



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
UN/CEFACT

Future Direction and Organisation of UN/CEFACT

A Status Report by the UN/CEFACT Bureau

**30 August – 3 September 2010
UN/CEFACT Forum
International Conference Centre, Geneva**



- Drivers for change
- Mandate
- Stakeholders
- Ways forward
- Timetable



Outside

- Recommendations from UNECE Executive Committee
- Need to request renewal of permanent groups
- Opportunities to benefit from external developments and extend collaboration



Inside

- Discussions at Forums and Plenaries
- Outreach to stakeholders / questionnaires
- Gap analyses
- Maturity of experience / lessons learned



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HOD Communication

"Communication to Heads of Delegation "
dated 23 August 2010 from UN/CEFACT Bureau



UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
(*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*)

COMMITTEE ON TRADE

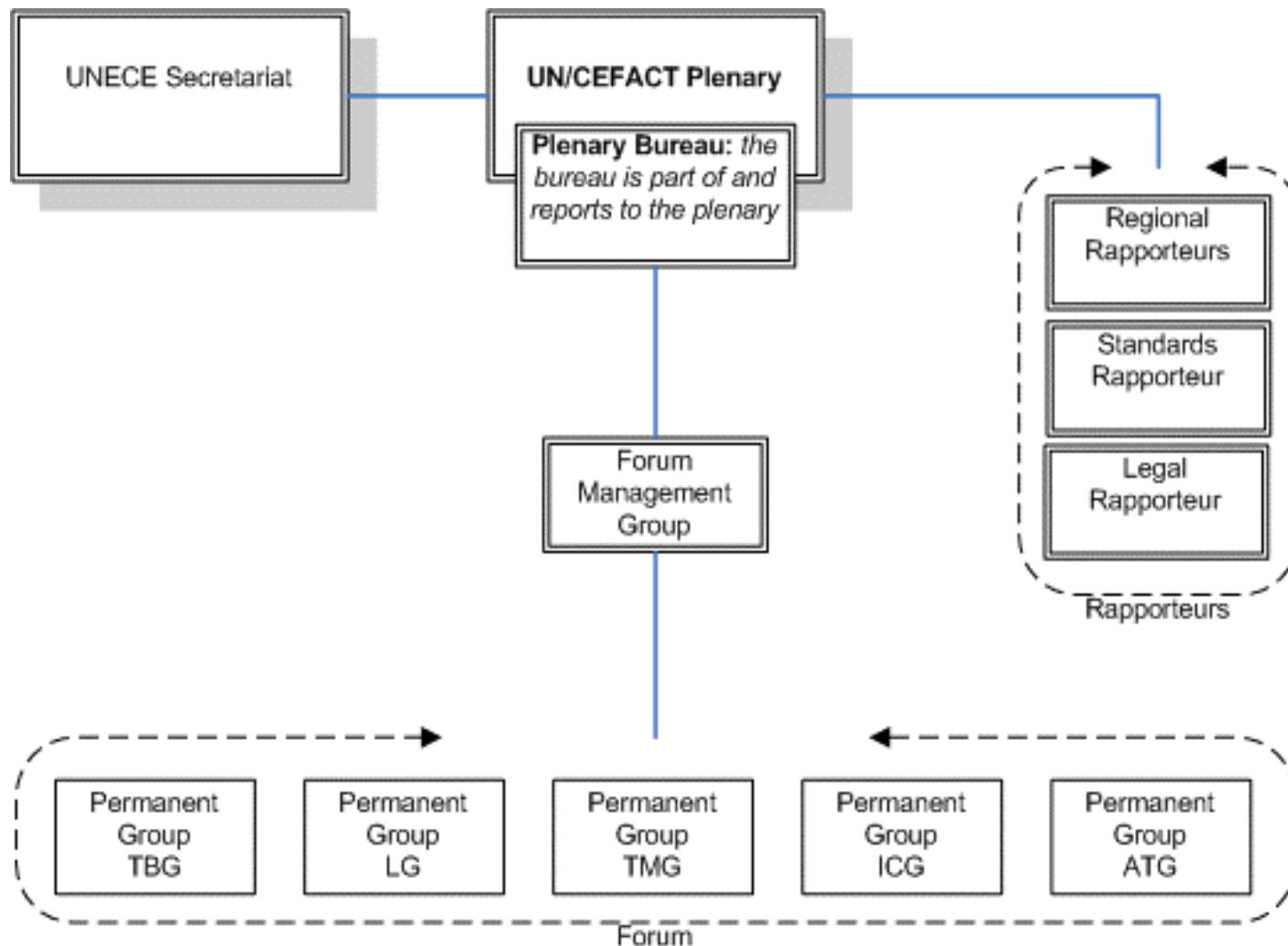
CENTER FOR TRADE FACILITATION AND ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

