72nd Session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Sustainable Transport Development The Case of Inland Water Transport



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Inland Transport Committee 2010

The 72nd annual session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Inland Transport Committee (ITC) will convene from 23-25 February 2010. The highlights this year include the implementation of the digital tachograph (AETR), the completion of the UNDA project on road safety as well as the new UNDA project on climate change and road transport.

Other issues for consideration:

- Developing Euro-Asian transport links
- Hinterland connections of seaports
- Border crossing facilitation
- Road-rail-inland water-and intermodal transport
- Road traffic safety
- Vehicle regulations
- Transport of dangerous goods and perishable foodstuffs
- Inland transport security
- Global warming and transport
- Intelligent transport systems
- Promotion of sustainable transport
- Operational activities and assistance to countries with economies in transition. For more information and the full agenda, please see: www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html

Special Events

A special high-level policy segment Sustainable Transport Development - the Case of Inland Water Transport will take place in the afternoon of 23 February 2010. Keynote speeches and presentations by UNECE member States, European Union, river commissions, inland ports and representatives of the shipping industry will examine challenges and opportunities for inland water transport in a Pan-European context. The concluding panel discussion will focus on the competitiveness of inland water transport in the context of global supply chains. *The full programme is available at: www.unece.org/trans/events/2010/inlandtransport_2010.html*

In parallel with the meetings an exhibition entitled "Russia through the rail window" will be organized by the Russian Railways and the United Nations Office in Geneva. Vladimir Yakunin, President of the Russian Railways, and Avtandil Gorgiladze, Vice-President and head of International Relations of the Russian Railways, will both attend the exhibition and the Inland Transport Committee will also benefit from their presence in Geneva.

The exhibition takes place from 22 February – 12 March, at the Palais des Nations, on the mezzanine of the E building, Door 40 (www.unog.ch/culturalactivities).