



**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL**

Distr.
LIMITED
E/ESCWA/GRID/2005/4
25 July 2005
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

REPORT

EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON THE INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT LINKAGES BETWEEN ESCWA, ECE AND ESCAP

UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROJECT ON CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING LAND AND LAND-SEA INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT LINKAGES (2002-2006) AMMAN, 30 MAY - 1 JUNE 2005

Summary

This Expert Group Meeting was aimed at discussing the proposed transport linkages between the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and two other regional commissions, namely, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Additionally, the Meeting addressed the topic of current border crossing formalities and explored ways to improve them; and investigated the proposed methodologies for conducting economic feasibility studies in order to determine the most viable routes that will be part of the final, adopted linkages.

Specifically, discussions focused on the following: (a) national reports by concerned countries of the three regions, which presented concepts of the transport routes that will form part of the connecting linkages; (b) a description of the current border crossing formalities; (c) the proposed methodology for economic feasibility studies; and (d) the steps that will be taken in due course within the framework of the United Nations Development Account Project and in line with its requirements.

Agreements were reached with regard to land and land-sea linkages; and a list of steps to be undertaken by the three regional commissions was approved.

CONTENTS

<i>Page</i>		<i>Paragraphs</i>
<i>Chapter</i>		
I.	RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE MEETING	1-9 3
II.	ADOPTED INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT LINKAGES	10 4
III.	ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING	11-13 7
ANNEXES		
I.	List of participants	8
II.	Agenda and programme	12
II.	List of documents.....	14

I. RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE MEETING

1. The Meeting highly appreciated the unique opportunity provided by the United Nations Development Account Project to the participating countries of the ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP regions to review existing international transport linkages, and to share national perspectives and views of international organizations on interregional transport linkages connecting ECE and ESCAP to the ESCWA region.
2. Designated national focal points and experts from participating countries updated the Meeting on the policies and plans for the development of international transport linkages in their respective countries, and made proposals for further development and cooperation with regard to these transport linkages.
3. The Meeting highlighted the importance of existing international transport agreements developed under the auspices of ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP, namely: The Agreements on International Roads and Railways in the Arab Mashreq; the Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries; the Agreement on Main International Railway Lines; and the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway. The Meeting agreed that these agreements and the respective networks could be considered as the basis for identification of the major interregional linkages connecting ECE and ESCAP to the ESCWA region.
4. Participants noted that the development of transport infrastructure was a long-term exercise and, within the framework of this Project, agreed to focus on the most vital issues related to development and operation of interregional transport linkages.
5. After active and constructive deliberation, the Meeting endorsed the most important road and rail transport routes connecting ECE and ESCAP to the ESCWA region (see tables 1 to 6 below).
6. Furthermore, the Meeting identified the following joint and related ESCWA-ECE-ESCAP project activities to be undertaken in close cooperation with concerned countries:
 - (a) Corridor studies from June to December 2005, which are set to comprise the following:
 - (i) technical and economic assessments of major land and land-sea linkages/routes; (ii) estimation of transport demands/traffic flows along the linkages/routes; (iii) identification of existing and planned investment projects along the linkages/routes; and (iv) relevant maps;
 - (b) Second expert group meeting on interregional transport linkages between ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP: technical and economic assessment, which has been set for spring 2006;
 - (c) Facilitation studies from December 2005 to May 2006, which consist of the following:
 - (i) identification of operational, procedural and regulatory obstacles; (ii) recommendations of trade and transport facilitation measures; and (iii) implementation of the most relevant existing international conventions;
 - (d) Third expert group meeting on interregional transport linkages between ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP: transport and trade facilitation, which has been set for summer 2006;
 - (e) National facilitation seminars from June to December 2005.
7. The Meeting noted with appreciation the readiness of the Alliance Internationale de Tourisme/Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (AIT/FIA), the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) to support the activities of the Project and to assist countries in areas of their expertise and aimed at facilitating international transport in the regions.
8. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the Ministry of Transport in Jordan for hosting this Meeting and to the secretariats of ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP for organizing the Meeting.

