



## Bureau Overview of Developments

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- **What we set out to do**
  - To make things work better, faster
  - To strengthen quality of deliverables
  - To respond to stakeholders
  - To communicate within
  - To outreach to others to avoid duplication

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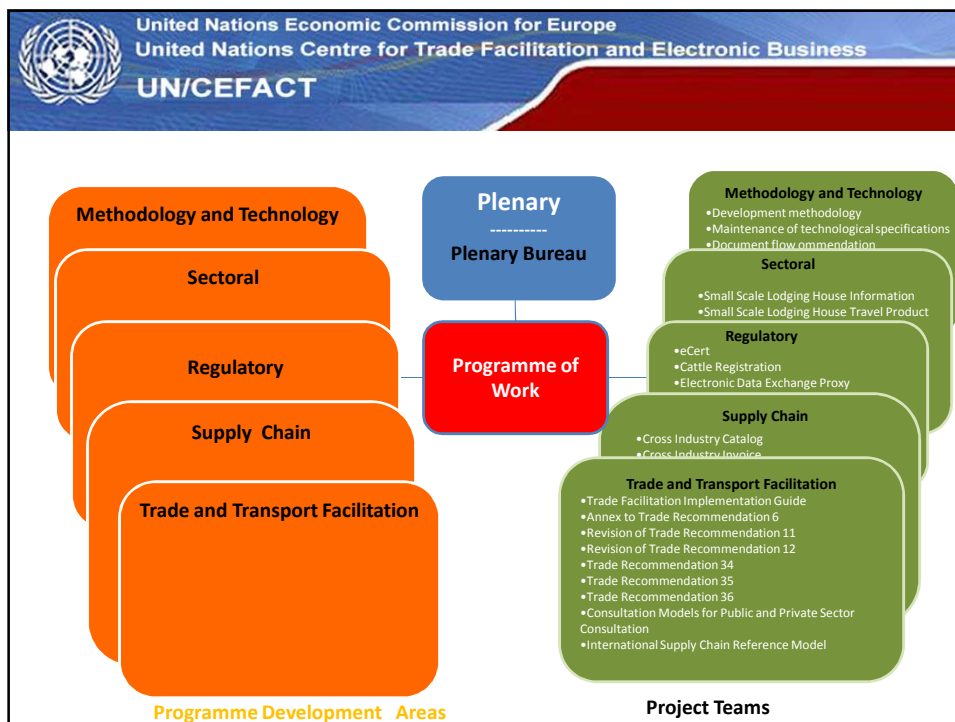
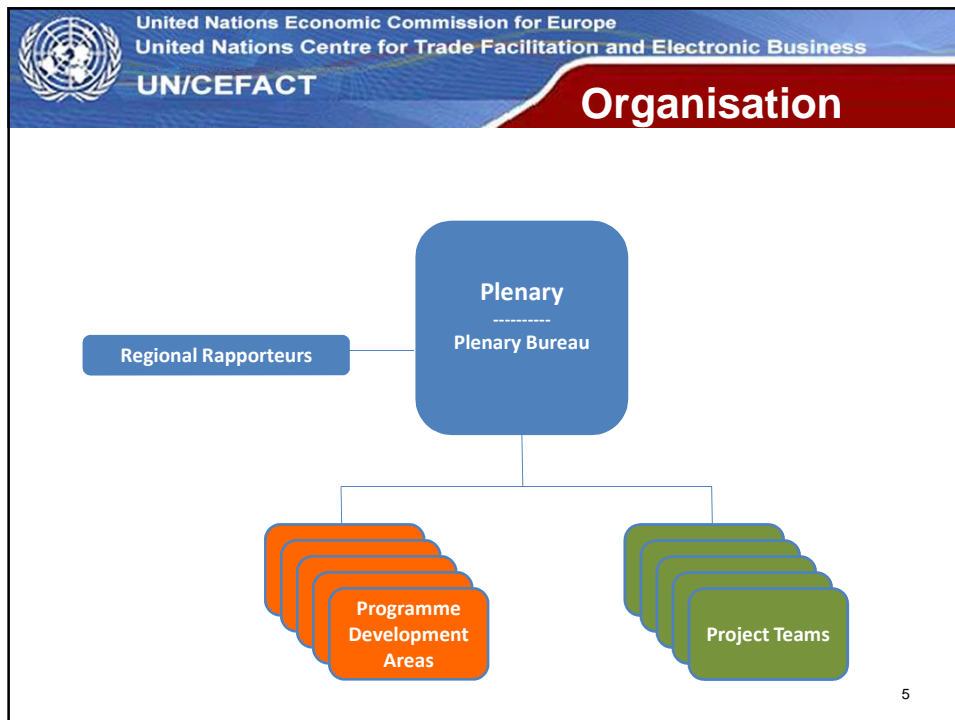
- To be strategic
- To set priorities
- To deliver on our mandate
- To maintain our recommendations and standards

