



# **■ The United Nations and ■ its work on standards**

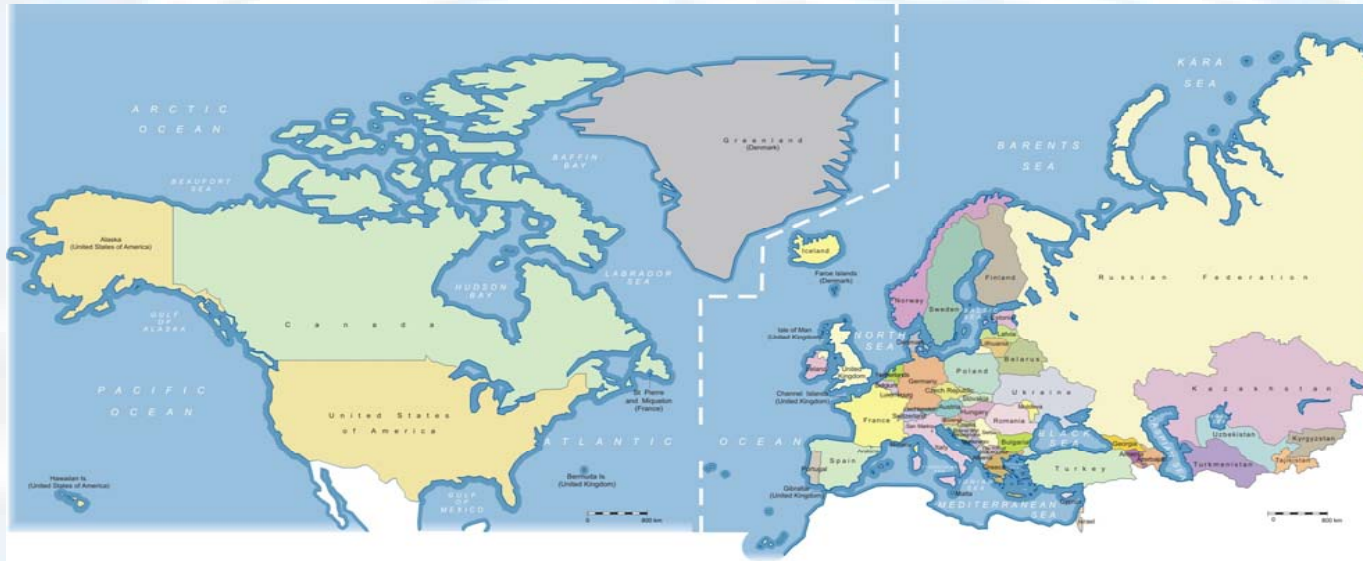
# United Nations Charter, Article I

## The UN Mandate for Work on Standards

*The Purposes of the United Nations are:*

1. *To maintain international peace and security, .....;*
2. *To develop friendly relations among nations .....;*
3. *To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, .....; and*
4. *To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.*

