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This document summarises project priorities for the period 2010-11 on the basis of the discussions held in Committee meetings in 2008 and March 2009 and detailed in [ITF/OECDJTRC(2008)18/REV4]. Agreement on priorities was reached in March.

Mandate

The 2007-2009 programme of work for the Centre was adopted at the Ministerial Session in Dublin in May 2006 [CEMT/CM(2006)8] and approved by the OECD Council in December 2007. At their 2006 meeting, Ministers also decided to create the International Transport Forum and asked for a degree of flexibility in the work of the Centre so that it can contribute to Ministerial sessions of the Forum. The resulting modifications to the programme were summarised in a note adopted by the Committee in October 2007 [CEMT/OCDE/JTRC(2007)14] and are updated by the present note.

The Mandate for the Centre was extended by decision of the OECD Council at the end of 2006 [C(2006)172] to cover a five year period, running until 2011. At the March 2008 meeting of the Committee, the process of work programme planning was modified to suit the new 5-year mandate and a two-tier process was adopted as follows:

- Development of a 5 year strategic vision.
- Adoption of a 2 year rolling programme of work, with outline terms of reference for each project.

The process offers the flexibility needed to respond to International Transport Forum priorities, determined by the choice of issue for Ministerial debate. It follows that when new projects are added, others may have to be postponed or dropped to avoid overloading the program.

Strategic Directions

The Centre aims to achieve international recognition as a centre of excellence, providing member countries with high quality, policy relevant research on transport and transports' contribution to society and sustainable economic growth across the world. The 2007-2009 programme of work focussed on five strategic areas that remain pertinent for the period through 2011:

- *Infrastructure;*
- *Transport operations;*
- *Transport safety and security;*
- *Environmental costs and sustainability; and*
- *Globalisation, trade and the spatial effects of transport.*

Responding to the Forum

The theme for the 2009 Forum was Transport and Globalisation. This relates closely to the first and last of the strategic directions for the programme of work. The theme for the 2010 Forum is Innovation with overlapping links to all of the five strategic areas.

For the 2008 Forum on Transport, Energy and Climate Change, a number of items were added to the programme or brought forward to provide a basis for substantive debate. Two Round Tables, on Biofuels and Oil Dependence, were added; and two dropped to liberate resources. The Working Group on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategy for the Transport Sector delivered an interim report.

For the 2009 Forum, the planned Working Group on Globalisation was reconfigured as an advisory group to support the Forum Task Force. The schedule of events was reorganised to hold four highly relevant Round Tables – on ports, airports, security and integration of transport and logistics businesses – ahead of the Forum. The planned workshop on the potential of intermodal transport services was modified and held at the Forum itself.

At its March 2007 meeting the Committee agreed to add an annual Transport Outlook to its programme of work. The first outlook was published during the 2008 Forum. The Committee also agreed to organise Research Sessions at the annual Forum. In 2008, four research workshops were organized, occupying all of the first day of the Forum. Research Findings were prepared during the Forum on the basis of Centre inputs and the discussions at the research workshops, providing a substantive record of the issues examined at the Forum. In 2009, 6 research workshops were organised on the first two days of the Forum.

Projects and Activities 2007-2009

The scheduling of Round Tables, Working Group, Advisory Group projects and other activities is set out in the tables that follow. The status is indicated in the last column: P – planned; I – in progress; C – completed.

The first table summarises activities undertaken on a regular basis throughout the period of the work programme. In addition the Centre is involved in ad hoc and regular cooperative work with a number of other intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations.

Perennial Activities	
Transport outlook	
Research sessions at the annual Forum	
The International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD)	Group
Statistics database and publications	
International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD)	Group

The activities *initiated (I)* *completed (C)* and *postponed (P)* in 2007 and 2008 are set out below.