9. The major conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting were adopted on 1 June 2005 in Amman.

II. ADOPTED INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT LINKAGES

10. Subsequent to a broad discussion with regard to interregional routes, the participants adopted the following interregional linkages: (a) road and sea/road routes (see table 1); (b) rail, rail/sea routes and rail/road/sea routes (see table 2); (c) potential rail routes (see table 3); and (d) interregional port connections (see tables 4 to 6).

TABLE 1. ROAD AND SEA/ROAD ROUTES

	International reference	Itineraries	Comment
1	E80/E89/E90 AH1/AH5/E90/M05	[Bulgaria] – Kapikule – Istanbul – Ankara – Aksaray – Adana – Toprakkale – Gaziantep – Sanliurfa – Nusaybin – Cizre – <u>Habur Gumruk</u> – <u>Zakho</u> – Mosul – Baghdad – Al Samawah – Basrah – Safwan – <u>Abdally</u> – Kuwait – <u>Nuwayseeb</u> – <u>Hafji</u> – Abu Hadriyh – Dammam (port) – Hufuf – Salwa – <u>Batha'a</u> – <u>Al Ghweifat</u> – Abu Dhabi (port) – Dubai (port) – Fujairah – <u>Kalba</u> – <u>Khatmat Malahaw</u> – Sohar (port) – Muscat (port) – Nizwa – Thumrayt – Salalah (port)	Connect to Bulgaria
1a	E90/M10	<u>Nusaybin</u> – <u>Kamishli</u> – <u>Yaaroubia</u> – <u>Rabieyyah</u> – Mosul	
1b	E95/E80/E89/AH5/AH1	Samsun (port) – Merzifon – Gerede – Ankara	Connect to Black Sea ports
2	E91/E98/ M45/M47	[Bulgaria] – Istanbul – Ankara – Aksaray – Adana – Toprakkale – Topbogazi – Kirikhan – Reyhanli – <u>Cilvegozu</u> – <u>Bab-Al-Hawa</u> – Aleppo – Homs – Damascus – <u>Nasib</u> – <u>Jaber</u> – Amman – Ma'an – Aqaba (port)	Connect to Bulgaria
2a	M40/M35	Amman – Al Azraq – <u>Omari</u> – <u>Hadithat</u> – Sakakah – Ha'il – Buraydah – Riyadh	
2b	M45/M80/M55/M45	Ma'an – Al Mudawara – Halat Ammar – Tabuk – Qalibah – Medina – Jeddah (port) – Darb – <u>Al Tuwal</u> – <u>Harad</u> – Hodeidah – Al Mukha	Direct link between Medina and Jeddah (not via Mecca)
3	E90/M10/Iranian national highway/AH1	Lattakia (port) – Aleppo – Kamishli – Mosul – Irbil – <u>Haji Omran</u> – <u>Tamarchin</u> – Tabriz – Qazvin – Tehran	AH1 currently does not connect to the border with Iraq. Tamarchin (Iran) is not now a formal border crossing point.
4	M20/M45/M30/M40/AH 2	Tartous (port) – Homs – Tanf – Al Walid – Ramadi – Baghdad – Khanaqin – <u>Munthareya</u> – <u>Khosravi</u> – Hamadan – Tehran	
5	M30/M51/M40/AH2	Beirut (port)/Tripoli (port) – Damascus – Tanf – Al Walid – Ramadi – Baghdad – <u>Munthareya</u> – <u>Khosravi</u> – Hamadan – Tehran	
6	M40/AH2	Alexandria (port) – Port Said (port) – Kantara Bridge – Arish – <u>Rafah</u> – Gaza – Hebron – Jerusalem – <u>King Hussein Bridge</u> – Amman – Al Azraq – <u>Karamah</u> – <u>Tarabil</u> – Ramadi – Baghdad – Khanaqin – <u>Munthareya</u> – <u>Khosravi</u> – Hamadan – Tehran	
7	M80	Jeddah (port) – Riyadh – Dammam (port) – [sea link to Iranian/Pakistani ports]	Direct link between Riyadh and Jeddah (not via Mecca)