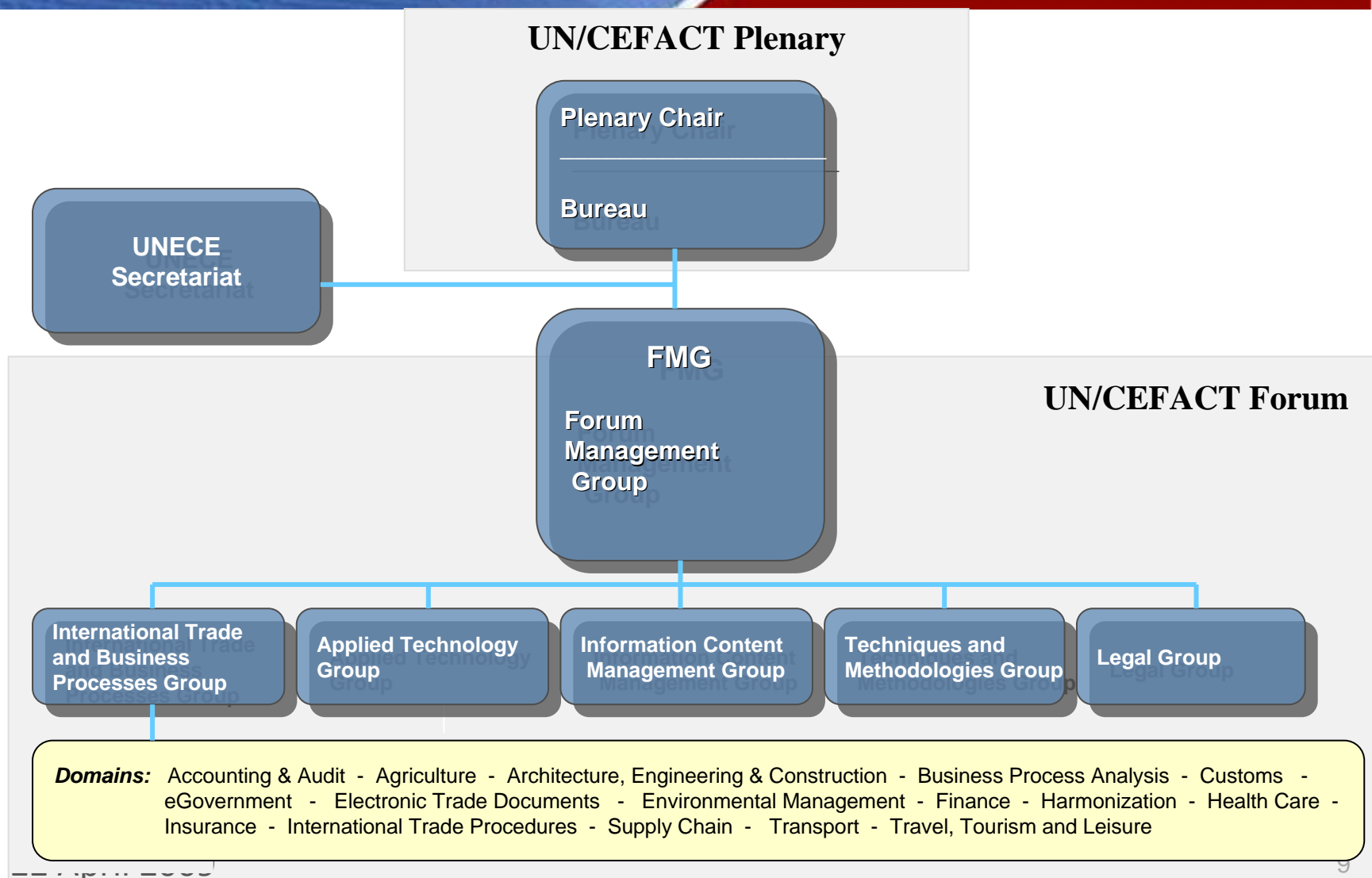


- Intergovernmental
- Public-private sector collaboration
- Global remit
- Multidisciplinary
- Consensus-driven
- Recommendations / Standards
- Real-world solutions-oriented
- Free to participate / to use outcomes



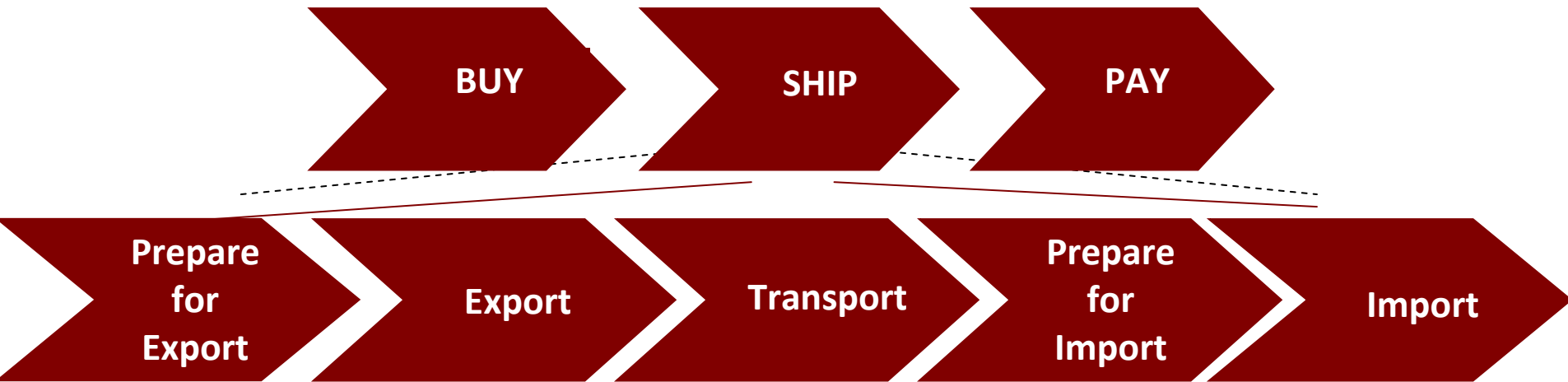
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Core theme: International Supply Chain