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- What we did
  - We put the new structure into operation

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- **We delegated responsibilities (Vice-Chairs)**
- **We approved domain coordinators**
- **We outreached to other organisations**
- **We communicated as much as we could**

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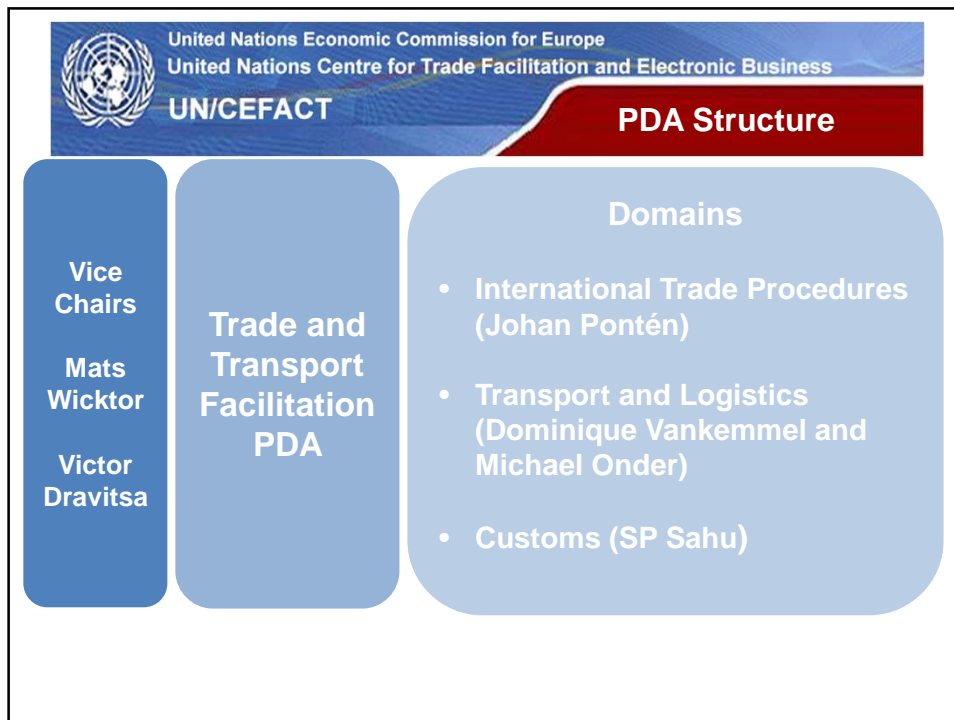


**Trade and Transport Facilitation  
Program Development Area**

**Mats Wicktor & Victor Dravitsa**  
**UN/CEFACT Plenary Vice Chairs**

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**UN/CEFACT** **ITPD: Recommendation 14**

**Revision of Recommendation 14:  
 Authentication of Trade Documents by Means Other  
 than Signature**

- No revision since 1979
- Remove signatures where possible
- Part I: Recommendation
- Part II: Guidelines to Implement the Recommendation
- Annex A Legally enabling environment
- Annex B Technical implementations
- Project Lead: Dr. Lance Thompson