TABLE 1 (continued)

	International reference	Itineraries	Comment
8	M70/M05/Iranian national highway/AH8	Yanbu (port) – Medina – Buraydah – Artawiyah – Hafar El Batin – Al Ruqi – As Salmy – Abdully – Safwan – Basrah – <u>Shalamcheh</u> – Khorramshahr – Ahvaz – Salafchegan – Saveh – Tehran	AH 8 currently connects Ahvaz to Bandar Emam. The link between Ahvaz and Khorramshahr is currently not part of the Asian Highway.
9	AH2	Tehran – Qom – Yazd – Kerman – Zahedan – <u>Mirjaveh</u> – <u>Taftan</u> – Quetta – Loralai – Multan – <u>Wahgah</u> – <u>Attari</u>	Connect to India Loralai link not in AH but shorter
9a	AH51/AH1/AH4	<u>Taftan</u> – Quetta – Dera Ismail Khan – Peshawar – Hassanabdal – <u>Khurjerab</u> – [<u>Honqiraf</u>] – Kashi – [<u>Urumqi</u>]	Connect to Western China
9b	AH1/AH75	Tehran – Semnan – Mashhad – <u>Sarakhs</u> – [<u>Saraks</u>]	Connect to Turkmenistan/ Central Asia
9c	AH71	Zahedan – Dashtak – Zabol – Milak – [<u>Zarang</u> – <u>Dilaram</u>]	Connect to Afghanistan
10	Sea/AH8/AH72/AH70/AH75	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Bandar Emam/Bushehr/Bandar Abbas/Chabahar – <u>Sarakhs</u> – [<u>Saraks</u>]	Connect to Turkmenistan/Central Asia
11	Sea/AH75/AH71	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Chabahar (port) – Zehedan – Dashtak – Zabol – Milak – [<u>Zarang</u> – <u>Dilaram</u>]	Connect to Afghanistan
12	Sea/Pakistan national highway/AH4/AH2	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Gwadar (port) – Karachi (port) – Rohri – Multan – <u>Wahgah</u> – [<u>Attari</u>]	Connect to India
13	Sea/AH7	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Karachi (port) – Kalat – Quetta – <u>Chaman</u> – [<u>Speenboldak</u>]	Connect to Afghanistan
14	Sea/Pakistan national highway -	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Gwadar (port) – Sorab – <u>Chaman</u> – [<u>Speenboldak</u>]	Connect to Afghanistan
15	Sea/AH8/AH72/AH70/AH75	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Bandar Emam/Bushehr/Bandar Abbas/Chabahar – Tehran – Qazvin – Rasht – <u>Astara</u> – [<u>Astara</u>]	Connect to Azerbaijan

TABLE 2. RAIL, RAIL/SEA ROUTES AND RAIL/ROAD/SEA ROUTES

	International reference	Itineraries	Comment
1	E70/TAR/R20/R05	[Bulgaria] Kapikule – Istanbul – Ankara – Kalin – Malatya – <u>Nusaybin</u> – <u>Kamishli</u> – Yaaroubia – Rabieyyah – Mosul – Baghdad – Shuaibah – Shalamcheh – (missing link) – Khorrahmshahr – Ahvaz – Andimeshk – Qom – Tehran	Connect to Bulgaria. Missing link requires some 53 kilometres of new railway, of which 18 kilometres is in Iran and 35 kilometres in Iraq
1a	E97/E70/TAR	Samsun (port) – Kalin	Connect to Black Sea ports
2	E97/TAR/R25/R60	Malatya – Toprakkale – F. Pasa – <u>Islahiye</u> – <u>Meydan Ekbez</u> – Aleppo – Damascus – Amman – Aqaba (port)	E97 ends in Toprakkale. Narrow gauge from Damascus to Amman
3	E97/R10/R05	Malatya – Toprakkale – F. Pasa – <u>Islahiye</u> – <u>Meydan Ekbez</u> – Aleppo – Deir Ez Zor – Bou Kamal – Qua'im – Haklania – Baghdad – Samawah – Nasiriyah – Basrah – Umm Qasr	

