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Committee on Transport and Logistics
Twentieth session
Amman, 9-10 December 2019

**Information for participants***1. Background*

The twentieth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics is a continuation of the efforts of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in the field of transport and logistics, given the sector's effective role in achieving regional integration.

At the current session, the Committee will review progress in the transport and logistics sector since its nineteenth session, which was held in Beirut from 26 to 28 November 2018. Several reports and technical papers will be presented to the Committee under its agenda items, notably on the following: implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work, of technical cooperation activities and of recommendations made by the Committee at its nineteenth session; trade costs in the Arab region; and the transformation towards the digital economy and its impact on the transport and logistics sector. The Committee will also consider developments in Arab countries based on presentations by the State representatives. Two round-table discussions will be held, one on road safety and the challenges related to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, and the other on the Belt and Road Initiative and what is in it for the Arab region.

2. Participants

Representatives of ESCWA member States will participate in the session. Relevant regional and international organizations have also been invited to attend the session as observers. In accordance with United Nations regulations, participating Governments and organizations attending the session as observers shall be responsible for the travel and accommodation expenses of their representatives.

3. Date and venue

The twentieth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics will be held at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, on 9 and 10 December 2019. Registration will commence at 2 p.m. on Monday, 9 December 2019 and the session will open at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. It will conclude at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 2019.

4. Language of the session

Session proceedings will be in Arabic.

5. *Entry visas*

Participants may apply for an entry visa to Jordan through the Jordanian Embassy in their respective countries. It is recommended to attach the invitation letter sent by ESCWA to the visa application.

6. *Accommodation and transportation*

ESCWA suggests that participants book their accommodation at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, or in other hotels nearby. Participants are also kindly invited to organize transport to and from the airport directly with their respective hotel.

7. *Time zone*

Time in Jordan is GMT+2 hours.

8. *Weather*

During the meeting, the temperature in Amman is expected to range between 15°C and 20°C.

9. *Currency and exchange rates*

The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar. The current exchange rate is JOD 0.71 for \$1.00.

10. *Correspondence*

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