Commercial Procedures



Transport Procedures

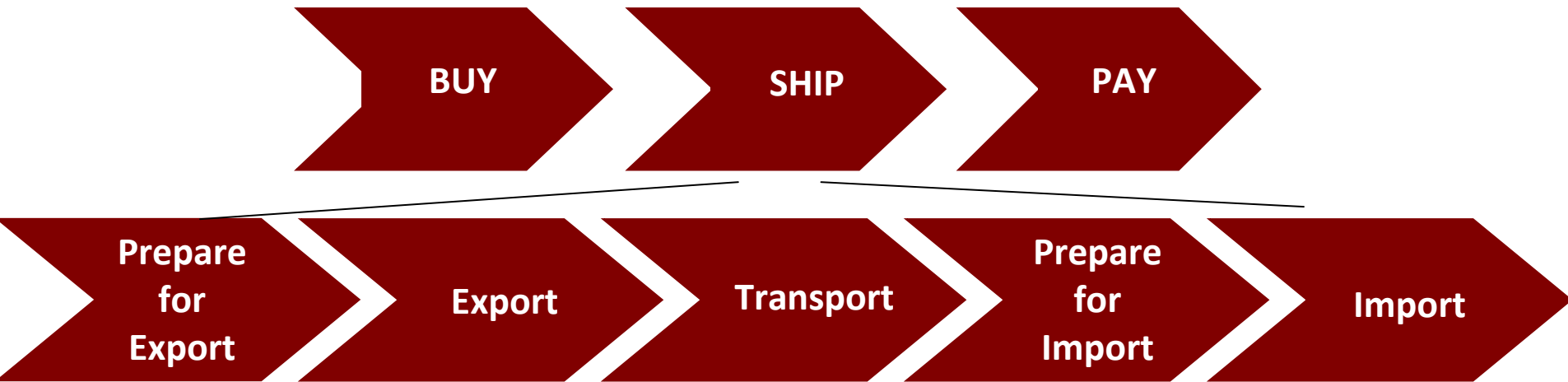


Regulatory Procedures



Financial Procedures





Commercial Procedures

- Procurement / Invoice
- Establish Sales Contract
- Order Goods
- Advise On Delivery
- Request Payment



Transport Procedures

- Establish Transport Contract
- Collect Transport and Deliver Goods
- Provide Waybills, Goods Receipts Status Reports



Regulatory Procedures

- Obtain Import/Export Licences
- Provide Customs Declarations
- Provide Cargo Declarations
- Apply Trade Security Procedures
- Clear Goods for Import/Export



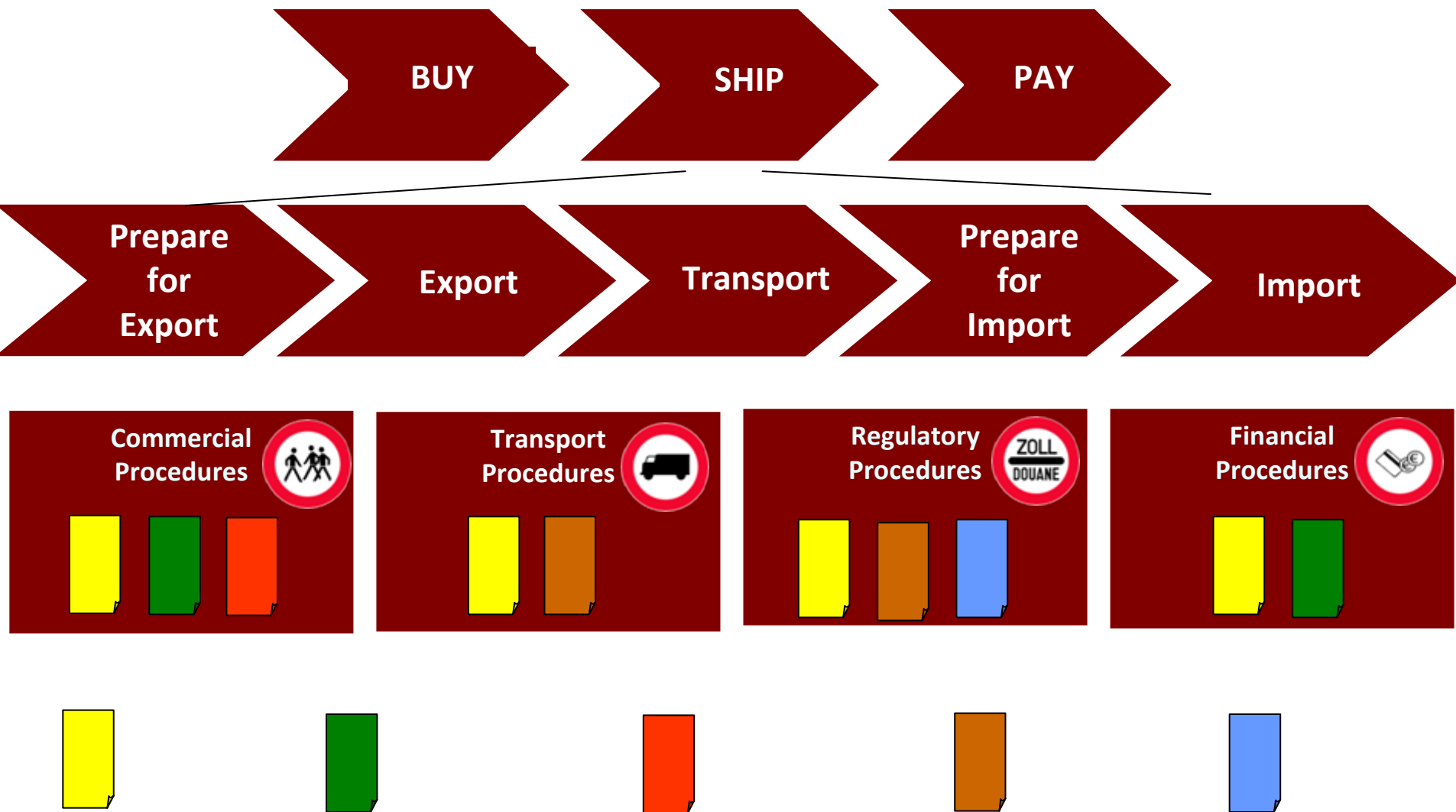
Financial Procedures

- Provide Credit Rating
- Provide Insurance
- Provide Credit
- Execute Payment
- Issue Statements





