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**Planning future activities**

**Planned activities in 2020**

*Summary*

The Chair of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Team of Specialists (ToS) on Sustainable Fisheries will report on the activities relating to the Programme of Work (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2019/21), implemented since the twenty-fifth Plenary of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and e-Business (UN/CEFACT), in April 2019.

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## I. Introduction

1. The Programme of Work 2020 – 20201 is structured around the following work areas (WA):
  - WA1: Policy dialogue and advice;
  - WA2: Technical monitoring, assessment and guidance;
  - WA3: Communication and outreach;
  - WA4: Capacity-building and partnerships;
  - WA5: Development and support of software tools for sustainable fisheries management.
2. Many activities have relations with more than one working area. The list below highlights the main activities.
3. Most of these activities are continuous, without an end date, other activities are tasks that deliver a physical product and have an end date for the activity.
4. For 2020 all activities for the program of work are continued.
5. Some activities such as the development of guidelines, documentation and promotional material will be completed in 2020.
6. The following is a list of activities which are in focus for 2020:
  - Promotional materials:
    - Produce a video of the FLUX framework (for policy makers);
    - Complete the handbooks and implementations guidelines;
    - Update the implementation experience stories;
  - Survey fishery communities (authorities, RFMOs, NGOs) for changed requirements towards the FLUX system;
  - Maintain and update the existing FLUX messages (ie the inspection report message) and relevant code lists;
  - Survey for the requirements for certification of vessels, and include certificates in the FLUX framework. The focus is on social aspects and labour conditions on vessels. This can in cooperation with the UNECE / ITC project for sustainable textile and leather supply chain;
  - Intensify the reach out to the RFMOs to support adoption of the UN/FLUX system;
  - Cooperation with the FOCUS group in the development of the software modules for the FLUX network layer, VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) and for inspection activities;
  - Participate in the international conferences and for a;
  - Support the WTO process of negotiations on fisheries subsidies and IUU fishing;
  - Support the United Nations 2<sup>nd</sup> Ocean Conference, Lisbon. 2-6 June 2020;
  - and relevant discussion on the WCO Ministerial MC12, 8-12 June 2020, Kazakhstan;
  - Cooperate with FAO related to the fisheries statistical handbook.