



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

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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 with reference to the CICA Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2024 has the honour to inform that the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan will convene an online experts meeting to discuss a concept paper on the establishment of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity to be held on 29 February 2024, at 15:00 (GMT+6).

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 4 p.*

The following materials are forwarded herewith:

- a draft concept paper of the online experts meeting;
- a draft concept paper for the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity with amendments of some CICA Member States;
- technical guidelines for online participation.

The Secretariat kindly requests to register online at <https://s-cica.org/registration/> for this event before 20 February 2024.

The contact persons for the online experts meeting are:

- Mr. Daniyar Rakhimzhanov, Chief Expert of the Department of Transport Policy, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, +7(7172)983 167, d.rakhimzhanov@transport.gov.kz;
- Ms. Akmaral Kinzhebayeva, Senior Officer of the CICA Secretariat, WhatsApp number: +7 (705) 423 81 00, a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org.

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

Astana, 5 February 2024

**MEMBER STATES
OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на План СВМДА по реализации мер доверия на 2024 год, имеет честь сообщить, что Министерство транспорта Республики Казахстан проведет онлайн-встречу экспертов для обсуждения концепции о создании Совета СВМДА по устойчивой взаимосвязанности 29 февраля 2024 года в 15:00 (GMT+6).

Настоящим препровождаются следующие материалы:

- проект концепции онлайн-встречи экспертов;
- проект концепции Совета СВМДА по устойчивой взаимосвязанности с поправками некоторых государств-членов СВМДА;

- техническое руководство по онлайн-участию.

Секретариат любезно просит пройти регистрацию до 20 февраля 2024 года по адресу <https://s-cica.org/registration/> для участия в этом мероприятии.

Контактные лица по вопросам онлайн-встречи экспертов:

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- г-жа Акмарал Кинжебаева, старший специалист Секретариата СВМДА, номер WhatsApp: +7 (705) 423 81 00, a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org.

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

город Астана, 5 февраля 2024 г.

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



Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесі немесе АӨСШК) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2024 жылға арналған Азия Кеңесінің сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру жөніндегі жоспарына сілтеме жасай отырып, Қазақстан Республикасы Көлік министрлігі 2024 жылғы 29 ақпанда сағат 15:00-де (GMT+6) Өзара тұрақты байланыс жөніндегі АӨСШК кеңесін құру туралы тұжырымдаманы талқылау үшін сарапшылар онлайн-кездесуін өткізетінін хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Келесі материалдар қоса беріледі:

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- сарапшылар онлайн-кездесуі тұжырымдамасының жобасы;

- кейбір мүше мемлекеттердің түзетулері бар Өзара тұрақты байланыс жөніндегі АӨСШК кеңесін құру туралы тұжырымдаманың жобасы;

- онлайн қатысуға арналған техникалық ақпарат.

Хатшылық осы іс-шараға қатысу үшін 2024 жылдың 20 ақпанына дейін <https://s-cica.org/registration/> сілтеме бойынша тіркелуді сұрайды.

Сарапшылар онлайн-кездесуі мәселелері бойынша байланыс тұлғалар:

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Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 5 ақпан

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНЕ
МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**

Concept paper
of the experts meeting on the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity
online, 29 February 2024, 15:00 Astana Time (GMT+6)

Introduction

Disruptions in global supply chains force us to take a fresh look at the formation of efficient transit-transport corridors. Convenient and accessible routes for transporting goods are an important factor in the sustainable growth of our economies. It is important to focus on realizing the transit-transport potential by developing diversified routes communication and cargo delivery. Therefore, the Kazah Chairmanship has proposed to establish the **CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity**.

Purpose: To discuss the concept paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity, along with the relevance and prospects of this body.

Tasks:

- Discussions with experts from the CICA Member States to assess the demand for establishing the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity, aiming to reach a consensus among the CICA Member States;
- Discussions on the concept paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity.

Speaking order:

- Opening remarks by CICA Deputy Secretary General Ms Zhang Ling.
- Welcome remarks by the Director of the Department of Transport Policy, Ministry of Transport, Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Remarks by representatives of the CICA Member States on the establishment of the Council on Sustainable Connectivity.
- Closing remarks by the Director of the Department of Transport Policy, Ministry of Transport, Republic of Kazakhstan.