Re-use (Interoperable) efficiency –
core components, process models





- Public sector
- Private sector
- Standards development organisations
- International organisations
- Others



- Government administrators
- Trade procedures specialists
- Business analysts and managers
- Semantic harmonisers
- Technologists
- Solution providers



- Standards-setting methodologists
- Auditors
- Editors
- Project managers
- Marketers / communications specialists



1. What steps can be taken to encourage broader participation of experts with the needed skills to assist in projects and other activities, such as capacity building, to advance the work on a timely basis?



2. Can a more sustainable approach be put in place which encourages greater emphasis on being a “Centre” for trade facilitation and electronic business?

Accordingly, can a better approach be put in place for identifying priority needs, for bringing together stakeholders within and outside the UN/CEFACT organizational structure, so as to benefit from developments already achieved elsewhere, as well as enabling collaboration when addressing new requirements?



3. How can recommendations and standards be developed at a high level of quality more efficiently?



4. What can be done to streamline organizational processes to enhance governance?



5. What can be done to strengthen communication processes within and outside the UN/CEFACT community?



- Do nothing
- Fine-tuning (step-by-step)
- Streamline



- Roster of Experts
- High-level / cross-domain teams*
- Project teams
- Enhanced role of the management team

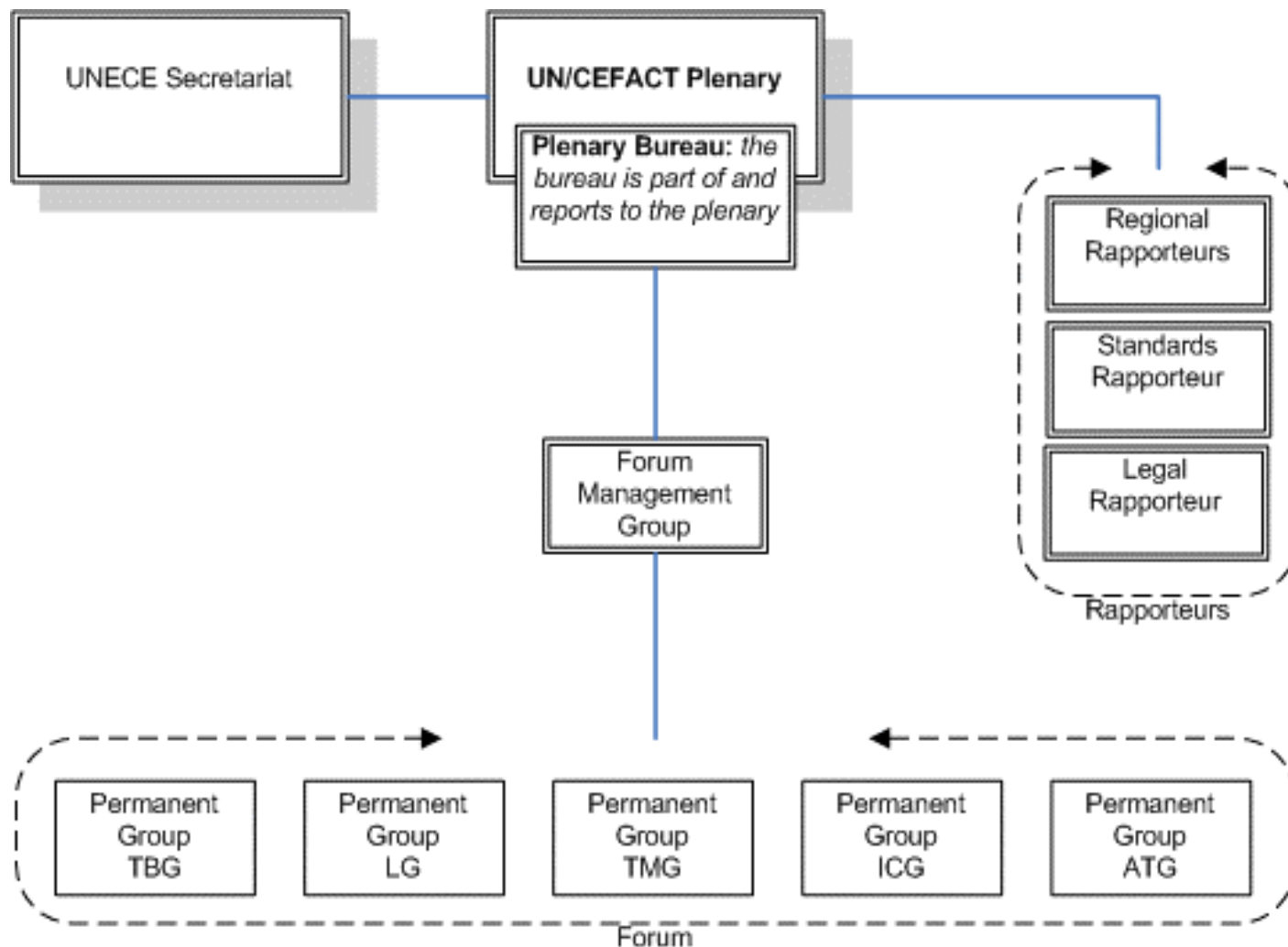
* *Possibly to be based on UNECE EXCOM guidelines for teams of specialists ECE/EX/2
9 October 2006*

