd session of Inland Transport Committee in February 2020 as a basis for future UNECE capacity development and technical assistance activities;

16. The TWG-STTC took note of the capacity building activities by ESCAP and UNECE, namely on application of new technologies in transit facilitation for enhancing transport connectivity of Central Asia; safe and seamless transport connectivity along the Asian Highway Network during and after the Covid-19 pandemic; challenges and opportunities for international railway transport along the Trans-Asian Railway Network and beyond; and strengthening the capacity of Central Asian countries to develop sustainable urban mobility policy on car sharing and carpooling initiatives;

17. The TWG-STTC took note of the projects implemented by ESCAP and UNECE, namely on Operationalizing Sustainable Transport Connectivity Along the China-Central Asia-West Asia Economic Corridor; Harmonizing Standards on Weights, Dimensions and Emissions of Road Vehicles for Facilitation of Transport along the Asian Highway network; Facilitating the Deployment of Highly and Fully Automated Vehicles in Road Traffic along the Asian Highway Network; the Commercialization of the Railway Corridor among Kazakhstan,

Turkmenistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran; Sustainable Transport Connectivity and Implementation of Transport Related SDGs in Selected Landlocked and Transit/Bridging Countries;

18. The TWG-STTC recognized the need to upgrade legal frameworks for international multimodal transport operations to enhance the efficiency of operation of dry ports and intermodal transport corridors and took note of ESCAP's document proposing several optional approaches on harmonization of the legal framework for multimodal transport;

19. The TWG-STTC welcomed the United Nations General Assembly's decision to proclaim 2021-2030 as the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety and called SPECA countries to take efforts in achieving its goal of reducing road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent from 2021 to 2030;

20. The TWG-STTC invited SPECA countries to strengthen efforts in acceding and implementing the road safety-related United Nations legal instruments and actively participate in the relevant initiatives, namely the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) and the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1);

21. The TWG-STTC noted with appreciation activities of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for on Road Safety and his efforts to mobilize sustained political commitment towards making road safety a priority, advocating and raising awareness about the United Nations road safety legal instruments, sharing established road safety good practices; and advocating for adequate global funding for road safety;

22. The TWG-STTC welcomed the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Road Safety Observatory and invited SPECA member countries to actively participate in its activities and provide accurate and harmonized road crash data;

23. The TWG requested SPECA countries to continue their efforts in developing and implementing national road safety strategies and action plans, strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation to achieve goals and targets in line with the First and Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, updated Regional Road Safety Goals, Targets and Indicators for Asia and the Pacific as well as road safety-related SDGs;

24. The TWG acknowledged the information provided about the Ashgabat Initiative on Reducing Barriers to Trade and Transport Using United Nations Legal Instruments, Norms, Standards and Recommendations while Bolstering Connectivity in the SPECA Region. In this regard, it supported the initiative to identify long-term strategic priorities and goals of TWG-STTC through preparation of the SPECA Transport Connectivity Strategy and requested UNECE and ESCAP to carry out the necessary preparatory steps;

25. The WG agreed that the date and the place of the next session would be decided later and invited SPECA countries to express their interest in hosting the 26th session of SPECA TWG-STTC;

26. The WG expressed high appreciation to the Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for their participation in the 25th Session of TWG-STTC and to IsDB for continuous support to SPECA TWG-STTC activities;

27. The WG expressed its sincere gratitude to the Ministry for Industry and Infrastructural development of Kazakhstan for hosting and chairing the 25th session of SPECA TWG-STTC and excellent arrangements made for the session;

28. The conclusions and recommendations of the 25th session of SPECA TWG-STTC were finalized through online communication.

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