

## Summary Assessment

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### **Committee on Transport, fifth session Bangkok 19-21 November 2018**

#### **I. Introduction**

The Committee on Transport, fifth session was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 19-21 November 2018.

A questionnaire assessing the relevance, effectiveness and quality of the meeting was distributed to each delegation of ESCAP members and associate members. In total, 15 of the 26 members and associate members in attendance submitted questionnaires. The overall response rate is therefore 58 per cent. The present assessment was prepared on the basis of these questionnaire responses.

The main purpose of this assessment is to support the secretariat's ongoing efforts to improve its servicing of session.

#### **II. Attendance**

The Committee on Transport, fifth session was attended by 42 per cent of all ESCAP members and associate members (26 of 62). Some 22 of delegations (85 per cent) were headed by officials from the respective capital, including 2 participants at ministerial level. In total there were 114 individual participants, of whom 28 were female (25 per cent).

A number of other entities participated, including United Nations bodies and agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations. From these entities, there were 41 participants of whom 5 were female (13 per cent). Therefore, the total number of participants from both governments and other entities is 155 individuals and the total number of female participants is 33 (21 per cent).

#### **III. Relevance of the session**

Respondents agreed that the agenda items reflected the present development trends and issues in the Asian and Pacific region. The respondents also rated positively on relevance to the needs and priorities of their countries/territories (See table 1).

There were some suggestions and comments on the relevance of the session:

- It is most relevant cross border connectivity, develop infrastructure road, rail centre, multimodal transport, Dry Port, ICP for connectivity to movement passengers and goods
- It is better to give a chance to present the improvements of road safety in every country at the session.
- Find out the way to do more effective use of Asia Highway and Trans Asian Railway.

**Table 1**

EVALUATED STATEMENT	INDEX (0-100) <sup>1</sup>
The agenda items reflected the present development trends/issues of the Asian and Pacific region.	88
The agenda items are relevant to the needs and priorities of my country/territory.	88

#### IV. Effectiveness of the session

The respondents rated positively on the session's effectiveness at promoting dialogue on regional and subregional approaches to transport; and in highlighting regional development trends and issues in the region. In particular, the respondents are strongly agreed that the session documents were high quality, concise and clear. The respondents also agreed that the session effectively identified priority areas and emerging issues in the region. Respondents rated lower for the effectiveness in addressing gender related issues (See table 2).

There were some suggestions and comments on the effectiveness of the session:

- It is essential to sign up and make transport and transit agreement intra-region and set-up one policy to transport for movement cross border.
- More effective session committee may consider the opinion of member States to implement the regional connectivity in all of transport model.

<sup>1</sup> Methodology, an index between 100 and 0 is given, whereby, at a value of 100, all respondents rate to a great extent to the statement, and, at a value of 0, all respondents rate to not at all.

Index = actual value of all aggregated responses - minimum value of all aggregated responses / maximum value of all aggregated responses - minimum value of all aggregated responses.

**Table 2**

EVALUATED STATEMENT	INDEX (0-100)
The session effectively highlighted regional development trends and issues.	85
The session effectively identified priority areas and emerging issues in the region.	83
The session effectively promoted dialogue on regional and subregional approaches to transport	88
The session effectively addressed gender-related issues.	79
The session documents were of high quality, concise and clear.	91

### V. Efficiency of the session

The respondents rated favourably on the efficiency of servicing by the secretariat; time available for discussion during the session; and the communications to the member States on the preparations for the session (Table 3).

There were some suggestions and comments on the efficiency of the organizational and servicing aspects of the session:

- I appreciate secretariat's help for administrative and substantive support for our delegation. I suggest that the Committee could be further maximize the time and improve efficiency as the agenda could be finished in two days instead of three.
- 1. Improving road safety; 2. Improving transport and logistics in line with sustainable development; 3. Assessing urban transport systems and services.
- This is settlement address to this issue.
- At the progress review meetings which will be held in every month, we discuss the urban transport improvements focusing on the projects which are being carried out.
- Bangladesh will consider the decision of the Committee and take necessary steps to implement the discussion.

**Table 3**

EVALUATED STATEMENT	INDEX (0-100)
The time available for discussion during the session was adequate.	90
The servicing by the secretariat was efficient and effective.	90
The communications from the secretariat to the member States on the preparations for the session were effective.	91

## **VI. Other comments**

One delegation indicated concrete actions that their government would take in response to the decisions and recommendations of the session included: To make plan and pilot project to connectivity and mobility to transport by selecting different type of mode, i.e. multiple modal transport and plan safety road border for smoothly movement vehicle.

## **VII. Conclusion**

Overall, delegations agreed that the Committee on Transport, fifth session was successful.

The session was generally seen as relevant to the needs of the region; especially in promoting dialogue on regional and subregional approaches to transport. The session documents were of high quality, concise and clear.

The efficiency of the session also received very positive feedback, in particular, the communications between the secretariat and member States. The issue of addressing gender in the field of transport may warrant some attention in future sessions with a view to further improving the committee's effectiveness.

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