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United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

Decision approving the mandate and terms of reference of the Sustainable Fisheries Team of Specialists of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

Background

1. At its twenty-third session (Geneva, 3- 4 April 2017) the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) adopted the mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries for the period 2017-2018 to support the implementation of the Fisheries Language for Universal eXchange (FLUX) standard or other sustainable fisheries standards on a global scale.
2. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) for the period 2017-2018, as contained in ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16.

Draft Decision

3. The Executive Committee hereby approves the mandate and terms of reference of the Sustainable Fisheries Team of Specialists of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), for the period 2017-2018, as contained in ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16.
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Annex

A. Mandate

1. The establishment of a Sustainable Fisheries User Community was proposed at the twenty-seventh UN/CEFACT Forum on 27 April 2016 in Geneva. The Agricultural Domain of the UN/CEFACT supported and approved this proposal and decided to create the community as a Team of Specialists.

B. Objectives and activities

2. The objective of the Team of Specialists is to promote, facilitate and support the implementation of the Fisheries Language for Universal Exchange (FLUX) standard or other sustainable fisheries standards on a global scale.

3. To achieve this objective, the Team of Specialists will:

- (a) Actively promote the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards at both policy and technical level;
- (b) Share experiences on the implementation of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
- (c) Develop and share best practices;
- (d) Advise and assist on implementation issues of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
- (e) Proposes changes to the standard to the Agricultural Domain.

C. Composition, its membership and participation in its meetings

4. The Team of Specialists will be composed of specialists with the collective expertise to address the specific tasks defined for it and should be drawn from:

- (a) Governmental institutions;
- (b) Business;
- (c) Civil society;
- (d) Consumer organizations; and
- (e) International organizations.

5. Participation in the Team of Specialists will be on a voluntary basis. All members of the Team of Specialists must register as experts of UN/CEFACT, in accordance with relevant procedures.

6. The Chair of the Team of Specialists will be recommended by the UN/CEFACT Bureau and his/her nomination will be endorsed by the UNECE Secretariat for a mandate of two years.

7. The Team of Specialists will meet virtually at least once every two months, and face-to-face at least once per year, preferably in conjunction with an official UN/CEFACT meeting such as the Forum.
8. The Team of Specialists can establish sub-groups of specialists to prepare projects requiring specific expertise, which are expected to become a part of general activities of the Team of Specialists.
9. The UNECE Secretariat provides necessary support to the Team of Specialists and its sub-groups within available resources.

D. Reporting

10. The Team of Specialists will report to the UN/CEFACT Plenary on an annual basis via the Bureau and will further report to the Bureau, on an inter-sessional basis, as necessary.
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