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Brief of CN draft



- (Objective) Capacity building for extend APEC's three pillars of connectivity to different regional dimension
- (Format) APEC workshops, and preliminary research
- (Organization targeted) Tentatively, ASEM, ASEAN, EEU, Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network (NEAL-NET) or others as appropriate
- (Rationale) Enlarging regional realm of APEC's physical, institutional, and people to people connectivity will facilitated more efficient and larger flows of goods, services, capital and people. Also, it will contribute to reduce regional disparity in income, well-being, service, and sustainability

Similar Research...(what if?)



- Descriptive research: What we have done to increase the APEC connectivity? What other regions have done for themselves under the same context? Are those efforts enough to achieve APEC's overarching goals? Or, Don't we need to endeavor for better visions?
- Can we define functionalities of each region to other regions? (Ex: Define what APEC have given and received to and from ASEAN for what purpose) Do the functionalities work well? Or, do we need something more?
- If we enforce specific current transport networks among those regions, will those functionalities be facilitated better?

Glance at the incumbents



- Trans Asian Railway comprising 117,500 km and connecting 28 countries. UNESCAP has promoted this project since 1992.
- Asian Highway Network is a 141,000 km running across 32 countries.
- Trans Siberian Railways (Siberian, Mongolian, and Manchurian train routes) and Some Eurasian trains connecting Russia to several European cities.
- Trans China Railways comprising 4,018 km from Lyanyungang to Alaraw
- Transport education international exchange programs at graduate school levels among Eurasian countries.
- This project goal is to share better ideas for better visions