# Terms of Reference of the UNECE



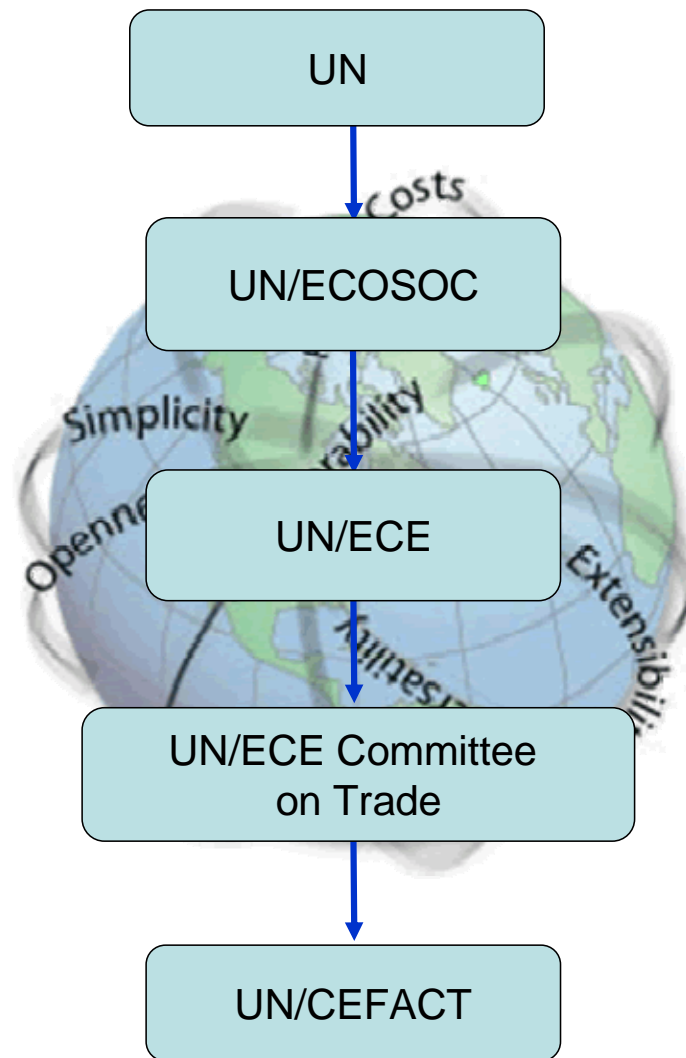
1 (a) Initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development and integration of Europe, for raising the level of European economic activity, and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of the European countries both among themselves and with other countries of the world

# Standards and the United Nations

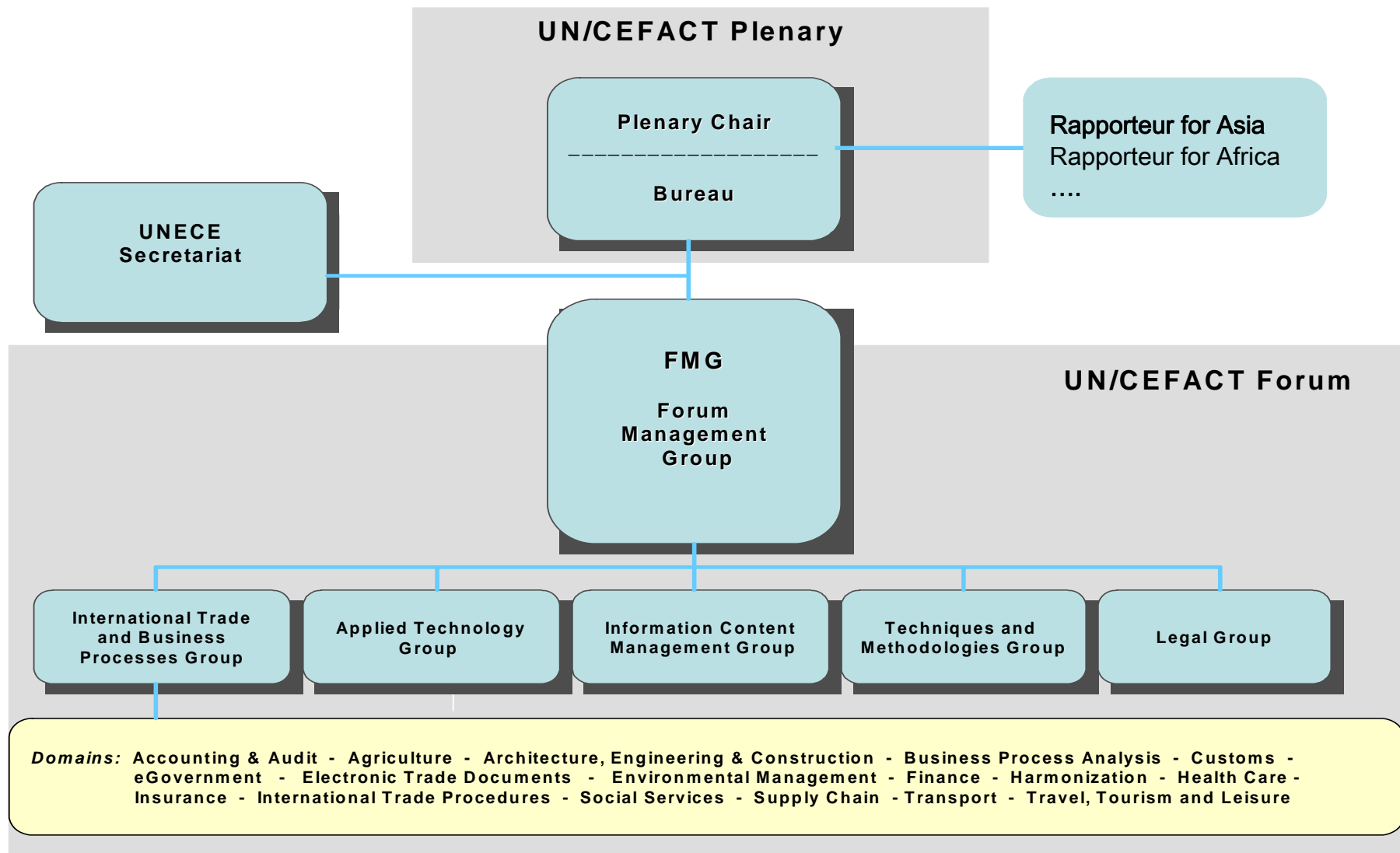
- The United Nations promotes trade for its potential to foster economic development and eradicate poverty.
- As part of its contribution, UNECE develops trade-related recommendations, standards and tools
- *UNECE standards are open, technology neutral and free so that all countries have the same opportunity to use them*

