

## **ITF Regional High-Level Dialogue for Asia**

**9:00 – 17:00 (UTC+7)  
22 November 2022**

**Hotel Pullman Bangkok King Power  
8/2 Rang Nam Alley, Thanon Phaya Thai, Bangkok**

# INTRODUCTION

The ITF Transport Outlook 2021 projected that transport demand for both passenger and freight to grow significantly in the coming decades, especially in Asia, reflecting economic development and enhanced connectivity. Global passenger transport demand is projected to triple by 2050, with China and India generating a third of global passenger kilometres (PKM), while OECD countries' share of PKM will fall from 43% to 24%. Freight transport flows to Asia, from Asia, and within Asia are also expected to grow the most compared to the rest of the world. However, significant differences exist between Asian transport trends and the rest of the world, implying different transport policy needs. Countries are also growing differently within Asia, with varying sets of advantages and limitations as experienced by landlocked, coastal, or archipelagic States. To address the increasing environmental and social challenges in the transport sector, it is necessary to evaluate the impact of different policies and measures on travel behaviour, passenger and freight flow patterns and associated emissions. This impact will also be affected by uncertainties, such as the potential for increasingly bilateral international trade relationships, disruptions in oil prices, tighter financial conditions in emerging economies, and the long-term impact of global events, such as the covid-19 pandemic. Changes in population, urbanisation, gross domestic product (GDP) and international trade activity have historically been strongly correlated with global transport demand and will continue to be significant factors.

The International Transport Forum (ITF) currently has eight Member Countries in Asia and seeks to continue to expand its scope of work and presence in the region. As the only global body that covers all transport modes, the ITF brings value to Asian countries by supporting different transport goals and visions through the ITF's programme of work, policy analysis, research capacity, and an extensive network of experts and stakeholders. Greater engagement with Asian countries will help the ITF serve the needs of future transport goals in a time of change and disruption, especially since the world's most significant growth in both passenger and freight transport demand will come from Asia. On-going work in Asia is based on the ITF's five main priority topics in transport, including accessibility, connectivity, decarbonisation, digitalisation, and safety and security. Specific projects have been conducted bilaterally with individual countries or on a regional level, such as with countries in Central Asia or Southeast Asia. The ITF has also developed partnerships with regional organisations to support the development of sustainable, resilient and inclusive transport in Asia. These partnerships are with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The partnership with ESCAP has strengthened in the last several years in response to the growing demands of the respective member countries to better understand and anticipate global and regional transport trends and to deliver on their national and regional ambitions in terms of sustainable development. The Covid-19 pandemic led to the implementation of the joint analytical and capacity-building programme on sustainable transport connectivity, which contributed to the vision and the objectives of the new Regional Action Programme on Sustainable Transport Development, adopted by the ESCAP Fourth Ministerial Conference on Transport on 14-17 December 2021.

Another area of collaboration was the ITF Transport Outlook for Asia publication series. ITF Transport Outlook develops and analyses forward-looking scenarios for global transport activity across all transport modes. It provides decision-makers in government and industry with coherent scenarios for future demand in passenger mobility, freight volumes and transport-related carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions to 2050 based on cutting-edge modelling tools developed by the ITF. With the support of the ESCAP, the ITF has developed a more detailed and tailored analysis for countries in Asia, namely 1) Southeast Asia, 2) South and Southwest Asia and 3) North and Central Asia, which are three growing sub-regions that are experiencing rapid changes in transport demand, services and infrastructure.

Building upon the partnership with the ESCAP, the ITF is organising its Regional High-Level Dialogue for Asia in the same week as the ESCAP seventh session of the Committee on Transport.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Regional High-Level Dialogue for Asia aims to identify opportunities and concrete actions in Asia that will lead to more sustainable, resilient and inclusive transport. It will focus on sharing priority policies, best practice knowledge and effective measures to accelerate the transition within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. It will also raise awareness of rising local and regional air pollution, congestion, emerging mobility services, digitalisation, road fatalities, and global carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The sessions will specifically focus on Southeast Asia. They will cover highly relevant topics for the region, such as transport connectivity, inclusive and safe transport, low carbon transport, and digitalisation.

Key discussion outcomes will be carried forward to the ITF 2023 Summit, the seventh session of the ESCAP Committee on Transport and other global and regional transport moments in 2022 and 2023, as well as to guide the development of an evidence-based policy framework in Asia.