### **Creation of new Recommendation 36: Single Window Interoperability**

- Recommendation and guidelines on requirements for Single Window Interoperability
- Supplements Recommendations 33, 34 and 35 in suite of Single Window Recommendations
- Mechanism required for the interconnectivity of two or more Single Window facilities
- Guidelines on Single Windows Interoperability
- Case Repository for Single Window Interoperability
- Project Lead: Rémy Marchand



### **Creation of new Recommendation: Approaches for Public and Private Sector Consultation**

- Recommendation on approaches for consultation between public and private entities within the area of trade
- Intra-governmental co-ordination
- Transparency and consultation discussed at WTO negotiations
- Assess if an update of recommendation 4 “National Trade Facilitation Bodies” is needed
- Case study repository
- Project Lead: Johan Pontén




### Study for new Recommendation: Public-Private-Partnership for Trade Facilitation

- Creating the required background material for a UNECE recommendation
- Information gathering
- Identify cases when PPP makes sense
- Research existing texts to see if a UN/CEFACT project could bring added value
- Identify recommended practices which could provide guidance
  
- Project co-Leader: Dr. Lance THOMPSON
- Project co-Leader: Malcolm McKINNON



- Severe lack of resources
  
- **Project: Cargo Tracing and Tracking**
  - Create Business Process Models and Business class diagrams for documenting business scenarios and business transactions involved in tracing and tracking cargo in the international logistics chain
  - produce implementation guidelines of existing standard messages and/or define requirements for new XML messages
  - provide seamless cargo tracking information to all logistics partners
  
- Project Lead: K. R. Ahn
  
- **Development of paper for Common Framework for Freight Information Exchange**



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**Customs Domain**

- **Contributes to UN/CCL and UN/EDIFACT**
- **Provides input to ITPD, T&L and Sectoral PDA**
- **Also part of Regulatory PDA**



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## **Supply Chain Programme Development Area Report**

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Supply Chain PDA Report Report

## Agenda

### The Supply Chain Programme Development Area

- Status of Projects
- Liaison with ISO TC68
- Development of a Strategic Plan

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**PDA Structure**

Vice  
Chairs

Mike  
Doran

Tim  
McGrath

## Supply Chain PDA

**Domains**

- Supply Chain Management
- Procurement
- Accounting & Audit
- Finance/Payments
- Government

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**CURRENT PDA LEADERSHIP**

**Bureau Vice Chairs:** Mike Doran & Tim McGrath

**Domain Coordinators:**

- **Supply Chain Management:** Karina Duvinger & Edmund Gray
- **Procurement:** Bernard Longhi
- **Finance & Payments:** Liliana Fratini Passi
- **Government:** Didier Hardy
- **Accounting & Audit:** Benoit Marchal & Eric Cohen

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**STATUS OF PROJECTS**

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SUPPLY CHAIN PDA

**PROJECTS**

**Based on the Core Component Technical Specification and  
Naming & Design Rules v 3.0**

**PROCUREMENT**

- [eTendering ebXML Standards Project](#)
- [Contract Financial Execution Management Project](#)

**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

- [Cross Industry Invoice Project](#)

*Drafts completed, validated and submitted to the UN/CEFACT Bureau for Public Review (60 days)*

*Note: The Core Component Library based on CCTS & NDRv3 submitted to the Bureau will be published also for Public Review with the project deliverables*

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SUPPLY CHAIN PDA

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

**GOVERNMENT**

- [Legal Notification Publication Project due for completion in 2014](#)

**ACCOUNTING & AUDIT**

- [Lexical Nomenclature – Gathering Requirements](#)

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**SUPPLY CHAIN PDA**

**POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS**


**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT** (following publication of CCLv3 deliverables)

- [Cross Industry Ordering](#)
- [Cross Industry Delivery](#)

**FINANCE & PAYMENTS**

- [Purchase Order Finance](#) (proposal to be developed)

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**LIAISON WITH ISO TC 68 – Financial Services**

Liaison has been formally established with ISO TC 68.

