



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and has the honour to communicate the following.

The Republic of Azerbaijan, in its capacity as the Coordinator of Confidence Building Measures of the priority area "Development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors", plans to hold a virtual meeting of experts in the field of transport on the subject of "Promoting cooperation in order to strengthen digitalization in the transport and logistics operations" on 23 September 2021. The event is conducted under the CICA Plan on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2021.

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 4 p.*

The Secretariat has the honor to transmit the draft Concept of the event.

CICA Member States are kindly requested to submit comments and proposals to the draft Concept by 20 August 2021.

The Secretariat would also appreciate receiving the completed registration forms for potential participants and **speakers** on the issues specified in the draft Concept of the event by 27 August 2021 (the form is enclosed).

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nur-Sultan, 10 August 2021

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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь сообщить следующее.

Азербайджанская Республика в качестве Координатора мер доверия «Развитие безопасной и эффективной системы транспортных коридоров» намерена провести виртуальную встречу экспертов в области транспорта по теме «Углубление сотрудничества с целью усиления цифровизации в транспортных и логистических операциях» 23 сентября т.г. Мероприятие проводится в соответствии с Планом реализации мер доверия СВМДА на 2021 г.

Секретариат имеет честь препроводить проект Концепции мероприятия с просьбой представить комментарии и предложения в срок до 20 августа т.г.

Секретариат был бы весьма признателен за получение заполненных регистрационных форм потенциальных участников и спикеров по вопросам, указанным в проекте Концепции мероприятия в срок до 27 августа т.г. (форма прилагается).

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Нур-Султан, 10 августа 2021 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**



*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 4 л.*

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және келесіні хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Әзірбайжан Республикасы «Қауіпсіз және тиімді көлік коридорлар жүйесі» сенім шарасының үйлестірушісі ретінде 2021 жылғы 23 қыркүйекте «Логистика мен көлік жүйелері операцияларына қатысты цифрландыруды күшейтудегі ынтымақтастықты ұлғайту» көлік саласындағы тақырыбында сарапшылардың виртуалды кездесуін ұйымдастыруды жоспарлап отыр. Аталмыш іс-шара АӨСШК сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру жоспарының аясында ұйымдастырылады.

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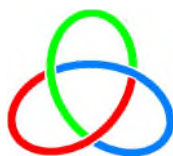
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Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 10 тамыз

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
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Registration form for CICA Meeting on the subject

**«Promoting cooperation in order to strengthen the digitalization in the
transport and logistics operations»**

23 September 2021 (the exact time will be indicated in Technical guidance)

Member State	Organization	Title, Name, Surname	Position	Title of presentation/remarks (if applicable)	Contact Information: e-mail, telephone

Concept paper of the meeting of CICA transport experts on “Promoting cooperation in order to strengthen the digitalization in the transport and logistics operations”

Introduction

Efficiency, optimization, speed and timing have always been crucial in logistics and transportation. Recent developments in the field of digital transformation that have led to the next revolution of industry renewed interest in adopting digital technology. According to Statista’s latest report, the spending on the technologies and services that enable digital transformation worldwide is expected to amount to 2.3 trillion U.S. dollars by 2023.

Since the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the pivotal role of transport in keeping supply chains moving and economies functioning across the world, there is a pressing necessity to eliminate reliance on personal interaction and paper-based transactions.

Artificial intelligence and automation are not only designed to revamp the logistics performance within the umbrella of labyrinthine supply chains, but also offer attractive options such as opening up contemporary business opportunities and transforming supply chains, along with the geography of trade. Regardless of plus points and advantages brought by new technologies, they also incur risks and probable spending.

Digital transformation or digitalization in transportation and logistics operations helps the industry benefit from the evolution and progress of technology in order to get hold of a rapidly changing market, customer expectations to gain competitive advantage.

The digitalization of transport enables business partners to exchange and share logistics information across the entire supply chain in an efficient, effective and secured environment. This solution will help the regional countries to contribute to the digitalization of the corridors, which will serve the interests of all participants in the supply chain, including manufacturing enterprises, wholesalers and retailers, transport and logistics companies, value-added service providers, authorities, financial and insurance service providers etc.

A way to increase trade and enhance the cooperation among regional countries is to respond to the challenge of improving connectivity through sustainable transport and trade facilitation. A common digitalization strategy along transport corridors can form the core of co-operation among all countries that are bound by a high level of interdependence. A common digital platform can help facilitating trade, building trust, digitizing the whole supply chain and hereby strengthening safety and sustainability of regional trade. This is also in line with the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to mitigate global pollution and contributes to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It is worthy to note that geographical location of CICA member states throughout the Asian continent from north to south and from east to west, which include huge exporters and importers, increases the importance of transportation corridors, as well as of the digitalization in this field for the entire region.

Taking into consideration the significance and relevance of the topic for CICA and its Member States, Azerbaijan as the coordinator of CICA priority area “Development of secure and effective

systems of transportation corridors” is planning to organize a meeting of transport experts of CICA Member States on subject title.

Subject

“Promoting cooperation in order to strengthen the digitalization in the transport and logistics operations”

Objectives

- To exchange information and best practices among CICA Member States on the digitalization processes taking place within the transport and logistics operations;
- To promote investment in human, institutional and technological capacities so that traders and service providers can seize new business opportunities in CICA Member States;
- To analyze data, identify trends and risks to support safety, security, as well as sustainability of transport corridors in the CICA region through digitalized solutions;
- To discuss possible cooperation opportunities among CICA Member States and stimulate a dialogue among key stakeholders in this field.

Items to be discussed

- Digitalization of transport and logistics operations throughout the transport corridors and benefits from its realization;
- Joint efforts for seamless handling of cargo information, as well as the ways to improve electronic data exchange between the actors;
- Digitalization strategies in the area of transport and logistics in CICA Member States and their experiences in this area;
- Sustainability impact of digitization in transport and logistics sector;
- Transportation and Warehouse Management for the Digital Age;
- Possible joint efforts by the CICA Member States, including the possibility of setting up digital transport and logistics platform at the regional level;
- Solutions to increase the connectivity and efficiency of working practices in maritime transport and promotion of the use of international standards in electronic data exchange systems across maritime industry;
- Advanced communications systems for tracking and tracing consignments at any given time to achieve better connectivity, efficiency gains and cost saving;
- Role of Port of Baku in establishing the digital information exchange among the Caspian ports.

Expected outcomes

- Raising awareness about the policies carried out by CICA Member States of the region in the digitalization of transport sector and creating a new direction of cooperation within this area;
- Identification of shortcomings that impede the realization of regional strategies regarding transport digitalization and the ways to address them by the CICA Member States;
- Getting acknowledged with the best practices of successful implementation of digital innovation and technologies in the transport and logistics sector of the CICA Member States;
- Driving the digitalization of maritime sector, increased data collection, processing and interconnectivity;
- Enhancing safety and security of the transport corridors in the CICA region, improving environmental performance and ensuring more efficient and cost-effective shipping;

Date

23 September, 2021

Format

Online (technical guidelines will be shared)

Host

Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan (in collaboration with Port of Baku and Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Participants

Representatives of interested state bodies, transport & logistics companies of CICA Member States, as well as relevant international organizations & independent experts

Working languages

English & Russian (with simultaneous interpretation)

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