	(port)	
--	--------	--

TABLE 2 (continued)

	International reference	Itineraries	Comment
3a	R10/TAR	Baghdad – Ba’qubah – Khanaqin – [change to road] – Munthareya – <u>Bashmagh</u> – <u>Kermanshah</u> – Khosravi – Arak – [change to rail] – Tehran	Railway project connecting Arak – Kermanschah – Khosravi is under construction
4	Road from Iraqi national highway/TAR	[Road from Iraq] – <u>Bashmagh</u> – <u>Kermanshah</u> – Khosravi – Arak – [change to rail] – Tehran – Qom – Meybod – Bafq – Kerman – Zahedan – (break of gauge) – <u>Mirjaveh</u> – <u>Koh-i-Taftan</u> – Dalbandin – Spezand – Rohri – Lodhran – Khanewal – Multan – Lahore – <u>Wagah</u> – [Attari]	Connect to India. Railway project connecting Arak – Kermanschah – Khosravi is under construction
4a	TAR/AH4	Khanewal – Sahdara – Rawalpindi – [by road to <u>Khunjerab</u> – <u>Hongiraf</u> – Kashi – Urumqi]	Rail/Road. Connect to China
5	Sea/TAR	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Bandar Abbas (port) – Bafq – Tabas – Torbat Heydarieh – Sangbast – <u>Sarakhs</u> – [Sarakhs]	Connect to Turkmenistan/Central Asia
6	Sea/TAR	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Karachi (port)/Gwadar (port) – Rohri – Lodhran – <u>Wahgah</u> – [Attari]	Connect to India
7	Sea/TAR/AH4	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Karachi (port)/Gwadar (port) – Rohri – Khanpur – Lodhran – Lahore – Shahdara – Rawalpindi – [by road to <u>Khunjerab</u> – [HONGIRAF – Kashi – Urumqi]	Connect to China
8	Sea/R80/M80	[Sea link from Iranian/Pakistani ports] – Dammam (port) – Riyadh – [change to road] – Jeddah (port)	Direct link between Riyadh and Jeddah (not via Mecca)
9	E97/R25/R35	Malatya – Toprakkale – [F. Pasa – <u>Islahiye</u>] – <u>Meydan Ekbez</u> – Aleppo – Lattakia (port) – Tartous (port) – Homs	
10	Sea/TAR/Road	Karachi (port) – Rohri – Quetta – Chaman – change to road – [Speenboldak]	Connect to Afghanistan
11	Sea/TAR	[Sea link from ESCWA ports] – Khorramshahr/Bandar-e-Imam/Bandar Abbas (ports) – Tehran – Qazvin – [change to road] – <u>Astara</u> – [Astara]	Connect to Azerbaijan

