

Round Table to take stock of the operational rail freight capacity of the Trans-Caspian and Almaty-Istanbul corridors

6 September 2022, 15:00 – 18:00 CET – Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXI

DRAFT PROGRAMME

15:00-15:10 - Welcoming Remarks:

Mr. Yuwei Li, Director, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE

Mr. Akbar Khodaei, Director, Transport and Communications Department, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

15:10 – 15:20 –Setting the scene – Current state-of-affairs of Euro-Asian inland transport connectivity

Mr. Roel Janssens, Secretary, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE

15:20 – 16:45 – Panel discussion I – Concrete next steps towards reliable, corridor-wide agreed timetables and tariffs

Discussion kick-off by:

Mrs. Sandra Gehenot, Freight Director, International Union of Railways (UIC)

Mr. Alberto Grisone, Director, HUPAC Intermodal SA

Co-facilitators: Mr. Roel Janssens, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division and **Mr. Rati Devadze**, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Panellists:

Mr. Aibek Kapar, Deputy CEO for logistics, KTZ Express JSC, Kazakhstan

Mr. Natiq Jafaerov, Director, ADY Container LLC, Azerbaijan Railways

Mr. Mikheil Ukleba, Head of Business Development and International Relations, Georgian Railways

Mr. Naci Özçelik, Head of Department, State Railway Transport Company (TCDD), Türkiye

Mr. Morteza Jafari, Vice President for Commerce and Operations, (Islamic Republic) of Iran Railways

Mr. Otabek Irkabaev, Head, Railway Transport Development Department, Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

16:45 – 17:45 – Panel discussion II – Concrete next steps towards efficient, harmonized en route border crossing and customs services

Co-facilitators: **Mr. Roel Janssens**, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division and **Mr. Rati Devadze**, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Panellists:

Mr. Javad Gasimov, Deputy Chairman, State Customs Committee, Azerbaijan

Mr. Burak Serkan Yaşar, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Trade/ Directorate of Customs, Türkiye

Mrs. Irina Sigua, International Relations Department, Revenue Service of Georgia

Mr. Azamjon Ergashev, Head of Division, General Department of Customs Control and Clearance, State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan

Mr. Seyed Ziaeddin Moosavi, TIR & Transit Expert, Customs Administration, (Islamic Republic of) Iran

17:45 – 18:00 – Conclusions and next steps

18:00 – End of Round Table