This will facilitate cooperation between UN/CEFACT and ISO TC 68, in particular, providing opportunities to avoid duplication of effort. This development is expected to have a significant impact on finance and payments domain issues to be taken up within the Supply Chain PDA.

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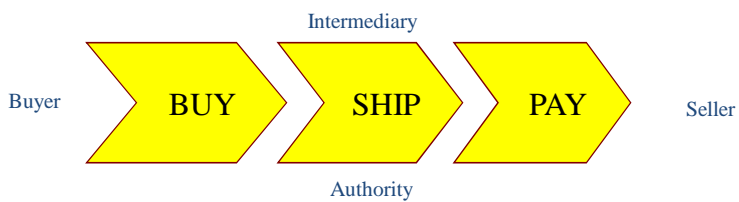
## Developing Strategic Plan

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**Buy-Ship-Pay**

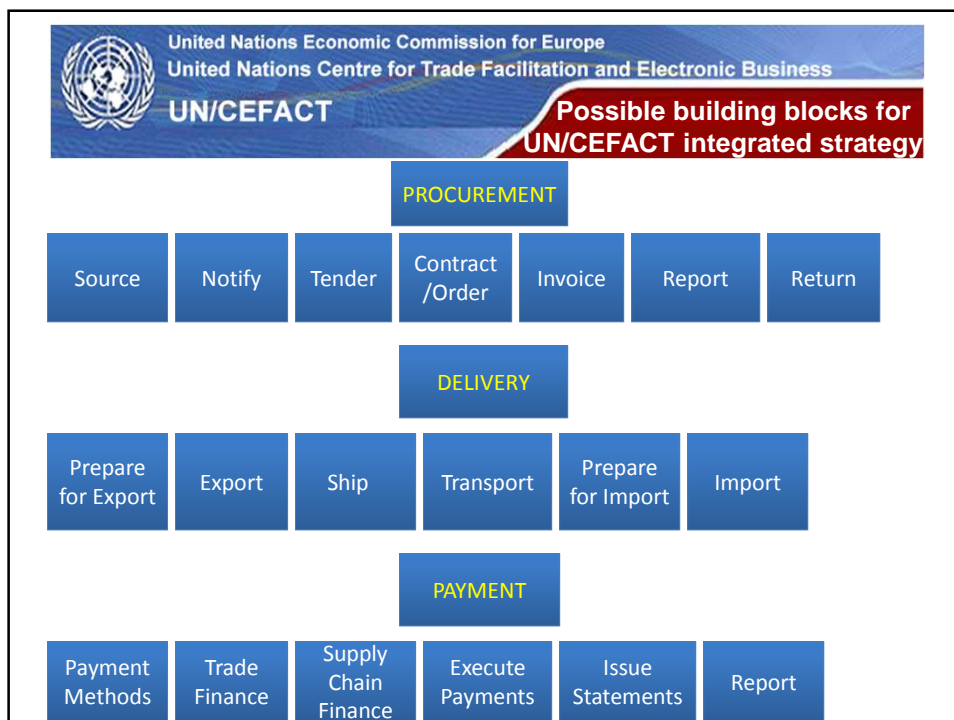
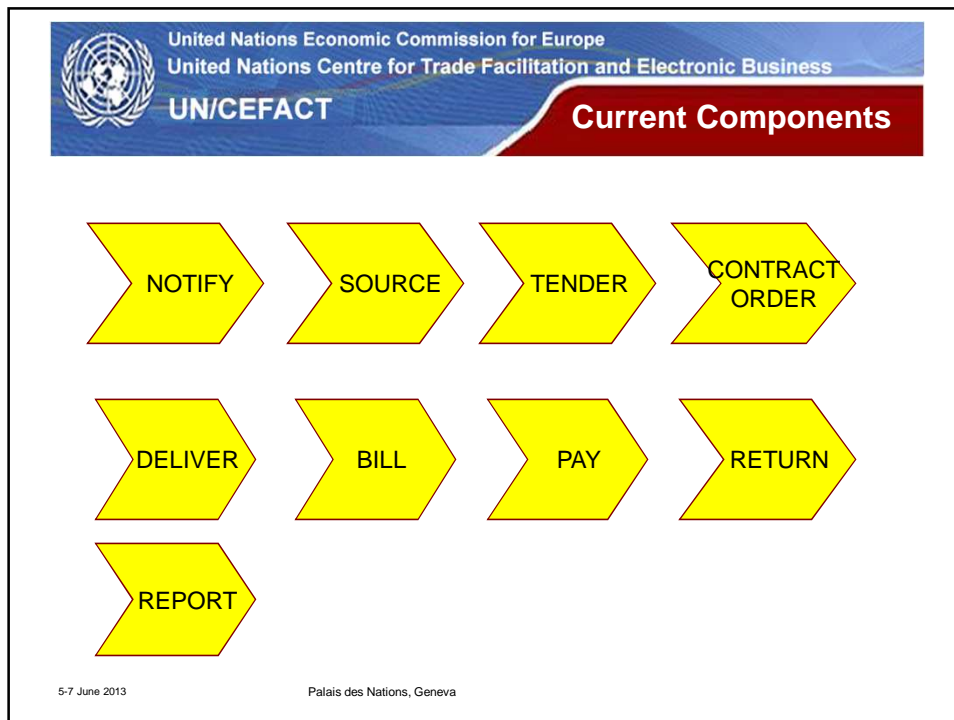



