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Transport, including freight transport, is a strategic economic sector that generates employment and revenue, enables trade, supports supply chains and links communities. The importance of the sector as a catalyst for sustainable development and the realization of a number of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets (such as Goals 1–3, 6, 7, 9 and 11–14) is increasingly recognized.

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Promoting sustainable freight transport systems that are efficient, accessible, reasonably priced, energy efficient and/or less energy intensive, environmentally friendly and low-carbon can generate significant sustainable development gains.

In this context, experts will consider the following:

- (a) The linkages between freight transport and the SDGs and how best to leverage the sustainable freight transport dividend;
- (b) Ways in which UNCTAD work in the field of sustainable freight transport can effectively support the achievement of the SDGs.

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It is hoped that discussions will help address some if not all of the following Issues:

1. How best to address the challenges and seize the opportunities associated with sustainable freight transport systems.
2. Identify relevant experiences and measures/methods reflecting efforts to implement sustainable transport, including by Governments, organizations, financiers, and the private sector;
3. How to build on these good practices and successful examples, what are the key measures/policies/tools and recommendations to ensure proper development, dissemination and implementation in developing countries;
4. What are the enabling factors, including policies financing, technology, capacity-building, data collection, research, information sharing, cooperation and partnerships;
5. The role of UNCTAD in helping developing countries promote sustainable freight transport systems in support of the 2030 Agenda.

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Thank you

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