# Where does UN/CEFACT Fit?

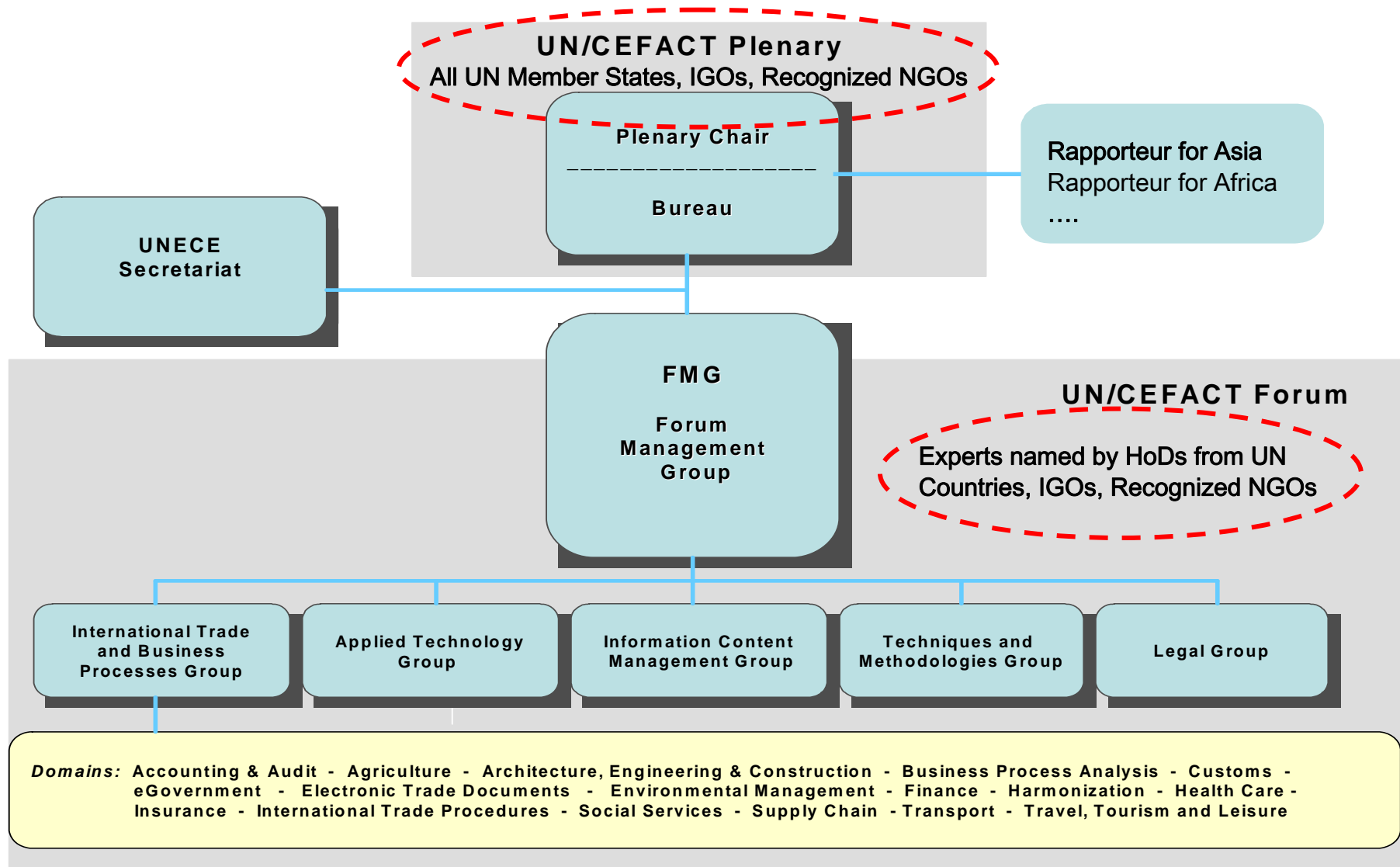
“UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business supports activities dedicated to improving the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively.”



