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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
15–17 May 2023**

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3. Big Data and innovation in transport statistics production.
4. Electric vehicle charging statistics.
5. Statistical activities of member States.
6. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics:
 - (a) Tram and metro statistics;

* 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/info/Transport/Transport-Statistics/events/375246>.

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- (b) Common questionnaire;
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 - (a) 2020 E-Road traffic censuses;
 - (b) 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses;
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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.6/184

2. Transport indicators and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals

With the implementation period for the 2030 development agenda halfway along, it is an appropriate time to conduct a stocktaking on responses in the transport sector in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region to achieving 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. Member States and other relevant actors will share their own experiences on tracking the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals, as well as any other activities related to monitoring transport through an indicator-based approach (such as monitoring post-COVID transport changes).

The Working Party may wish to make recommendations for additional indicators appropriate for monitoring transport in the ECE region.

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. There may be presentations from some of the custodian agencies of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators, as well as other relevant actors.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/1

3. Big data and innovation in transport statistics production

This item is an opportunity for member States to share their experiences in using innovative data sources, in particular big data sources, to produce transport statistics. Many member States are at early stages in this process, so knowledge exchange on incomplete projects is particularly welcome.

The secretariat will update member States on progress made by the transport and commuting statistics team of the Mobile Phone Data task team of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/7

4. Electric vehicle charging statistics

The Working Party will discuss existing definitions for various aspects of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The Working Party will consider potential international statistical definitions in this space, and further consider if an international statistical collection should be undertaken on a pilot basis.

Further discussions on electric vehicle statistics, such as their impact on electricity grids and quantifying the effect of charging on household energy bills, will be possible.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/5

5. Statistical activities of member States

This standing agenda item allows member States to share their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics. Any presentations of current projects and plans for the future are welcome. Delegates are encouraged to discuss their planned interventions with the secretariat beforehand.

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

(a) Tram and metro statistics

The secretariat will present a brief update on the collection of tram and metro statistics and their value for tracking public transport and as input into modal split calculations.

(b) Common questionnaire

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.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/9

(c) Vehicle statistics and data gaps

Member States will update on various aspects of vehicle statistics, such as ascertaining the locations where passenger and goods vehicles are actually driven (on both a sub-national and international basis), which can feed into the planning of electric charging infrastructure. In addition, the Working Party may discuss quality issues surrounding vehicle registry statistics and how to best fill data gaps.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/8

(d) Transport Data Commons

The secretariat will update the Working Party on its role in the forthcoming Transport Data Commons Initiative, which aims to bring together transport and emissions data from many different sources into a single data warehouse, which would allow easier comparisons between data collected by the Working Party and other international organizations, in particular those outside the ECE region.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/11

7. Traffic censuses and geospatial statistics**(a) 2020 E-Road traffic censuses**

The secretariat will provide an update on the data received so far for the 2020 E-Road traffic census. Some member States have indicated that their 2020 census was delayed or significantly restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The secretariat will present draft recommendations for the 2025 UNECE E-Road traffic census, for the Working Party to consider and possibly adopt.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/2

(b) 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses

The secretariat will present draft recommendations for the 2025 UNECE E-Rail traffic census, for the Working Party to consider and possibly adopt.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/4

(c) Other geospatial applications in transport statistics

The secretariat will present progress in improving geospatial transport statistics, with particular emphasis on improving rail and inland waterway traffic statistics. Member States and others may update with their own experiences on this topic, as well as related geospatial datasets such as pollution data.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/10

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 release of the publication "Inland Transport Statistics for Europe and North America". In addition, the secretariat will present a new way to disseminate transport statistics through data stories. Short country interventions on their own dissemination strategies and products are welcome.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/3

9. Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference and for the Working Party

As agreed at the previous session, the secretariat has prepared a new draft Rules of Procedure that are aligned with those of the Inland Transport Committee, for the Working Party to consider. If adopted, the Working Party may wish to adopt new Terms of Reference that refer to these Rules of Procedure.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2023/6

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-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee, which took place from 21 to 24 February 2023.

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

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

12. Other business

(a) Date of next session

The seventy-fifth session of the working party is tentatively scheduled for 22 to 24 May 2024 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 2023 and 2024.

13. 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.