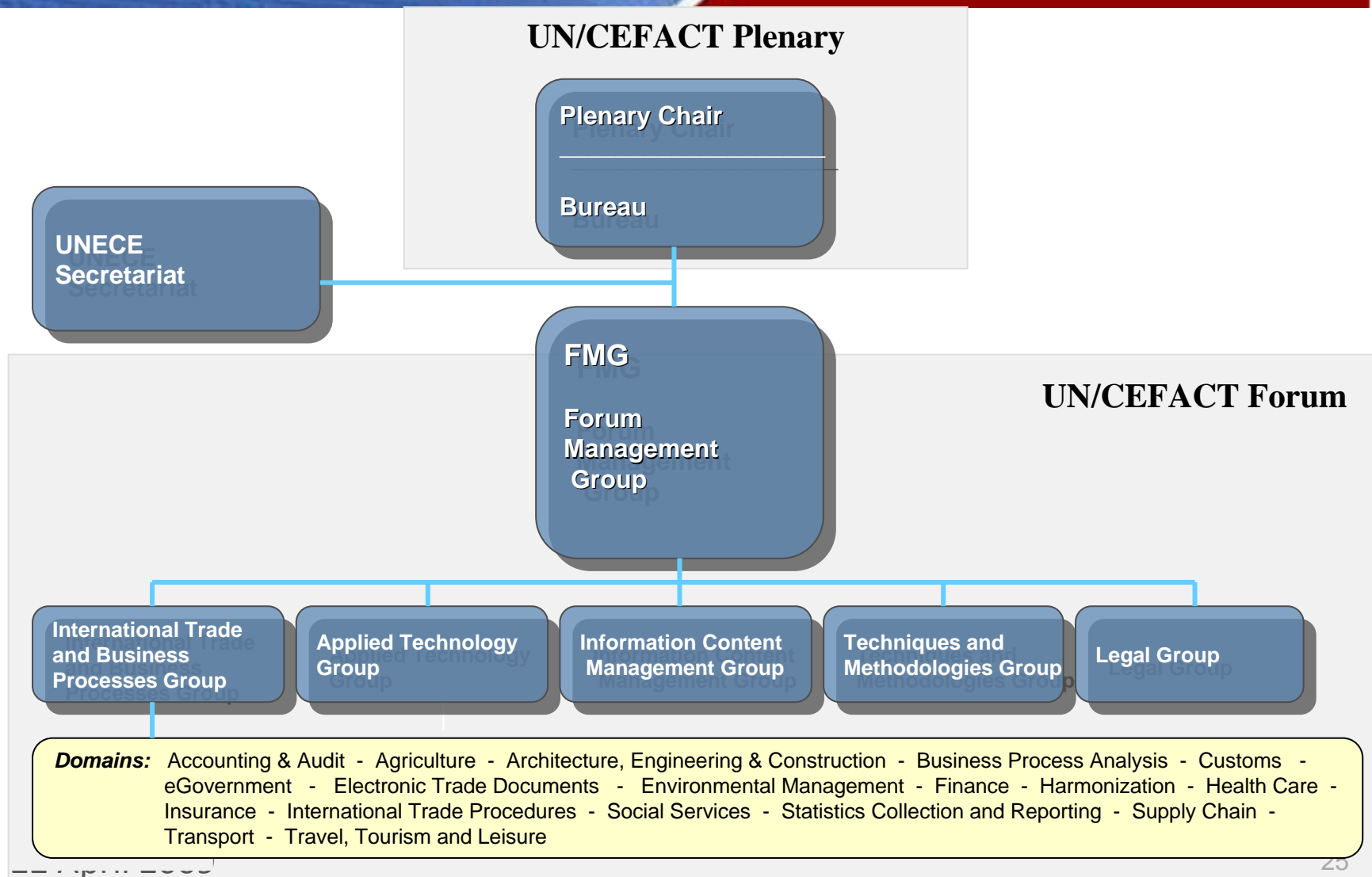


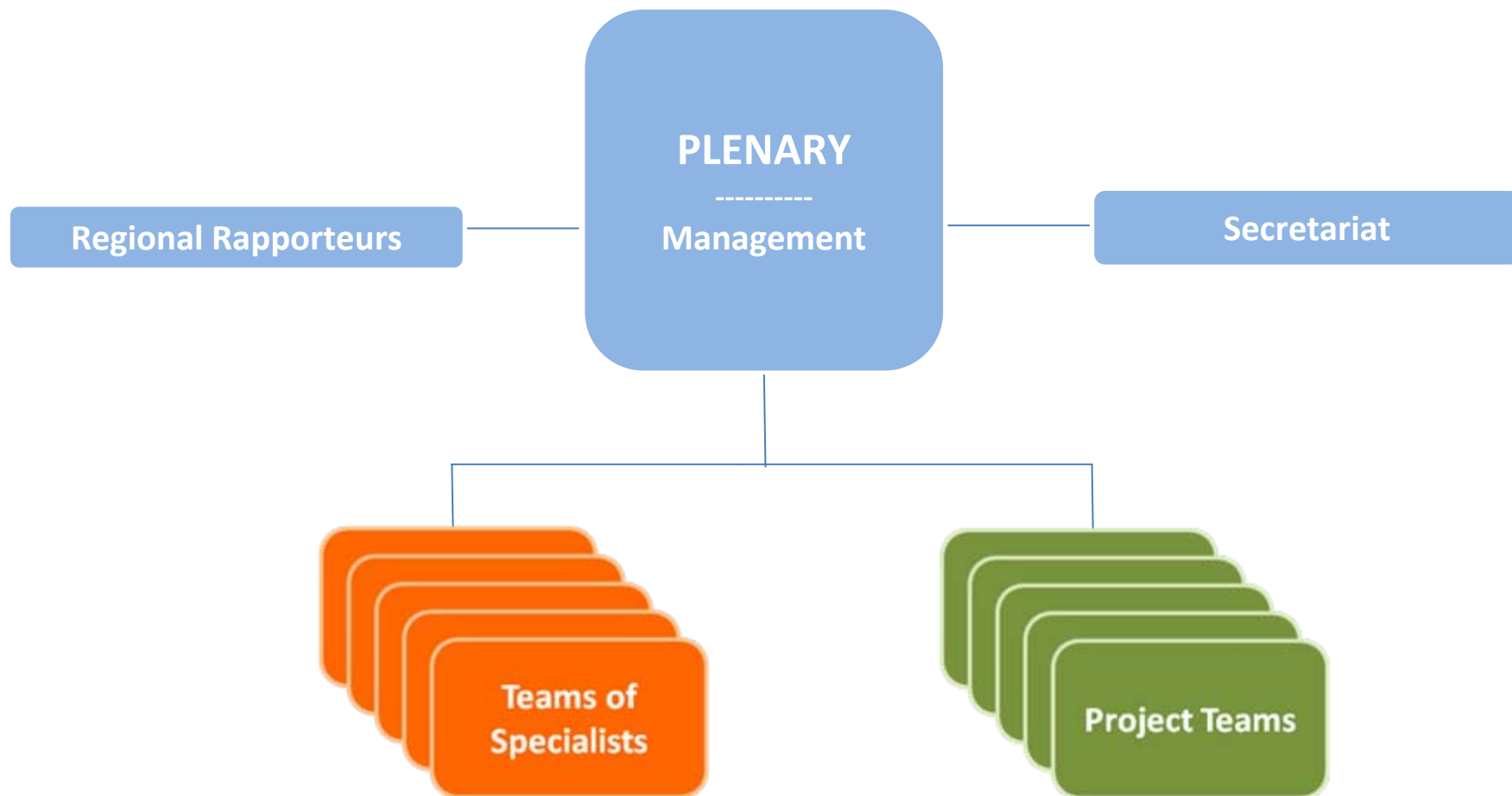
- Reduced management layers
- Need for improved website with registry
- Opportunity for posting self-conformance statements
- Revision of R.650 and Open Development Process



