

**Timor-Leste brief intervention on the agenda Item 2: Reviews of the implementation of the Regional Action programme for sustainable transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017-2021)  
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Excellency's,

UNESCAP representatives,

Member countries respective delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is great pleasure for me to speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Transports and Communications of Timor-Leste, the competences of this ministry is to executing policies, regulatory and programs in the areas of Transportations of Land, Air and Maritime sectors as well as regulating the Communication sector. These competences are well defined under Decree Law no.6 of 2019 | as the Organic Law of the Ministry of Transports and Communications.
2. As the Government department, our program is based on Strategic Development Plan and Agenda towards 2030 to achieve a sustainable development as articulated in our priority objectives in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals which has been adopted into a roadmap of the Government Resolution no.45/2017 that approves implementation methods for all UN SDG Goals. As a result, we have adopted our Transport sector master plan that will guide our investment for the Land, Air and Sea transportations.
3. Timor-Leste government has initiated a major port terminal construction and International Airport undertaking with regional ports infrastructure development towards 2021 and 2022 while enhancing domestic land connectivity with transports terminals in the country. In addition, we are also strengthening our trilateral cooperation with our partner such as Indonesia and Australia in the area of Land, Sea and Air transportation.
4. Currently we are in the stage of market formation in the country, through facilitating construction of Land transports terminals to strengthen domestic transportation connectivity from rural areas to national market. As well as the registration, licensing, inspection of vehicles will implement according to the standards to ensure road safety, protection of the environment and improve customer service levels in all areas of the operation.

Thanks you for your attention

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