



Mini Conference  
**Draft Agenda**

**Transboundary Movements of Waste**

<b>29 September 2016</b>	
<b>PM1</b> 14:00-15:30	<b>Opening</b>  Basel Convention regulatory system, goals and challenges  UN/CEFACT TMW Project
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
<b>AM2</b> 16:00-17:30	<b>Basel Rotterdam Stockholm (BRS) Secretariat developments</b>  <b>European Commission General Directorate Environment developments</b>  TMW EDI implementations, status quo, lessons learned, additional requirements  Closing





## UN/CEFACT Mini Conference on Transboundary Movements of Waste

The Environmental Management Domain of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) is pleased to invite you to a Mini Conference on transboundary movements of waste (TMW). The **Mini Conference** will be held **on 29 September 2016** at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in **Bangkok, Thailand**, within the framework of the 28<sup>th</sup> UN/CEFACT Forum.

### Basel Convention and Transboundary Movements of Waste

In the 1980s, deposits of **hazardous wastes** in parts of the developing world, imported from abroad, became publicly known and led to a public outcry. In response, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal was adopted in 1989 and entered into force in 1992. As of 2016, more than 180 countries are parties to the Convention.

For **preventing adverse effects to human health and the environment**, the three principal aims of the Convention are (i) the reduction of hazardous waste generation, (ii) the restriction of transboundary movements of waste except where environmentally sound, and (iii) a **regulatory system**.

The regulatory system involves permitting, announcements of individual movements of waste, and reporting on the receipt, recovery or disposal of waste. This requires a vast number of documents and vast amount of information to be exchanged business-to-government, government-to-government and business-to-business. **Electronic data interchange** can make a big difference compared to how the exchange of information has been handled in the past, predominantly via fax. **Administrative burdens can be dramatically reduced**; the **regulatory system becomes more efficient and more effective**.

### The TMW Project

The UN/CEFACT Transboundary Movements of Waste (TMW) project has been launched to establish a global standard for the electronic interchange of waste movement related data. The standard is available to be used by all parties involved in transboundary movements of waste and by IT solution providers.

An initial set of deliverables including XML data formats and a business requirements specification has been completed and is available on the [UN/CEFACT website](#). These results are in use in first implementations.

### About the Mini Conference

The purpose of the Mini Conference is to inform about the TMW project, to provide expertise on the implementation of the TMW standard, and to share experiences and lessons learned.

The conference is organized as a **peer-to-peer workshop, where experts share their experience and discuss implementation approaches**.

### Target Audience

The target audience is experts from governments, competent authorities, international organisations, academia and IT solution providers in the field of environmental management.



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**Registration**

Registration is compulsory for attending the Mini Conference. You are kindly invited to register through the [28th UN/CEFACT Forum online registration](#).

Participation is free of charge but participants are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Should you need any more information about the Mini Conference, please do not hesitate to contact the UNECE secretariat by e-mail at [forum.registration@unece.org](mailto:forum.registration@unece.org).