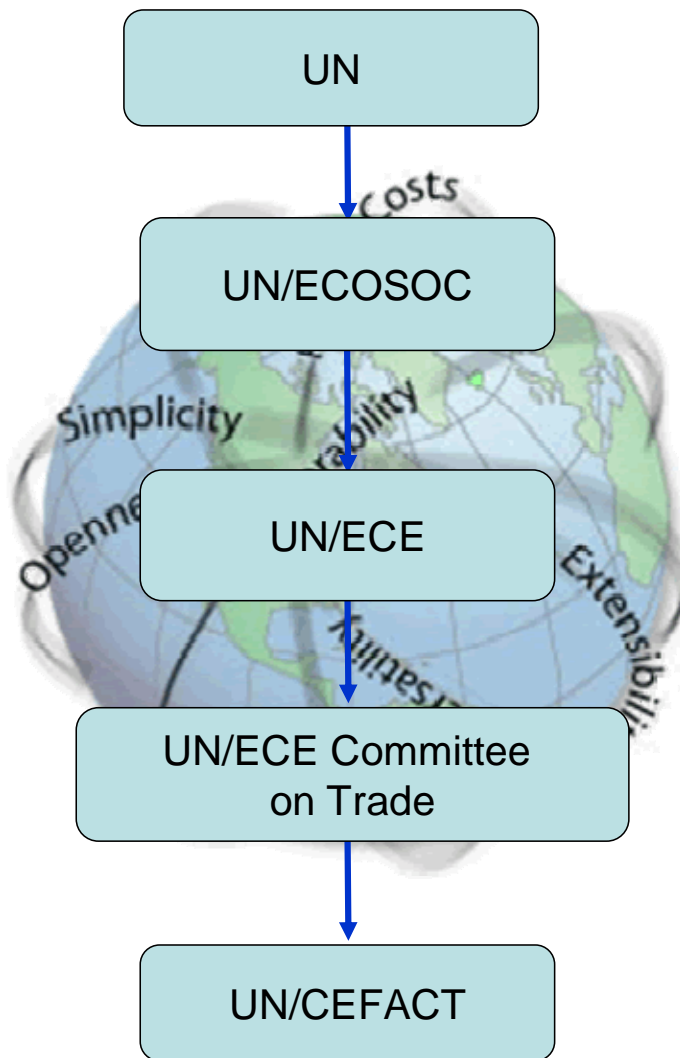
# What is its Structure?



