



Expert Working Group Meeting on the Development of Seamless Connectivity

The process for the lead up to the Ministerial Conference in December for the Working Group

UNESCAP Transport Division

Resolution 70/1 on Implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific

Resolution 70/1 requests the Executive Secretary of ESCAP:

- (i) To assist members and associate members in setting up, and to support the work, of the four area-specific expert working groups,
- (ii) To convene in 2015 intergovernmental open-ended preparatory meetings for the second Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific,



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(iii) To convene the second Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific in 2015 to review the progress on the agenda outlined in the Bangkok Declaration on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific, consider the recommendations of the intergovernmental open-ended preparatory meetings and decide on follow-up actions.



Bangkok Declaration Four area-specific working groups

- Member States resolve to work together to pursue enhanced regional economic and integration in Asia and the Pacific in the following four areas:
- (a) Moving towards the formation of an integrated market;
- (b) The development of seamless connectivity across the region in the areas of transport, energy and information and communications technology, among others, including through the full realization of key regional initiatives;
- (c) Enhancing financial cooperation for, among other things, closing infrastructure gaps across countries in the region and exploring the possibility of providing liquidity support;
- (d) Increasing economic and technical cooperation to address shared vulnerabilities and risks.



Four area-specific Expert Working Groups

- The members of the working groups are selected by the secretariat from a pool of national experts nominated by member States.
- Each working group shall maintain balanced geographical representation of ESCAP member States.
- Internationally recognized experts are selected by the secretariat to provide leadership in respective fields, take responsibility for drafting the report of the working groups reflecting views of all members.
- All members will participate in the working group in their personal capacity and are expected to ensure the quality of their report.

Role of lead specialists:

- provide thought leadership
- work in close collaboration and consultation with the national & other lead experts (transport, energy & ICT)
- responsible for drafting the annotated outline, the first draft of the report, and the final report of the working group
- shall attend two meetings of the working group, tentatively scheduled for November 2014 and April 2015



Activities

Four expert working groups - Two meetings each (Output: technical report with analysis and recommendations)



Two preparatory meetings
(Output: Draft declaration /
roadmap containing actions
and commitments



Ministerial conference (Output: Ministerial declaration / roadmap)

Timeline

Annotated Outline 10/12/2014
First draft of the Report 28/02/2014
Final Report 30/04/2014



entative timeframe

	2014		2015			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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of working groups		Done				
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expert working		Nov / Dec				
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