Connecting countries
Driving progress
Improving lives

UNECE supporting countries to achieve the SDGs
56 members on 3 continents

- Created in 1947 to assist in the reconstruction and **economic development** of post-war Europe
- One of 5 UN regional commissions
- All interested UN Member States may participate in our work
- 220 staff
- 3 official languages: English, French, Russian
Supporting countries to achieve the SDGs

- Helping countries to convene and cooperate to develop norms, standards and conventions
- Global public goods that are freely available to all countries, citizens and companies
- Used in more than 100 countries around the globe
- Over 70 international professional organizations and other non-governmental organizations also take part in UNECE activities
Through 9 programmes

• UNECE is a regional organization

• However, several of our mandates are global

• Increasing interest from other regions in a number of our tools and policy solutions
Sustainable Transport

- **UNECE** is the home of **UN inland transport** – road, rail and inland waterway – role equivalent to **ICAO** for aviation and **IMO** for maritime transport

- We administer **59 Conventions** providing a **regional and in many cases** - since the outset - **global legal and regulatory framework** for key transport issues:
  - Vehicle regulations for safety and efficiency
  - Road safety
  - Global customs transit facilitation (TIR Convention)
  - Rules and symbols to ensure the safe transport of dangerous goods
Environment

5 multilateral environmental agreements covering: Air pollution (LRTAP); Public participation and access to information (Aarhus); Environmental impact assessment (Espoo); Protection and use of transboundary waters (Water); Transboundary effects of industrial accidents

• Regional policy dialogue
• Environmental performance Reviews
• Environmental monitoring
Trade

• Policy recommendations to remove non-tariff barriers to Trade

• 480 standards and recommendations on trade facilitation and electronic-business (UN/CEFACT)

• Traceability – fishing industry + textile value chains

• Over 100 international agricultural quality standards
Innovation and Competitiveness

- International standards for Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
- Innovation performance reviews
Sustainable Energy

• International classification system for energy and mineral resources (UNFC)

• Advancing energy efficiency

• Reducing the ecological footprint of fossil fuels

• Supporting green & renewable energy
Housing and Land Management

• Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing
• Best practices and standards on energy efficiency in buildings
• Housing Country Profiles
• Smart city indicators and smart city profiles
Forests (with FAO)

- Support to countries for sustainable forest management
- Rovaniemi Action Plan for forests in a green economy
- Annual market review of forest products and forest resources
Population

- Policy briefs and road maps on mainstreaming ageing
- Index to measure active ageing
- Review of countries’ progress in implementing regional action plan on ageing
Statistics

- 36 standards and recommendations including on measuring sustainable development, climate change and gender statistics

- Knowledge hub for innovation in and modernisation of official statistics