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The International Trade Transaction Process consists of integrated & coordinated flows of information, goods & payments

Source: UN/CEFACT International Supply Chain Reference Model

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**Projects require  
RESOURCES**

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**Regulatory PDA**



**Bureau Vice Chairs:** Tahseen A Khan & Mats Wicktor

**Domain Coordinators:**

- **Environment Management:** (vacant)
- **Customs:** S P Sahu
- **Government:** Didier Hardy

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- Harmonization of classification of chemical products and hazardous materials
- Envisaged Project: Waste management

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- Information sharing with WCO on:
  - Warehousing
  - Free Zones
  - Advance Cargo Filing
  - Endangered Species (CITES)
- **Envisaged project:** Pilot project for Cross border paperless trade in South Asia in association with other international institutions

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- eProcurement (hosted under Supply Chain PDA)
- Proposed projects:
  - (i) Standards for mutual recognition of foreign CAs;
  - (ii) Standards for time stamping services;
  - (iii) Standards for long term archival of digitally preserved documents;
  - (iv) Standards for secure trade transactions through mobile;
  - (v) Standards for digital passport/visa

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## **Sectoral Programme Development Area**

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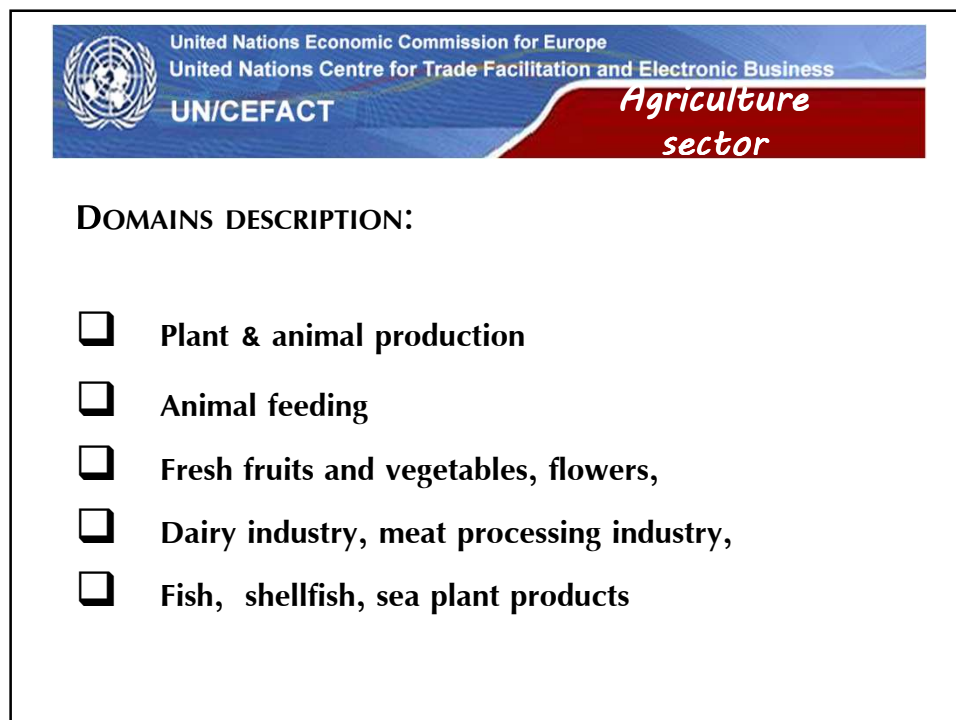
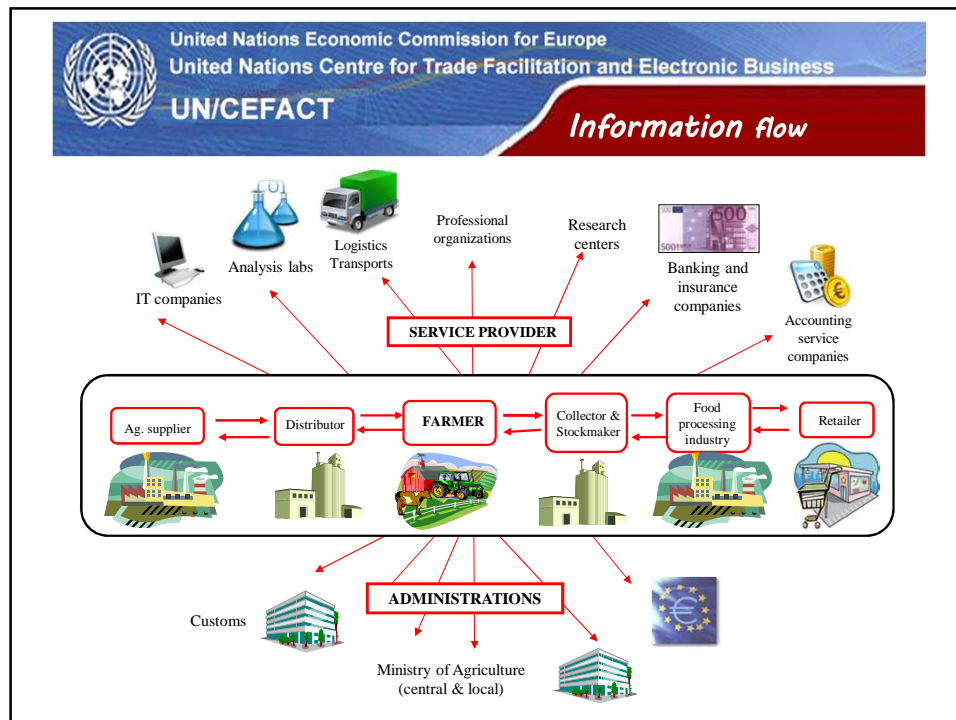
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## ***PDA Sectoral: Agriculture***

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*Objective of standards*

- ☐ Tracking and tracing of agri-food products
- ☐ Basic requirement for food safety
- ☐ Phytosanitary issues
- ☐ Veterinarian issues




