Land electric mobility in the Arab region: options and opportunities

1. The Committee will discuss a report (E/ESCWA/OES/2022/2) prepared by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) that addresses megatrends with significant impact at the economic, social, financial, cultural and environmental levels. The report focuses primarily on land electric mobility, and discusses the rapid increase in the number of electric cars and trucks, and the increasing use of light-weight transport, electric buses, and public transport systems.

2. The topic of land electric mobility was chosen because it ensures the greatest impact for the Arab region in the shortest timeframe. After examining the various transformative development paths that electric mobility can offer Arab countries and the Arab region as a whole, the report presents key policy findings, messages and recommendations to decision makers, policymakers and other stakeholders in the Arab region, so as to urge them to make changes as necessary. The success of these changes would allow electric mobility to become part of the region’s future, and optimize the potential gains of this megatrend.

3. The Committee is invited to review the report and comment on its recommendations. A summary of the report is also available.