TABLE 3. POTENTIAL RAIL ROUTES

	International reference	Itineraries	Comment
P1	E97/TAR/R25	Malatya – Toprakkale – [F. Pasa – <u>Islahiye</u>] – <u>Meydan Ekbez</u> – Aleppo – Damascus – Amman – Ma’an – <i>Al Mudawara</i> – <i>Halat Ammar</i> – <i>Tabuk</i> – <i>Medina</i> – <i>Yanbu</i> – <i>Rabigh</i> – <i>Jeddah</i> – <i>Darb</i> – <i>Al Tuwal</i> – <i>Harad</i> – <i>Hodeidah</i> – <i>Al Mukha</i> – <i>Bab al-Mandab</i>	Connect to Route 2 above
P2	E97/TAR/R25/R15	Malatya – Toprakkale – [F. Pasa – <u>Islahiye</u>] – <u>Meydan Ekbez</u> – Aleppo – Damascus – Amman – <i>Zarqa’</i> – <i>Al Azraq</i> – <i>Omari</i> – <i>Hadithat</i> – <i>Quoryat</i> – <i>Dawmat al-Jandal</i> – <i>Ha’il</i> – <i>Buraydah</i> – <i>Riyadh</i>	Connect to Route 2 above
P3	R60/R25/R40/R10	Verdun Bridge – Nakhil – Nuweiba – [ferry] – Aqaba – Ma’an – Amman – <i>Zarqa’</i> – <i>Safawy</i> – <i>Karamah</i> – <i>Tarabil</i> – <i>Haklania</i> – Baghdad –	

	Ba'qubah – Khanaqin – by road to Munthareya – Khosravi – Hamadan – Tehran	
--	--	--

TABLE 4. INTERREGIONAL PORT CONNECTIONS:
PORT/ROAD AND RAIL CONNECTIONS: EUROPEAN PORTS – MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

European ports	Mediterranean ports	Land links
Ports in ECE	Lattakia, Tartous, Beirut, Tripoli, Port Said, Alexandria	Connect to ESCWA road/rail links

TABLE 5. INTERREGIONAL PORT CONNECTIONS:
PORT/ROAD CONNECTIONS: RED SEA/GULF PORTS – IRANIAN/PAKISTANI PORTS

Gulf/Red Sea ports	Ports in Iran and Pakistan	Land links
Umm Qasr, Dammam, Dubai, Jebel Ali, Rashed, Zayed, Sharjah, Fujairah, Khorfakkan, Sultan Qabous, Aqaba, Jeddah, Yanbu	Bandar Emam, Bushehr Bandar Abbas, Chabahar, Karachi, Gwadar	Connect to road links in Iran/Pakistan

TABLE 6. INTERREGIONAL PORT CONNECTIONS:
PORT/RAIL CONNECTIONS: RED SEA/GULF PORTS – IRANIAN/PAKISTANI PORTS

Gulf/Red Sea ports	Ports in Iran and Pakistan	Land links	Comments
Umm Qasr, Dammam, Dubai, Jebel Ali, Rashed, Zayed, Sharjah, Fujairah, Khorfakkan, Sultan Qabous, Aqaba, Jeddah, Yanbu	Khorramshahr, Bandar-e- Imam Khomeini, Bandar-e- Abbas, Karachi, Gwadar	Connect to Iranian/Pakistani rail links.	Ports of Umm Qasr, Dammam, Aqaba have direct links to railways

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

11. The Expert Group Meeting on the Interregional Transport Linkages between ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP (Amman, 30 May – 1 June 2005) was jointly organized by ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP. The agenda and programme of the Meeting are attached in annex II.

12. The Meeting was attended by the national focal points and experts from the following nine countries and territories: Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Additionally, the Meeting was attended by representatives from AIT/FIA, IRU and ITF (see annex I for the list of participants).

13. The Meeting was jointly opened by H.E. Mr. Saud Nseirat, Minister of Transport in Jordan; Ms. Thouka al-Khalidi, Chief of the Globalization and Regional Integration Division in ESCWA; Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Regional Advisor for the Transport Division in ECE; and Mr. Madan Bandhu Regmi, Economic Affairs Officer in the Transport and Tourism Division in ESCAP.

