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SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT TRANSPORT: A CROSS-CUTTING ENABLER IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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.

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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