

**Programme of UIC activities
within the framework of JSC “Russian Railways”
President Vladimir Yakunin’s Chairmanship**

This Programme is based upon the three **core values of UIC** – unity, solidarity and universality, with account for the **professional values** – sustainable development, standardization, research, competence, safety and security, and builds upon the principles of involvement, integration and innovation, as suggested in Mr. Vladimir Yakunin’s report at the 81st session of UIC General Assembly.

Summary of the Programme proposed to UIC members:

- 1. Expansion of UIC’s involvement in forming global transport policy**
 - a. Active work on implementing the Memoranda of Understanding signed with other international organisations:
 - Proposals for preparing action plans to implement the Memoranda between UIC and international organisations and banks.
 - b. Involvement of UIC in elaborating a new Almaty Action Programme to promote transit transport systems and provide landlocked economies with access to the sea:
 - Formulation of proposals for accession to the Almaty Action Programme (work on the Programme is conducted by the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) in association with all organisations concerned).
 - c. Consolidation of efforts to form the global transport policy and a common viewpoint of railways of the world on the most important issues of transport policy within the framework of UIC.
 - d. Formulation of the global UIC railway transport development concept, including development strategies for each of the six regional assemblies:
 - Proposals concerning the structure and content of the global concept,
 - Elaboration of a long-term development concept for the UIC and identification of strategic work areas and projects.

2. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- a. Cooperation with international bodies of the United Nations in regulation of development of railway transport, freight and passenger transportation and border crossing procedures (UNECE regional commissions, UNESCAP, UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNECA, etc.). Special attention should be paid to non-European regions.
- b. Cooperation with UNCTAD in developing railway transport and logistics.
- c. Reclassification of UIC within the framework of UN ECOSOC with a view to upgrading the status of UIC at ECOSOC (*enabling it to influence the UN agenda and take part in the work of UN bodies*).

3. Legal Harmonisation

- a. Elaboration of common approaches and methods for creating harmonised model transport law applied on a global scale;
- b. Harmonisation and unification of rules and standards in railway engineering, infrastructure and technologies by upgrading UIC leaflets to the global level and creating joint workgroups with the Organisation for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), the European Railway Agency (ERA) and other multilateral organisations.

4. Cooperation in the area of security:

- a. Development of global principles for ensuring the security of railway transportation of passengers and freight against unlawful acts.

5. Cooperation in sustainable development

- a. Interaction with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the UN Global Compact, specifically in consideration of the UIC Declaration on Sustainable Mobility & Transport signed in 2010:
 - Intensification of joint efforts by UIC members from all regions to implement the provisions of the Declaration;
 - Analysis and generalisation of statistical data on resource saving and energy efficiency in various regions, development of a common, strategic, sustainable development programme in consideration of economic, social and environmental factors.

- 6. Special meetings of UIC management** (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Director, heads of regional assemblies) 1 – 2 times per year, before the General Assembly sessions with the purpose of elaborating decisions on strategically important matters of UIC activity.

- 7. Creation of a global “Team of assistants”** on an expert level which would be composed of representatives from all regional assemblies in order to implement the ideas and suggestions made in the course of sessions of Executive Board and special meetings of UIC management.