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Ian Watt is an ICT professional with over forty-five (45) years of experience applying Information Technology within supply chains.

Exiting his corporate career to focus on the SME trader, Ian has since 1996 been invited to hold numerous national and international chair and lead roles volunteering his time and knowledge to the development of global standards supporting trade facilitation.

Ian has previously held the roles of the Australian Head of Delegation to UN/CEFACT 2005-2008, Chair of the International Supply Chain Process Modelling work group 2006-2008 and was founding chair 2005-2008 of the UN/CEFACT proof of concept and knowledge transfer Modelers Reference Initiative (MRI).

In the period 2009-2012 Ian was invited by UNESCAP to present at numerous forums throughout Asia on the evolving opportunities for standards based 'paper-free' trade facilitation and was one of five (5) 'experts' invited by UNESCAP to establish 'The United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT).

Over his entrepreneurial journey Ian has conducted two (2) Proof of Concept pilot projects recognized by UNECE and the Asian Development Bank demonstrating the benefits of paperless trade for SME traders and economies in transition. Ian re-engaged at UNECE UN/CEFACT in 2016 when it became evident that the recent tsunami of newer technologies, Blockchain, the rise of SaaS Platforms and recent advances in IoT technologies had the potential, based on UNECE UN/CEFACT standards to accelerate the adoption of paperless cross border trade facilitation.