

# WELCOME SPEECHES

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Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli has more than 21 years of experience in Trade & Transport Facilitation and electronic Business within UNECE where she is Chief of the Trade Facilitation Section in Trade Division. She is responsible among other of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). She manages a group of some 1000 experts working on Trade Facilitation and eBusiness projects to produce Trade Facilitation Recommendations and eBusiness standards, that can foster growth in international trade and related services. Under her supervision UN/CEFACT is working at the moment on more than 30 projects on Trade Facilitation and eBusiness across the all value chain including projects on Blockchain and Internet-of-Things.

In her former position in the UNECE's Transport Division, where she has been working for 12 years, she has organized and delivered training to promote the development of border-crossing and transport facilitation and provided advisory services on customs questions affecting transport.