



“Belt and Road” Forum

The Secretary General of OTIF will take part in the “Belt and Road” forum in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 28 and 29 November 2017.

This second forum continues the task of the inaugural “Silk Road” forum also held in Tbilisi in 2015.

This event is organised by Georgia’s Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in partnership with the Asian Development Bank, the European Development Bank and the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce and is intended to be a biennial platform for the various governments and undertakings involved with the “Belt and Road” project.

More than 1000 participants are expected for the 2017 event. On 28 November 2017, the Secretary General, Mr Davenne, will be speaking in [Session II \(“E-commerce”\) on the “Trade Facilitation along Belt and Road Initiative” panel](#). The “Belt and Road” project will help develop the railway network for international freight transport. COTIF, and particularly the CIM Uniform Rules, provide the sector with a uniform legal regime for seamless international rail transport. The Secretary General welcomes this invitation to participate in such an event.

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