Mandate – R.650 v.4



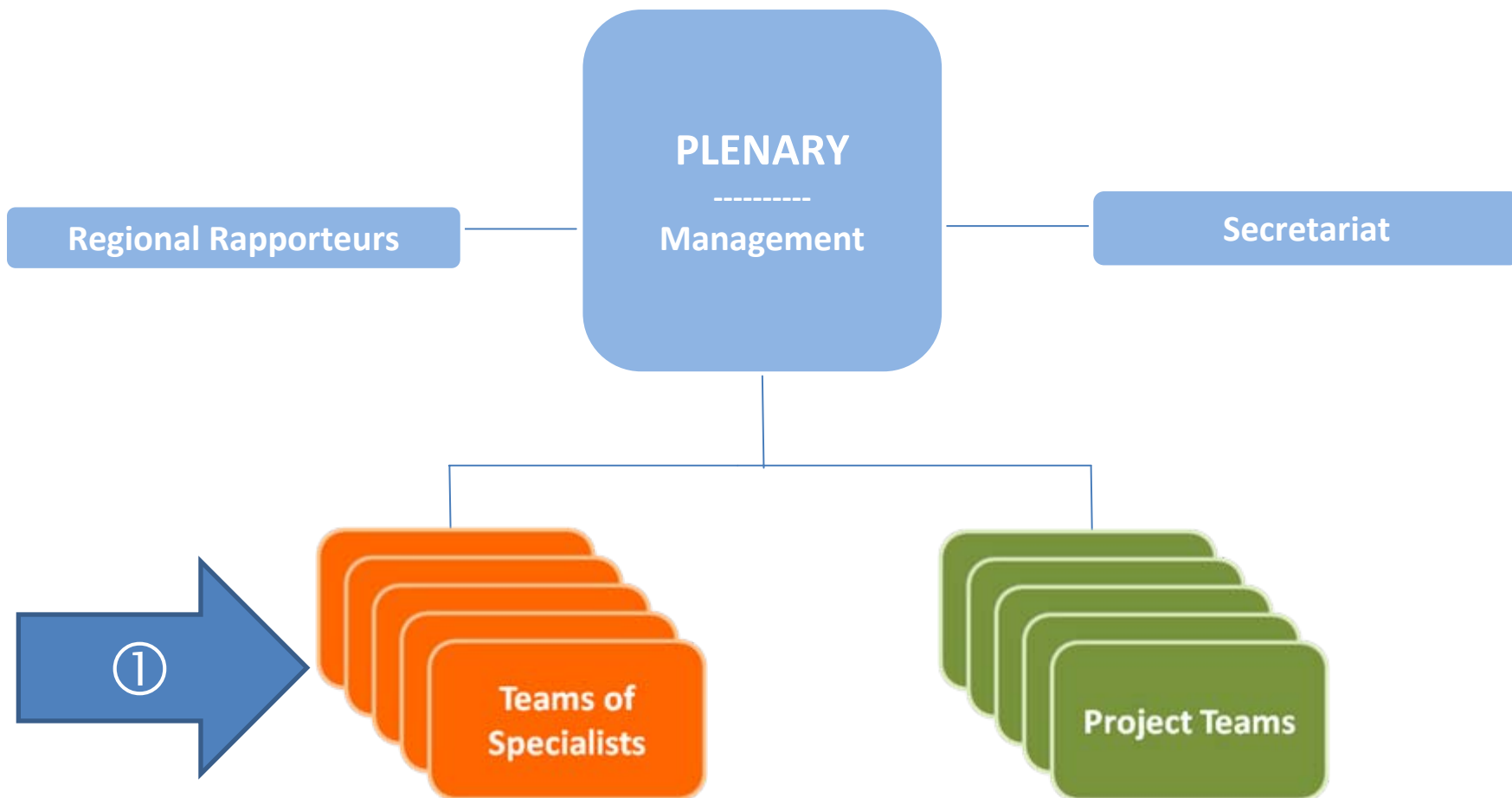






A One-Two-Three Alternative for Change

- teams of specialists (high-level, cross-domain)
- project teams (new functions/relationships)
- management (single layer)





**Teams of
Specialists**

TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS

- Involves high-level and cross-domain teams of experts concerned with thematic, strategic and implementation-oriented issues
- Composed of experts approved by Plenary Heads of Delegation and other recognised national and international experts
- Conduct meetings and working sessions within and across TS framework



**Teams of
Specialists**

TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS (continued)

