



## OTIF and the UNESCAP Committee on Transport

From 23 to 25 November 2022, the seventh session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Committee on Transport is being held in Bangkok, Thailand, in a hybrid format. The Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, will participate virtually via video conference on Thursday 24 November.

The Committee discusses issues of strategic importance for regional transport development, regional cooperation and the formulation of regional policies to advance sustainable transport development in the region.

The Secretary General of OTIF took the floor for agenda item 4. He briefly introduced OTIF and then stressed that OTIF and UNESCAP were committed to a similar challenge: *“the development of Euro-Asian freight transport by rail”*. *In order to achieve this, he added that “close cooperation between all organisations involved in the development of international rail transport is of the utmost importance in order to develop synergies between work programmes, avoid duplication of work and provide maximum effective use of the resources and experience available.”* He concluded that *“in order to achieve a sustainable worldwide transport system, rail transport is indispensable: freight transport by rail, long distance passenger transport by rail and commuter trains provide the best solution to reach the agreed climate goals.”*

The Secretary General of OTIF was honoured to be able to speak at this seventh session of the UNESCAP Committee on Transport.