# Where do Countries & Experts Fit?

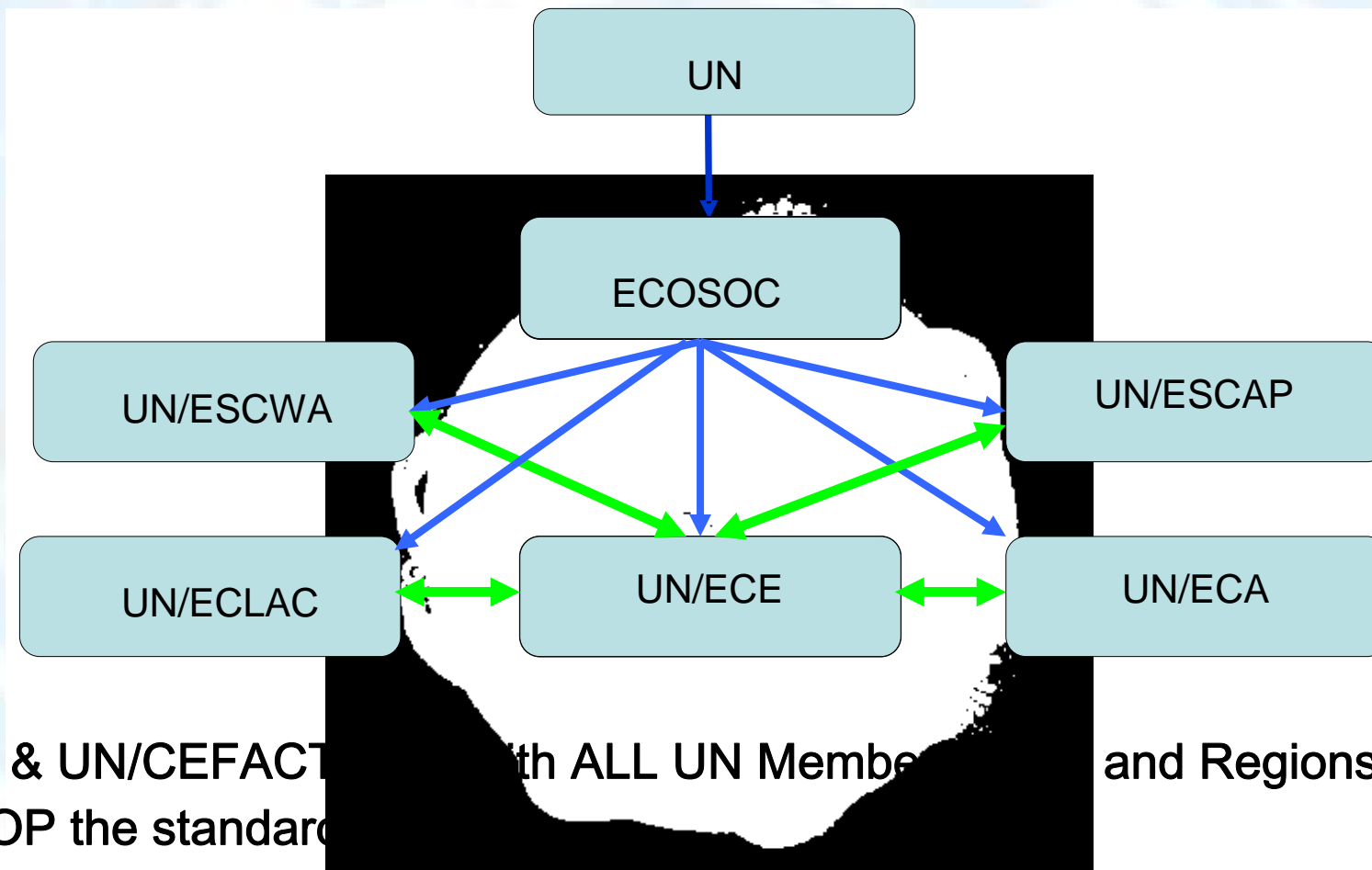


# In the End – This is too Simple



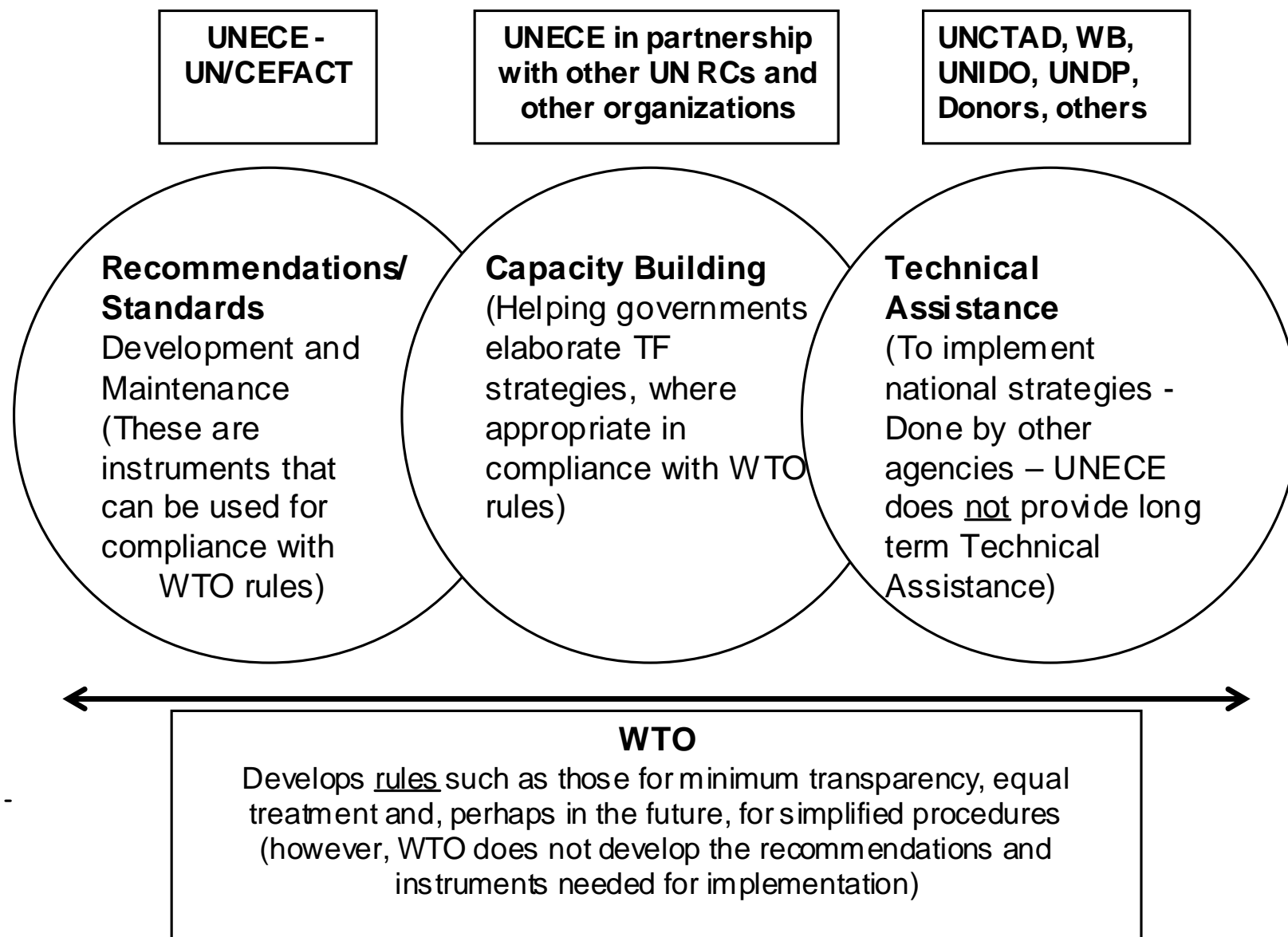


# It Ignores Relationships Between UN Regional Commissions



- ❑ UNECE & UN/CEFACT work with ALL UN Member States and Regions to DEVELOP the standards
- ❑ Each Regional Commission supports IMPLEMENTATION in its own Region
- ❑ The UNECE & UN/CEFACT provide TECHNICAL support to other Regional Commissions to the extent resources allow

# UN/ECE & UN/CEFACT in the Inter-Governmental Trade Facilitation Landscape



## **Some Other Global Standards with Global Input Developed at the UNECE**

- ☐ - **Vehicle Regulations (World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations)**
- ☐ - **Global Harmonized System (GHS) for the Classification of Dangerous Goods**
- ☐ - **Transport conditions (for Dangerous Goods) for all modes for transport (TDG)**
- **United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources**
- **Agricultural Quality Standards**



# THANK YOU

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