
Working Party on Transport Statistics

Informal Virtual Session

Held virtually, 17-19 June 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Updated Provisional Agenda

1. Due to COVID19 measures it was not possible to hold the 71st session of the Working Party of Transport Statistics in-person. Interpretation was not possible virtually, therefore an informal and virtual session will be held instead. Any business-critical decisions will be subject to a ten day silence procedure, as outlined by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe¹.

2. It is expected that agenda items 1 and 2 will be discussed Wednesday 17 June in the morning session, starting at 10:30 Geneva time; agenda item 3 in the Wednesday 17 June afternoon session starting at 14:30; agenda items 4, 5 and 6 in the Friday 19 June morning session starting at 11:00.

Agenda item 1

3. Delegates will be invited to adopt the modified agenda.

Agenda item 2

Transport-Related Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Mr Jean Todt, the United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety, will make opening remarks on the importance of accurate, comparable and timely road safety statistics for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals. The secretariat will give a short update on UNECE road accident statistics, and the importance of disaggregated data to leave no-one behind (for example, by monitoring fatality rates among vulnerable road users). The UNECE Sustainable Development Goal Data Dashboard will be presented.

5. Canada will present their transport-related SDG monitoring activities. Other member States are encouraged to share their own efforts in producing indicators that track sustainable transport, both within the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and elsewhere.

6. The secretariat will share an update on its efforts to better monitor Sustainable Development Goal indicator 9.1.2 on passenger and freight volumes. The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT) will share their experiences in monitoring transport's inclusion in member State Voluntary National Reviews (*to be confirmed*).

7. A consultant working for UKaid will present results of a study tracking rural access to transport, for monitoring Sustainable Development Goal indicator 9.1.1.
8. A draft report giving recommendations on measuring and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals in the ECE region (Informal document number 2) will be mentioned, which member States may provide written comments on until 15 July.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/3;
Informal document No. 2 (2020)

Agenda item 3

COVID19 Impact on Transport Statistics Production

9. Member States will present their approaches to producing quick transport statistics that monitor the COVID19 impact on transport systems. Member States scheduled to speak are Ireland, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Sweden and Russian Federation.
10. The secretariat will update delegates on the short-term data that have been collated on a wiki page. Discussion is encouraged around short term statistics, timeliness and dissemination methods.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/8

Agenda item 4

Member States Statistical Challenges

11. Any member State updates on general statistical matters may be made under this agenda item.

Agenda item 5

Urban Transport Statistics

12. The secretariat will provide an update on tram and metro statistics collection and dissemination. A member State will give an update on the challenges of obtaining public transport data that are sometimes considered confidential. Member States are encouraged to share their own experiences on urban transport statistics, particularly in light of changes in mobility due to COVID19.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/5

Agenda item 6

Administrative matters

13. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC), at its eighty-first session in February 2019 adopted its new strategy to 2030. Following this adoption, the ITC mandated its subsidiary bodies to review their work in order to align their activities to the new strategy. The secretariat has prepared a document (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/6) detailing relevant elements of the ITC strategy with regards to WP.6, and how to better align the activities of WP.6 to the ITC

strategy. The Working Party may wish to take note of this document, and approve the suggestions. If done, the secretariat will draft new Terms of Reference to be presented at the next session for discussion.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2020/6

Draft decision: The Working Party adopted the secretariat's document detailing possible realignment of the Working Party's activities towards those set out in the ITC strategy, in particular to better support monitoring of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals. The Working Party requested the secretariat to draft new Terms of Reference to reflect this new emphasis, to be discussed at the next session of the Working Party.

13. As per usual practice, the Working Party will be invited to elect a chair and vice-chair for the period 2021-2022.