Annex I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Jordan

H.E. Soud Niesart
Minister of Transport
Ministry of Transport
Amman

Mr. Alaa Al-Batayneh
Secretary General
Ministry of Transport
Amman

Mr. Laith Dababneh
Director Multi-Transport Department
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: 35214 Amman 1180 Jordan
Tel.: 962 6 5518111 Ext: 233
Fax: 962 6 5527233
E-mail: ldababneh@mot.gov.jo
Website: www.mot.gov.jo

Mr. Abdallah Al-Shawawrah
Director of Road Freight Transport Department
Ministry of Transport
Mobile: 962-79-5941132
Fax: 5527233
E-mail: ashawawreh@mot.gov.jo

Mr. Mahmoud Abdel Salam
ESCWA National Focal Point
Head of Maritime Transport
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: 35214 Amman 11180 Jordan
Tel.: 962 6 5518111 Ext: 229
Mobile: 962 79 5060547
Fax: 962 6 5527233
E-mail: mabedalsalam@mot.gov.jo
Website: www.mot.gov.jo

Mr. Inmar Khasawneh
Director Traffic Safety Division
Ministry of Public works and Housing
Tel.: 962 5 811861
Mobile: 962 79 5288309-962 77 7397556
E-mail: anmar.k@mpwh.com.gov.jo

Mr. Tayseer Ahmed Al-Kayed
Head of Geometric Design Section
Ministry of Public Works and Housing
Tel.: 5850470
Mobile: 079-5388885
Fax: 5857590
E-mail: tyseer.k@mpwh.gov.jo

Mr. Abdalla I Habekh
Deputy Transit Director
Head of Transit Section
Tel.-Fax: 962-6-4644984
Mobile: 962-777785261
E-mail: a_habekh@customs.gov.jo

Iran

Mr. Mehdi Mahzoon
Director General
Bureau for Roads and Transportation Affairs
Management and Planning Organization (MPO)
MPO Building, Safialishah Avenue
Baharestan Square, Tehran 11494
Tel.: (98-21) 311-5337
Fax: (98-21) 311-4646
E-mail: transport@mporg.ir

Iraq

Mr. Atta Nabil Hussein Atta
ESCWA National Focal Point
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Transport
Tel.: 964 1 5371131-5372092
Mobile: 964-7901-923288-079-5984053
E-mail: awniatta@yahoo.com

Mr. Matti Yacoob Matti
Transport and Operation Director
Iraqi Republic Railways Company
Mobile: 964-790-503984
Fax: 790-1-503984

Mr. Omran Radhi Thani El-Lami
Sea Captain, Branch Director
Iraqi Public Maritime Transport Company
Basra, Iraq
Tel.: 964-4-410541- 413646
Mobile: 7801-435411

Iraq (continued)

Ms. Azza Ahmad Hussien
Director of International Affairs Department
Ministry of Transport
Tel.: 964-790-1924837
E-mail: transportnew2004@yahoo.com

Pakistan

Mr. Raja Nowsherwan Sultan
Member (Planning)
National Highway Authority (NHA)
Ministry of Communications
Tel.: 92-51-9260409

Mr. Tahir Sharif
Director Roads
Ministry of Communications
Tel.: 92-51-9202711
Fax: 92-51-9220899

Palestine

Mr. Mohamad Jaradat
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: Ramallah 399
Tel.: 970-2951330
Mobile: 59-817153
Fax: 970-22-951318
E-mail: mjaradat@mot.gov.ps

Saudi Arabia

Mr. Khamis Bin Saleh Al-Ghamdi
ESCWA National Focal Point
Director, Bus Transit
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: 61996
Tel.: 966 1 4014882
Mobile: 966 5 0 5775426
Fax: 966 1 4021584
E-mail: khamis.alghamdi@mot.gov.sa
Website: www.mot.gov.sa

Mr. Faysal Bin Ali Al-Zeben
Assistant, Deputy Minister
Land Transport Division
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: 3813 Riyadh 11481
Tel.: 966 1 4043120
Fax: 966 1 4014745
E-mail: alzaben@moc.gov.sa

Mr. Youssef I. Jadu
Director General, Studies Department
Ministry of Transport
Tel.: 966 1 4055988
Mobile: 966 50 3484202
Fax: 966 1 4055988
E-mail: yjado@mot.gov