Round Tables – 2007		
Biofuels: Linking support to performance	6-7 June	C
Macro, meso & micro transport planning and assessment tools, Boston	25-26 October	C
Oil Dependence: Is transport running out of affordable fuel?	15-16 November	C
Working Group Projects – 2007		
Surface transport networks: improving reliability and levels of service	Working Group	C
Greenhouse gas reduction strategy in the transport sector	Working Group	C
Heavy vehicles: regulatory, operational and productivity improvements	Working Group	C
Advisory Group Projects – 2007		
Rail safety and regulatory reform	Advisory Group	C

Round Tables – 2008		
The cost and effectiveness of policies to reduce vehicle emissions	31 Jan – 1 Feb	C
Port competition and hinterland connections	10-11 April	C
Competition and interaction between airports, airlines and rail services	2-3 October	C
Security, risk perception and cost-benefit analysis	11-12 December	C
Workshops and Conferences - 2008		
Motorcycling safety workshop, Lillehammer	10-11 June	C
High level road safety seminar, Paris	25-26 September	C
Working Group Projects – 2008		
Pedestrian safety, urban space and health	Working Group	I
Intermodal rail terminals: increasing competition and improving levels of service	Working Group	P
Advisory Group Projects – 2008		
Drugs in traffic – risks and counter-measures.	Advisory Group	C
Globalisation and trade: freight transport supply chains and maritime gateways	Advisory Group	C

Projects for 2010-2011

The Committee held an initial discussion on potential projects for 2010-2011 at its meeting in October 2008, on the basis of proposals submitted ahead of the meeting. The discussions highlighted the importance of **follow-up** to some recent projects:

- Leipzig Forum on climate change (some work is underway jointly with the IEA, UNEP and FIA Foundation on a “global fuel economy initiative”);
- Long life pavements (a first meeting for phase 3 of the work was held in the first quarter of 2009, as recommended in the report *Long life pavements for busy roads*);
- The high level road safety seminar and Towards Zero: Ambitious Road Safety Targets and the Safe System Approach report.

The discussions yielded preliminary guidance as follows:

- Road safety is a priority area for work, with measures to improve motorcycling safety a possible working group subject. The Secretariat will also take advice from the Chairs of previous working groups on follow-up to the High-Level Seminar and Towards Zero report. (The result of this consultation was an additional joint proposal from the US, Australia, Canada and Norway, on Assessment of the Effectiveness of Road Safety Treatments and Strategies: Development of Internationally Transferable Estimates).
- Climate change is another priority area, with work on infrastructure adaptation to severe weather risks generating most interest for a working group.

Projects were subsequently ranked to provide the basis for a final discussion of priorities. This yielded 5 working groups for commencement between 2009 and 2011, commensurate with resources, with a 6th project made possible through additional resources in the form of a visiting expert from Korea. Subjects cover all of the strategic areas of the work programme except globalization, which was covered extensively in preparations for the 2009 Forum.

The selection yielded 3 potential workshops for the 2010 Leipzig Forum on innovation (not listed here) with flexibility to meet expected requests from the 2010 Task Force for additional assistance from the Centre in relation to the governance of innovation and well as further workshops. The selection also yielded 3 round tables, with 3 further possible round tables and possibly four workshops, the program of round tables and workshops will be adjusted in the light of 2011 Forum demands.

Summary of 2009-2011 Activities

Round Tables – 2009	
Integration and competition between transport and logistics businesses	5-6 February
Cost-effective congestion charging	10-11 December
Symposium	
The Future for Inter-Urban Passenger Transport, Madrid	16-18 November
Workshops and Conferences - 2009	
Potential and limits of intermodal freight transport services - workshop	26 May
Reliability seminar Vancouver	15-16 October
GHG seminar Japan	29-30 October
Working Group Projects – 2009	
Long life pavements demonstration phase	Spring
Bicycle safety in urban areas	Fall
Advisory Group Projects - 2009	
Mobility management: satellite, mobile & other technology applications	Advisory Group

Round Tables – 2010	
Stimulating low-carbon vehicle technologies	
Insurance and accident risks	
Effective regulatory institutions: the regulator's role in the policy process	
Enhancing rail capacity	
Workshops and Conferences - 2010	
GHG Seminar N. America	
Data and methodology for effective climate change policy making	
Working Group Projects – 2010	
Assessment of the Effectiveness of Road Safety Treatments and Strategies	
Optimising financial resources for road op, maintenance, development / benefit-cost analysis for highway operations strategies	
Infrastructure adaptation to extreme weather and climate change	
Advisory Group Projects – 2010	
Reducing transport noise and annoyance	

Round Tables – 2011
New economic geography and transport
Private public partnerships – managing risk and optimism bias
Working Group Projects – 2011
Safer road infrastructure for motorcyclists
Intermodal rail terminals: increasing competition and levels of service

Perennial Activities
Transport outlook
Research sessions at the annual Forum
Follow up to Forum
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International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD)

ACTION: *For formal approval.*