



UNECE International Conference on Future directions for Single Window



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UNECE & UN/CEFACT's Conference: Future Directions of Single Window

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Background

UNECE and UN/CEFACT began developing guidance material on the concept of Single Window about twenty years ago. In the early 2000's, Recommendation 33 on Implementing a Single Window was developed and has been a reference on the definition and base principles ever since. Recommendation 34 on Data Simplification and Standardization and Recommendation 35 on the Legally Enabling Environment soon followed and have recently been completed with Recommendation 36 on Single Window Interoperability.

Single Window is today a major buzz word in cross-border trade and trade facilitation measures. It is cited as one of the obligations of the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement, raising awareness and encouraging countries to establish such solutions. Guidance material is being developed on every continent and by multiple agencies... And today more and more systems are naming themselves Single Windows even if they do not satisfy all aspects of the UNECE Recommendation 33 definition, bringing confusion to the trading community and encouraging UN/CEFACT to develop its Technical Note on Terminology linked to Single Window and Similar Platforms.

15-20 years on from the first guidance material on this subject, where are we now?

Objective

This conference will aim to take stock of some variations of Single Window implementations and how they align to the UNECE Recommendation 33 definition. This will especially entail underlining that Single Window is a vehicle for trade facilitation measures and not simply a computer system.

- ✓ It will aim to study the concrete next steps for Single Window evolution.
- ✓ It will put forward the probable key deliverables to be implemented in the next five years.
- ✓ It will set the path towards a Single Window Symposium.
- ✓ And of course, it will explain the link to the WTO-Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and all of the TFA measures that SW could help enable...

Target Audience

- Government agencies involved in cross-border trade (particularly customs agencies)
- Trade Facilitation bodies
- Trading community

Registration & Participation

Participation is free of charge, but registration is obligatory prior to the event.

Organizers

UNECE secretariat and UN/CEFACT.

30 October 2017

10:00 - 10:30 Welcome Address

- Mrs. Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary
- His Excellency Alvaro Cedenio, Ambassador of Costa Rica
- Mrs. Maria Ceccarelli, UNECE Chief of Trade Facilitation Section

10:30 - 12:00 – Keynote session.

Placing Single Window in today's perspective

- Mr. Lance Thompson, UNECE, TF Section, Chief UN/CEFACT Support Unit, "Setting the objectives of the conference"
- Mr. Tom Butterly, Director, TDAF Consulting, "Evolution of Single Window over 15 years"
- Mrs. Maria Ceccarelli, UNECE Chief of Trade Facilitation Section, "Single Window for Sustainable Development"
- Mr. Alejandro Gamboa-Alder, WTO, "How Single Window helps implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement"
- Mrs. Lia Potec, EU DG-MOVE, "Electronic Transport Documents"

LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 15:15 – Round Table 1

Variations of Single Window and Facilitating Trade

- *Moderator:* Mr. Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD, Chief of Trade Logistics Branch
- Mr. Zahouani Saadaoui, EU DG-TAXUD, "Regional Single Window / National Single Window; Implementation of Single Window on Multiple Levels"
- Mr. Joao Rodrigues Frade, EU DIGIT, "SW Building Blocks within the EU"
- Mr. Aleksei Bondarenko, UN/CEFACT Single Window Domain Coordinator, "Single Window Progress in the Eurasian Economic Union"
- Mr. Isidore Biyiha, Chair AAEC, "Implementing Single Window in Africa"
- Mr. Mario Apostolov, UNECE Regional Advisor, "Implementing Single Window in the ECE Region"
- Mr. Nasrollah Jahangard, Head of Iran ITO and Iran IT Council Leader, "National Single Window Implementation"

COFFEE BREAK

15:45 - 17:30 Round Table 2

Evolution and Key deliverables in the next five years

- *Moderator:* Mr. Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD, Chief of Trade Logistics Branch
- Mr. Ingmar Väli, "Estonian e-Governance Best Practices and Cooperation with UN"
- Mrs. Sue Probert, Vice Chair UN/CEFACT, "Semantic data and process driven data exchange"
- Mr. David Roff, Warrant Group, "Data Pipeline"
- Mr. Philippe Salles (tbc), Traxens, "Single Window and IoT – example of Smart Containers"
- Mr. Ibrahima Diagne, Gainde 2000, "Blockchain and Single Window"
- Discussion

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09:30 - 10:30 Presentations

Current and recent work in UN/CEFACT on Single Window

- Mr. Lance Thompson, UNECE, TF Section, Chief UN/CEFACT Support Unit, “SW Terminology Technical Note”
- Mr. Aleksei Bondarenko, UN/CEFACT Single Window Domain Coordinator, “Core Principles in Operations of Single Window”
- Mr. Ibrahima Diagne, Gainde 2000, “Single Submission Portal”
- Questions and Discussions

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Brainstorming

Group discussion on key themes related to Single Window. This discussion will likely be the base for any revision of Recommendation 33. Session moderated by:

- Mrs. Sue Probert, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair: Future technology trends
- Mr. Giuseppe Di Capua, UNCTAD, ASYCUDA: Concerns with Single Window Implementation
- Mr. Aleksei Bondarenko, UN/CEFACT Single Window Domain Coordinator: Towards Regional Integration
- Mr. Armen Manukyan, WCO Technical Attaché, Monitoring Single Window Performance

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 16:30 – Next steps

Preparations for a revision of Recommendation 33? A follow-up conference or symposium?

- *Moderator:* Mr. Oleksandr Fedorov, Director General PPL 33-35

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