- Prepare issues for programme of work
- Propose projects to Management for approval
- Propose draft documents to Management for approval, e.g., working papers, white papers, guidelines, implementation guides, capacity building materials, reference data models and other information



Some Initial Ideas of High-Level Cross-Domain Teams

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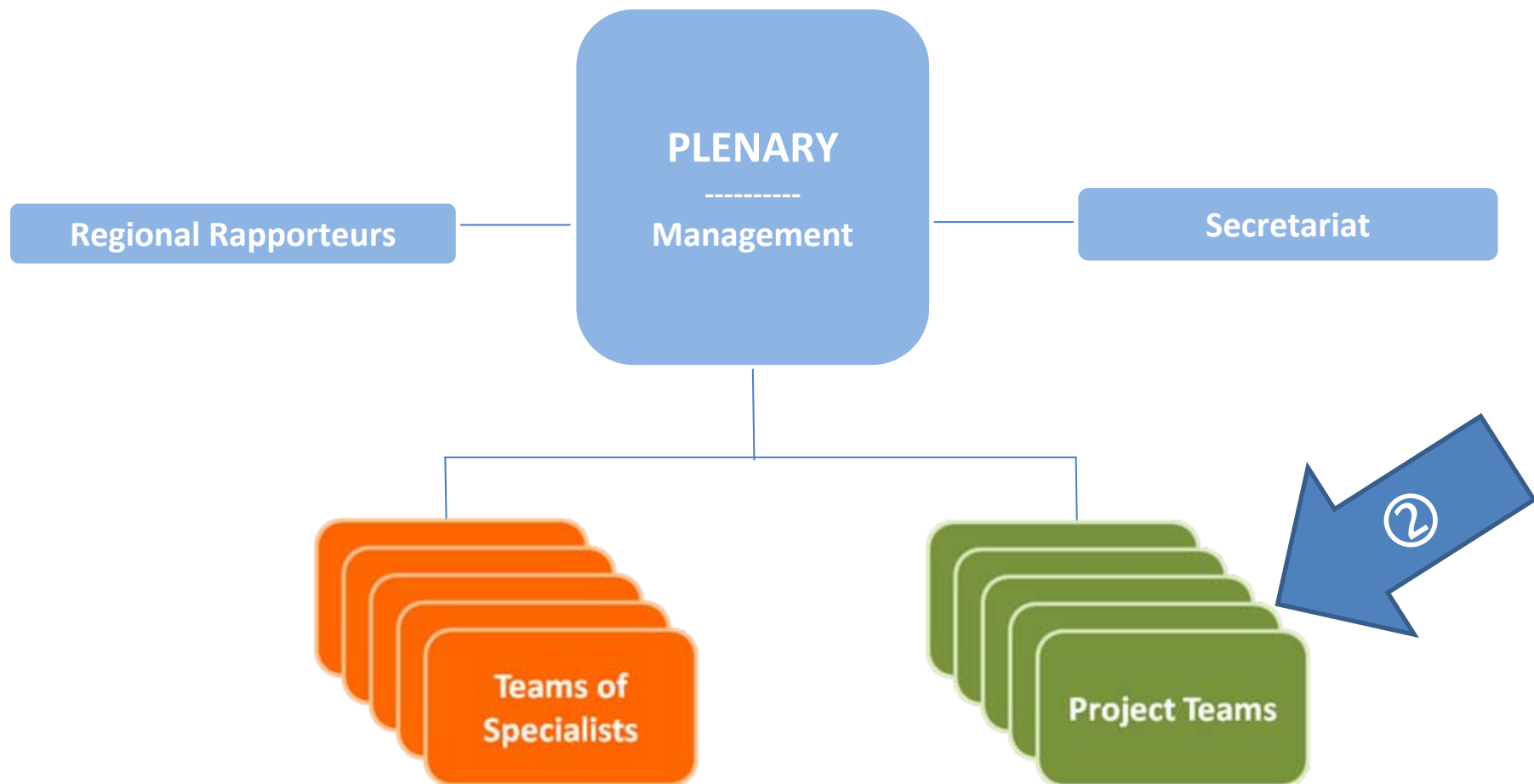
FINANCIAL SERVICES

LOGISTICAL SERVICES

**TECHNICAL
ARCHITECTURE**



Streamlined Structure





Project Teams

PROJECT TEAMS

- Composed of experts nominated by Plenary Heads of Delegation
- Projects concerned with UN/CEFACT:
 - Recommendations
 - Business Standards
 - Technical Standards



