

Connecting regions, strengthening corridors

HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL SEGMENT

Wednesday, 23 September 2026 | Palais des Nations, Geneva

PROGRAMME

10:05 – 11:45

PANEL I

High-Level Policy Dialogue

Connecting Regions: Priorities for International and Interregional Transport Connectivity

Moderator

Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin
Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE

Panelists

Mr. Durmuş Ünüvar	Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Türkiye
Mr. Davit Ivanyan	Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, Armenia
Mr. Mehran Ghorbani	Deputy Minister for Transport, Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran
Deputy Minister	Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport, Azerbaijan
Ms. Fatema Abdulla Al Dhaen	Undersecretary for Land Transport and Postal Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, Kingdom of Bahrain
Mr. George Yun	Acting Undersecretary for Sustainability, Ministry of Transport, Brazil
Dr. Stéphane Graber	Director-General, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

11:45 – 13:00

PANEL II

Strengthening Euro-Asian Transport Connectivity

Moderator

Ms. Hannie Meesters
Director, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE

Panelists

Ms. Aleksandra Suladze	Deputy Head, Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
Mr. Anton Kozlov	Head of the Foreign Projects and International Cooperation Department, Russian Railways (RZD), Russian Federation
Dr. Alexandra Ogneva	Head of Board Projects, Rhenus Group
Mr. Murat Seitnepssov	President, Greater Caspian Association
Prof. Dr. Ulviyye Aydin	Dokuz Eylül University, Türkiye

13:00 – 15:00

LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:15

PANEL III

Connecting Europe with the Middle East, West Asia and North Africa

Moderator

Mr. Adel El-Gabheri
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Panelists

Mr. Philip Van den Bosch	Deputy Director, Freight Department, International Union of Railways (UIC)
Mr. Zobair Salmi	Head of the Transport Strategy and Coordination Division, Ministry of Transport and Logistics, Morocco
Mr. Enric Pons	Coordinator of the GTMO 5+5, Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO)

16:15 – 18:00

PANEL IV

Concluding Reflections and Chair's Summary

Moderator

Mr. Burak Aykan
Chair of WP.5, Türkiye

Interventions

Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina	Chief, Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section, Transport Division, ESCAP
Mr. Konstantinos Alexopoulos	Chief, Transport Facilitation and Economics Section, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division
Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski	Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division
Mr. Seyed Jalaleddin Alavi Sabzevari	Director, Transport and Communication, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
International Road Transport Union (IRU)	
Mr. Philip Van den Bosch	Special Adviser, Freight Department, International Union of Railways (UIC)
Ms. Andrea Tang	Director, Legal Department, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)
Mr. Guineng Chen	International Transport Forum (ITF/OECD)