Syrian Arab Republic

Mr. Mahmoud Al-Haffar
ESCWA National Focal Point
Director, Studies and Research and Environmental
Issues
Ministry of Transport
Abu Rumanah, Damascus
Tel.: 963-3331625
Mobile: 963-94-590864
E-mail: mahmoudalhaffar@hotmail.com

Ms. Ihab Almawaldi
Director of Planning and International
Relationships
Public Establishment for Road Communication
Ministry of Transport
P.O. Box: 34203
Damascus
Tel.: 963 11 2227033
Mobile: 963 93 640990
Fax: 963 11 4425345
E-mail: ihabm1@hotmail.com

Mr. Amal Abu Ayash
Deputy Director
Public Establishment for Road Communications
Ministry of Transport
Damascus
Tel.: 963 11 2227033
Mobile: 963-93-882467
Fax: 963 11 244553266
E-mail: laco@mail.sy

Mr. Adnan Mansoura
Director of New Projects
Public Establishment for Road Communication
Ministry of Transport
Damascus
Tel.: 963 11 2221134
Fax: 963 11 2455266
E-mail: adnan_mn@scs_net.org

Turkey

Mrs. Nihal Bilgen
Office Manager
Research Planning and Coordination Department
Turkish State Railways
Tel.: +90-212-90515 /4823-90-2123090515
Fax: +90-212-310 4084
E-mail: apkdisproje@tcdd.gov.tr

Mr. Muċahit ARMAN
Head of Section for Planning
Ministry of Public Works and Settlement
Ankara
Tel.: + 90 312 415 80 66
Fax: + 90 312 417 10 93
E-mail: marman@kgm.gov.tr

United Arab Emirates

Mr. Mohamed Abdel Rahman Al-Marzouki
ESCWA National Focal Point
Director, Land Affairs Department
Ministry of Communications
United Arab Emirates
P.O. Box 900 Abu Dhabi
Tel.: 971 2 4182106 – 4492797
Fax: 971 2 4492844
E-mail: marzooqi@moc.uae.gov.ae

B. UNITED NATIONS BODIES

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Ms. Thouka Al-Khalidi
Chief
Globalization and Regional Integration Division
United Nations House, Riad El-Solh
Beirut
Tel.: 961 1 978351
Fax: 961 1 981510
E-mail: alkhalidi@un.org
Web site: www.escwa.org.lb

Mr. Nabil Safwat
Team leader, Transport
Globalization and Regional Integration Division
United Nations House, Riad El-Solh
Beirut
Tel.: 961 1 978342
Fax: 961 1 981510
E-mail: safwatn@un.org
Web site: www.escwa.org.lb

Mr. Bassam Anani
First Economic Affairs Officer
Transport Team
Globalization and Regional Integration Division
United Nations House, Riad El-Solh
Beirut
Tel.: 961 1 978358
Fax: 961 1 981510
E-mail: anani@un.org
Website: www.escwa.org.lb

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Mr. Madan Bandhu Regmi
Economic Affairs Officer
Transport Infrastructure Section
Transport and Tourism Division
Rajdamnern Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
Tel.: (66-2) 288-1571
Fax: (66-2) 2881020
E-mail: regmi.unescap@un.org

Ms. Fuyo Jenny Yamamoto
Economic Affairs Officer
Transport Infrastructure Section
Transport and Tourism Division
Rajdamnern Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
Tel.: (66-2) 288-2488
Fax: (66-2) 280-6042
E-mail: yamamotoj@un.org

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis
Regional Adviser, Transport Division
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
(UNECE)
8-14, Avenue de la Paix
Palais des Nations CH-1211, Geneva 10
Tel.: +41229171128
Fax: +41229170039
E-mail: michalis.adamantiadis@unece.org

C. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Mr. Haydar Ozkan
General Delegate IRU
Permanent Delegation to the Middle East in
Istanbul
Büyükdere Caddesi, Yapi Kredi Plaza C
Blok K: 15
Levent 34330 Istanbul/Turkey
Tel.: +90-212-358 1900
Fax: +90-212-358 1901
E-mail: Istanbul@iru.org

International Transport Workers Federation (ITF)

Mr. Bilal Isam Milkawi
Arab World Representative
P.O. Box: 925875 Amman 11190 Jordan
Tel.: 962-777-320786
Fax: 962-6-5699448
E-mail: malkawi_bilal@itf.org.uk

Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)

Ms. Deborah Anne Smith
Head of AIT and FIA Customs Affairs
Alliance Internationale de Tourisme/Fédération
Internationale de l'Automobile
1215 Geneva 15
P.O. Box 111
Tel.: +41225444500
Fax: +41225444550
E-mail: dsmith@fia.com
Website: www.aitgva.ch
www.fia.com

D. RESOURCE PERSON

Mr. Jamal El-Zarif
ITF-Transportation Consultant
Beirut
Tel.: 961-1-662780
Mobile: 961-3-778123
Fax: 961-1-826593
E-mail: jzarif@hotmail.com

Annex II

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday, 30 May 2005

- 10:00 – 11:00 Registration of participants
- 11:00 – 14:00
- Item 1 Opening of the Expert Group Meeting by ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP
- Item 2 Introduction by ESCWA of the United Nations Development Account Project on Capacity Building Through Cooperation in Developing Interregional Land and Land-Sea Transport Linkages and objectives of the Meeting
- Item 3 Review of existing international transport networks and initiatives in the ESCWA, ECE and ESCAP regions:
- (a) Presentation by ECE on a number of international agreements, including, among others, the Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries and the Agreement on Main International Railway Lines
 - (b) Presentation by ESCAP on the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway
 - (c) Presentation by ESCWA on the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM) and the Related Agreements on International Roads and Railways in Arab Mashreq
 - (d) Presentation by ECE and ESCAP on the Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project and experiences to-date
- 14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 – 17:00
- Item 4 National perspectives on interregional transport linkages: presentations by national focal points from Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and United Arab Emirates

Day 2: Tuesday, 31 May 2005

- 9:00 – 13:00
- Item 5 Presentation on the ESCWA/ECE transport linkages and border crossing formalities:

- (a) Presentation by ITF of the proposed transport linkages
- (b) Overview by ECE of current transport linkages
- (c) Intermodal perspective by ECE of proposed transport linkages, including major sea ports, transshipment points, and border crossing facilities
- (d) Discussion and finalization of agreed transport linkages between ESCWA and ECE

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

Day 2: Tuesday, 31 May 2005 (*continued*)

14:30 – 16:30

Item 6

Presentation on the ESCWA/ESCAP transport linkages and border crossing formalities:

- (a) Overview by ESCAP of current transport linkages
- (b) Discussion and finalization of agreed transport linkages between ESCWA and ESCAP

16:30 – 17:00

Item 7

Private sector perspectives by FIA and IRU on interregional transport linkages

Item 8

Strategy for further development of interregional transport linkages connecting ECE and ESCAP to the ESCWA region

Day 3: Wednesday, 01 June 2005

10:00 – 13:00

Item 9

Adoption of the report of the Expert Group Meeting

Annex III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Title	Symbol
Draft Agenda and Programme	
Information Note	
Regional Report on Inter-Regional and Land-Sea Transport Linkages and the Border Crossing Formalities between ESCWA and ESCAP	
Regional Report on Inter-Regional and Land-Sea Transport Linkages and the Border Crossing Formalities between ESCWA and ECE	
Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq	E/ESCWA/TRANS/2002/1/Rev.2
Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq	E/ESCWA/TRANS/2001/3
	E/ESCWA/TRANS/2002/1/Rev.2
	E/ESCWA/TRANS/2001/3
Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq	Map
Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq	Map
Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM)	Map