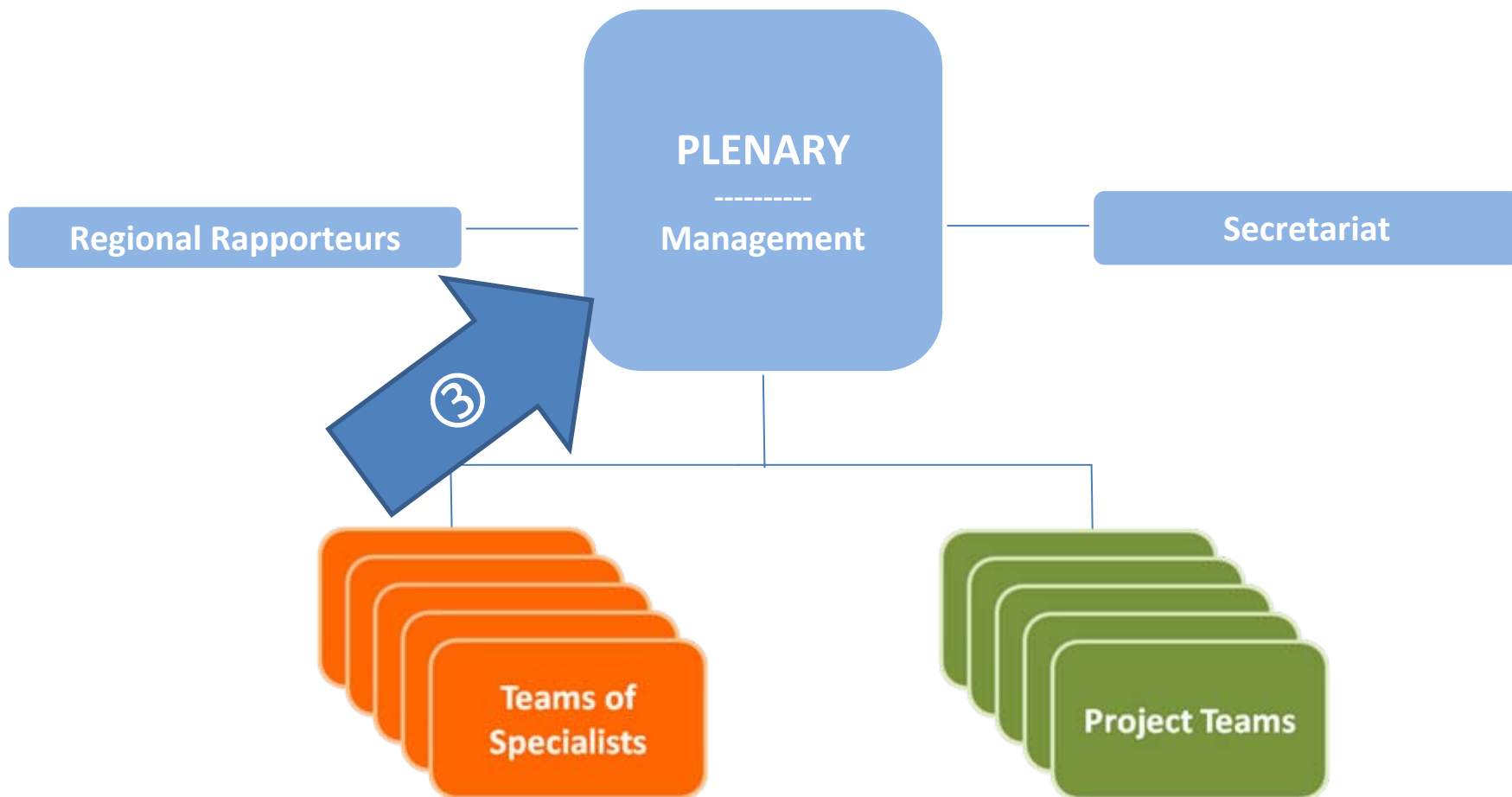
Project Teams

PROJECT TEAMS

- Follow Open Development Process and standards framework
- Perform additional tasks subject to guidelines, e.g. self-audit, pre-harmonisation
- Project control by Management
- Regularly informing Team(s) of Specialists of developments



Streamlined Structure





PLENARY

Management

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- Global remit in developing programme of work, authorisation subject to R.650 Mandate and Terms of Reference
- Initiates calls for participation and appoints team conveners/project leads



PLENARY

Management

Management (continued)

- Reports to Plenary, Committee on Trade and Executive Committee of the UN Economic Commission for Europe
- Volunteer support provided by an operations-oriented team, with experts agreeing to assist for a reasonable period of time, and be concerned with: project control, audit, library maintenance of core components and business process models, marketing and communication and other ongoing tasks



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FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**Next steps include
taking a good look at
relationships to project teams**

**Project
Teams**

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FORUM

- Meeting of Teams of Specialists and Project Teams
- Special topics jointly prepared



Deliverables – as soon as possible

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Documentation
- Translations



- Forum: 30 August-3 September 2010
 - *key week to exchange views and capture significant points*
 - *consultations being arranged every day*
 - *special block of consultations being arranged during 14.00-17.00 hrs on Thursday, 2 September*
- Plenary: 8-10 December 2010
 - *proposal for discussion and approval*
- Forum: Spring 2011 (to be confirmed)
 - *expected implementation*



On Wednesday – morning and afternoon – there will be presentations

- **10.30 AM - Gap Analyses Results**

electronic Business, Government and Trade (eBGT) Gap analyses, technical alternatives (with self-conformance examples)

- **14.00 PM - CSDAT Meeting**

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