

# Accelerating the inland transport sector's climate change mitigation measures

Agenda item 5 (c) Transport and Climate Change

**ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/5** 

#### SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT



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UN Centre as a comprehensive platform for all aspects of inland transport, with special attention to interregional and intraregional regulatory governance through the UN transport conventions and other means



# UNECE ITC Strategy 2030: Vision

#### INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- <u>Vision 2030:</u> Vision: The Inland Transport Committee is the United Nations platform for inland transport to help efficiently address global and regional needs in inland transport
- The ITC as the UN platform for inland transport will continue to provide a comprehensive regulatory framework for inland transport including road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport, comparable to the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- To play the following roles:
  - (a) For regional and global inland transport conventions
  - (b) For supporting new technologies and innovations in inland transport
  - (c) For regional, interregional and global inland transport policy dialogues
  - (d) For promoting sustainable regional and interregional inland transport connectivity and mobility



### **Mandate**

84<sup>th</sup> ITC session – February 2022



#### ITC at its 84<sup>th</sup> session in February 2022:

Appreciated ECE/TRANS/2022/16 prepared by the secretariat on the "critical role of inland transport in accelerating climate change mitigation worldwide and on the overview of related activities by the Committee and its Working Parties", moreover it:

- (a) Recognized the urgency of stronger actions against climate change, as identified in the Glasgow Climate Pact, to achieve SDG 13 and the target of the Paris Agreement on climate change
- (b) Expressed its resolve that the Committee and its Working Parties should take action to accelerate their work and impact for climate change mitigation and adaptation
- (c) Invited its Working Parties to submit to the secretariat until 14 October 2022 their ongoing contributions, future plans and suggestions in support of climate change mitigation
- (d) Requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare a comprehensive report back to ITC in 2023

ANALYTICAL INPUT



#### ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/5\*

- 1. Global environmental effects of transport
- Impacts of aviation
- Impacts of maritime
- Impacts of inland transport
- 2. Overview of international transport sector initiatives and identification of lessons learned for inland transport
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Cross-cutting (SLOCAT, European Green Deal, COPERT model, ITC initiatives)

<sup>\*</sup>Research support provided by Birmingham University

ANALYTICAL INPUT



#### **ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/5**

- 3. Proposals for accelerating climate change mitigation by the inland transport sector (p.p.15-17/ non-exhaustive overview)
- Should ITC serve as a think tank, fund research and projects?
- Should ITC advocate for greener policies among its Member States? E.g.
  provide support in reimagining public transport/ promote cycling and walking
  facilities in urban areas etc.
- Should ITC support further electrification of inland mobility, enhancing vehicle fuel efficiency? Liaise more closely with EV car manufacturing entities?
- Should ITC formulate measures to incentivize use of more carbon-efficient modes?

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WP.5 is invited to decide on how it wishes to contribute to the ITC request for accelerated action



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# Thank you!