# PROGRAMME

9:00-17:00 (UTC +7), 22 November 2022  
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<b>09.00 - 09.20</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>  Moderator: Mr Weimin Ren, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol</b>, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport, Kingdom of Cambodia (5 minutes)</li><li>▪ <b>Dr. Young Tae Kim</b>, Secretary-General, ITF (5 minutes)</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Mathias Cormann</b>, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (video message)</li></ul>
<b>09.20 - 10.00</b>	<b>Opening Session: Reimagining Asia's Future of Transport</b>  This high-level panel discussion focuses on the “transformational” scenario of Asia's transport and mobility system in the future. It aims to identify different policy actions that are effective in encouraging changes in the behaviour of transport users, uptake of cleaner energy and vehicle technologies, digitalisation to improve transport efficiency, and infrastructure investment to help meet environmental and social development goals.  Moderator: Mr Weimin Ren, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol</b>, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport, Kingdom of Cambodia</li><li>▪ <b>H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana</b>, Executive Secretary, United Nations ESCAP</li><li>▪ <b>Dr. Young Tae Kim</b>, Secretary-General, ITF</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Jean Todt</b>, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, United Nations</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. James Leather</b>, Chief of Transport Sector Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank</li></ul>
<b>10.00-10.15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>10.15 - 12.00</b>	<b>Informal Ministers' Roundtable on Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Transport Policies in Asia</b>  Moderator: Dr. Young Tae Kim, Secretary-General, ITF  ITF developed the Ministers' Roundtables (MRT) concept in 2012 to provide opportunities for Transport Ministers and invited industry and international organisation leaders to participate in open and frank discussions on selected transport-related topics.  This informal MRT on Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Transport Policies will focus on effective policies that can serve the ambitions for transport in national Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement as countries recover from the Covid-19 Pandemic. Key discussion outputs will contribute to the ITF 2023 Summit and inform and support other transport dialogues, such as ESCAP Committee on Transport and other regional or global events.  Suggested topics for discussion are as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Covid-19 pandemic crisis has disrupted freight and passenger transport demand and supply. While its long-term impacts are still uncertain, what are the essential actions Transport Ministries can take to support a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery?</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is required to support action and improve resource allocation to finance and implement sustainable, resilient, inclusive transport policies?</li> <li>• What are some of the unique challenges countries in Asia would need to overcome in achieving sustainable, resilient and inclusive transport?</li> </ul>
<b>12.00 - 13.00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>13.00 - 14.30</b>	<p><b>Future of Sustainable Urban Mobility in Southeast Asia</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Wei-Shiuen Ng, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP</p> <p>Recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic offers opportunities to reshape mobility in cities, aiming toward more sustainable, resilient and human-centric urban transport systems. Governments and industry stakeholders must rethink policy approaches, investment, and mobility strategies to restore mobility without compromising sustainability and accessibility. Innovations in transport, such as digitalisation, also have an important role in this transition.</p> <p>This session focuses on the questions,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What roles can public transport, active mobilities, new mobility services and vehicle technologies play in providing clean and equitable mobility to all?</li> <li>• How should governments and private sector players respond to restoring urban mobility and transport post-pandemic?</li> </ul> <p>The session starts with two presentations on the topic. A panel discussion will follow.</p> <p><b>Presentations (30 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Dominika Kalinowska</b>, Urban Act - Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon &amp; Resilient Cities, GIZ (15 minutes)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Philippe Crist</b>, Regulation of App-based mobility in Southeast Asia, ITF (15 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel (60 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Timothy John R. Batan</b>, Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development, Department of Transportation, The Philippines</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Beny Irzanto</b>, Senior Officer of Land Transport &amp; Transport Facilitation, ASEAN</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Yossapong Laonual</b>, Head of Mobility and Vehicle Technology Research Center, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Dominika Kalinowska</b>, Project Director, GIZ</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Philippe Crist</b>, Advisor - Innovation &amp; Foresight, ITF</li> </ul>
<b>14.30 - 14.45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>14.45 - 16.15</b>	<p><b>Connectivity and Digital Transformation of Southeast Asia's Regional Freight Corridors</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Guineng Chen, Data and Policy Analytics Lead, ITF</p> <p>Transport connectivity is fundamental to increasing Southeast Asia's competitiveness as it can promote economic growth, social integration, development, supply chain efficiency and resilience. However, Southeast Asian countries have different levels of connectivity. There is a connectivity gap between some countries in the region and the most developed economies, driven by multiple factors, such as geographical location, quality of transport supply chains, and level of institutional capacity.</p>

	<p>This session will focus on the most effective and sustainable ways of closing the connectivity gaps through a more comprehensive understanding of the issue, ranging from infrastructure investment to digital transformation measures.</p> <p>The session starts with two presentations on the topic. A panel discussion will follow.</p> <p><b>Presentations (30 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Orla McCarthy</b>, ITF Southeast Asian Transport Outlook, ITF (15 minutes)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Maya ter Laag</b>, ITF Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia -Transport (SIPA-T), ITF (15 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel (60 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Xin Liu</b>, Deputy Director, Centre for Integrated Transport Research, China Academy of Transportation Sciences (CATS)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest</b>, Chief of Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section, ESCAP</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Kijin Kim</b>, Senior Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Ruth Banomyong</b>, Dean, Thammasat Business School, Thammasat University</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Ryuichi Shibasaki</b>, Associate Professor, Resilience Engineering Research Center / Department of Technology Management for Innovation, School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo</li> </ul>
<p><b>16:15 – 16:25</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Young Tae Kim</b>, Secretary-General, ITF</li> </ul>

**18:00 - 21:30 DINNER (by invitation)**  
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