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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session^{*,**}

To be held at the Salle V, Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m.
on Wednesday, 13 September 2023

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Information on other complementary activities across the ECE region.
3. Identification of stations on the AGC network to be defined as an international railway passenger hub.
4. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international railway passenger hub.
5. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions.
6. Report on the execution of the mandate of the Group.
7. Other business.
8. Summary of decisions and reading of the draft report.

* Participation is possible only in person. Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002845/>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (sc.2@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website: <https://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.

** Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Rail-Transport/events/378959>.



II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs (Group of Experts) will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/7

2. Information on other complementary activities across the ECE region

The Group of Experts will be informed about other complementary activities across the ECE region in relation to the mandate of this Group including related initiatives in other fora.

3. Identification of stations on the AGC network to be defined as an international railway passenger hub

The Group of Experts will be invited to finalise discussions on the identification of the hubs based on documents ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/9 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, providing a proposed finalized definition for an International Railway Passenger Hub and a draft final list of stations to be included in a potential legal instrument.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/9

4. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international railway passenger hub

The Group of Experts will be invited to agree on the finalised defined list of minimum technical and service parameters for international railway passenger hubs. Discussions will focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/10 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts. The Group may also wish to finalise discussions on the role of the Guidance note on the application of the requirements relating to technical parameters in hubs and to key definitions for the Hubs work as identified in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/11. Finally, the Group may wish to discuss potential next steps in relation to passenger information as included in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/14 and in annex I of ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/13.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/11,
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/13,
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/14

5. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions

The Group of Experts will be invited to finalise discussions on the potential amendments to the AGC to incorporate aspects related to international railway passenger hubs. The Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/12 containing these proposed amendments. AGC Contracting Parties may wish to express an interest in being the proponents of these amendments at the upcoming session of the Working Party on Rail Transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/12

6. Report on the execution of the mandate of the Group

Experts may wish to discuss document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/13 summarizing the activities of the group since its inception. The Group may wish to modify the report during the session so that it can be submitted to the Working Party on Rail Transport as a summary of the Group's activities and an assessment of the fulfilment of its mandate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/13

7. Other business

At present, there are no proposals under this item. Proposals can be transmitted to the secretariat (sc.2@un.org).

8. Summary of decisions and reading of the draft report

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will read through the draft report of the session highlighting the main decisions.