Working languages: English, Russian (simultaneous interpretation).

Organizers: Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan and CICA Secretariat.

Participants: Representatives of ministries and business entities in the field of transport (railway, air, auto) of the CICA countries.

Concept Paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity

This Concept Paper aims to establish the Council on Sustainable Connectivity initiated by the Kazakh Chairmanship at the Sixth CICA Summit in Astana in October 2022.

The Concept Paper is intended to define areas of cooperation of the CICA Member States in sustainable connectivity and, as a consequence, the mandate of the Council on Sustainable Connectivity. This Concept Paper has the following elements: (I) Goals, (II) Principles and (III) Approaches.

I. Goals

1. Ensuring peaceful and sustainable development of the CICA Member States.
2. Progressively implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Developing interconnected and efficient infrastructure and systems conducive to the promotion of economic, social and environmental sustainability, which in the long run may include the integration of different types of transport, energy, trade and communication networks.
4. Improving the quality of life of the peoples of the CICA Member States.
5. Promoting **sustainable development of [KYRG]** trade, investment and tourism. Creating conditions to facilitate access to markets, resources, technologies, improve transport and logistics efficiency.
6. Developing **maritime [KYRG]** transport routes and trade.
7. Promoting social development: sustainable connectivity can also facilitate social development in Asia, through the creation of additional jobs, which will lead to greater social inclusion and poverty reduction, giving marginalized population groups access to economic opportunities.
8. Environment protection: Asia faces a number of environmental challenges, including climate change, deforestation and pollution. Developing sustainable connectivity aims to mitigate this challenge by fostering clean and **green infrastructure and [CHN]** transport systems, **including the implementation of a system to encourage the adoption of sustainable transport modes [KYRG]** reducing carbon emissions, ~~encouraging sustainable modes of transport and~~ **[KYRG]** promoting sustainable land use and resource management.

9. Promoting the use of renewable energy and new logistics routes. [KYRG: Redistribute the questions in this paragraph to the appropriate sections of the document.]

10. Enabling further regional integration: sustainable connectivity can facilitate regional integration and cooperation in Asia. This can help build trust and mutual understanding among countries, improve interaction and information exchange, and advance cultural exchange and tourism.

11. Establishing the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity, including as a platform for sharing best practices, **promoting convergence and mutual recognition of green transport-related standards [CHN]** and a dialogue platform for in-depth discussions on transport and energy corridors, logistics infrastructure development, **cooperation on technical standards [CHN]** and environmental sustainability.

II. Principles

All decisions on cooperation development in sustainable connectivity, establishment of the Council on Sustainable Connectivity and interaction of the CICA Member States within this Council are to be made through consultations and based on consensus in accordance with the Almaty Act; Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States; CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and Cooperative Approach for the Implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures. The Member States may participate in specific events under the Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures on a voluntary basis.

III. Approaches

Progress towards achieving these goals and objectives will be gradual and incremental in accordance with national laws and regulations, taking into account specific features and characteristics of different regions of Asia.

The Council on Sustainable Connectivity will be established as a permanent consultative body, meeting at least once a year.

Each CICA Member State will be represented on the Council on Sustainable Connectivity by one permanent member and one sectoral expert engaged on an ad-hoc basis depending on the agenda item of the Council.

Technical guidelines

Online experts meeting to discuss a concept paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity

(29 February 2024, 15:00 Astana time GTM + 6 hours)

- The meeting will be held online via the Zoom platform on 29 February 2024.
- The working languages of the meeting are English and Russian.
- Each participant is required to log on to the Zoom platform preferably 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
- While accessing the Zoom platform, all participants are requested to type the **name of their country** (for example: Republic of Kazakhstan) as identification.
- All participants are kindly requested to keep their mics muted during the meeting. When a participant wishes to speak, he/she may raise hand virtually by using the button “Raise Hand”.
- The link for the meeting:

CICA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87589850546?pwd=bSZuy9UZpYg0RBjoXdrU9DejcI8sUq.1>

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