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*Scope*

ANIMAL	CROPS	eCertification	TRANSVERSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle Registration Information Exchange(CRIE) – (CCL 10A)</li> <li>Fish Traceability (dispatch advise) (CCL10A)</li> <li>Electronic data Interchange of fisheries catch data (in progress)</li> <li>Animal Traceability (start)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crop Data Sheet (eDAPLOS) (CCL08A)</li> <li>Agronomical Observations Report (CCL11A)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eCert Message (CCL08A)</li> <li>Implementation Guide</li> <li>eCert electronic signature (in progress)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Data Exchange Proxy (CCL10A)</li> <li>Electronic Data Interchange for laboratory analysis in agricultural and agrifood fields (CCL12B)</li> <li>Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) Notification Exchange (expected in (CCL13B)</li> </ul>




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*Existing  
agri-standards*

- ☐ e-CERT
- ☐ e-DAPLOS
- ☐ Electronic animal passport
- ☐ Electronic data exchange PROXY
- ☐ Agronomical Observations Report
- ☐ e-Laboratory observation report message

➔ To be maintained




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*New  
developments*


- ☐ Rapid Alert System for Feed and Food (RASFF)
- ☐ Electronic data Interchange of fisheries catch data
- ☐ Animal traceability data exchange



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*Near  
future*

- ☐ Invoicing fresh fruits and vegetables and cutflowers (e-trade auction)
- ☐ Agri product and processing information at farm
- ☐ Animal identification
- ☐ Animal production
- ☐ eFood Chain
- ☐ Traceability of fresh fruits and vegetables
- ☐ Cereals
- ☐ Milking and dairy information



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***PDA Sectoral: Insurance, Travel & Tourism, Utilities***  
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### Progress since last Plenary

- **New Projects**
- Submission of Core Components for Commercial Insurance
- Submission of Core Components for Property Claims Handling
- Core Components and models of building blocks for Health Insurance in the field of reimbursement of claims



### New Projects

#### Submission of Core Components for Commercial Insurance

##### Project Purpose

The project's purpose is to prepare a submission of CCs for Commercial Insurance to the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library.

##### Project Scope

Over the last few years the insurance domain in UN/CEFACT has developed a complete set of core components for the administration of contracts. The focus was on private property and casualty insurance and on motor insurance for private vehicles and commercial fleets. Now the insurance domain will extend its development to commercial risks in property and casualty insurance.





## New Projects

### Submission of Core Components for Property Claims Handling

#### Project Purpose

The project's purpose is to prepare a submission of CCs for the handling of property claims to the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library.

#### Project Scope

Over the last few years the insurance domain in UN/CEFACT has developed a complete set of core components for the handling of motor claims. Now the insurance domain will extend its development to the handling of property claims.



## New Projects

### "Core components and models of building blocks for health insurance in the field of reimbursement of claims"


#### Project Purpose

The Project Purpose is to define CC's for health insurance in the field of reimbursement of claims with the objectives to enable or facilitate cross border exchange of information in between providers and health insurers.

#### Project Scope

Over the last few years the insurance domain in UN/CEFACT has developed a set of core components in the field of health insurance. Now the insurance domain will extend its development to the handling of reimbursement of claims as done in health insurance.





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Travel/Tourism

### 1. SLH ( Small scaled Lodging House) Reservation Information Process

1) The harmonization of UN/CEFACT for BIEs and related CCs has just finished in Sept 2012


2) Based on this, RSM document will be provided.

### 2. New Project

Destination Travel Information Process (DTI Process) is approved and is running under projectmanagement of the Korean Travel Group.

### 3. SLH Trial Project in AFACT Region

Now that the standardization process of SLH has almost completed in UN/CEFACT, AFACT TT&L (Travel, Tourism and Leisure) WG has decided to proceed the trial project utilizing the SLH related messages within AFACT region.




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Utilities

- Domain is new since latest UN/CEFACT Plenary
- Subject: administrative/commercial information regarding distribution through a physical grid (electricity, gas, water, sewerage etc.)
- Alignment between IEC and UN/CEFACT regarding Core Components:
  - A discussion with IEC has started to try to come to alignment with IEC for UN/CEFACT Core Components and the Core Components as developed recently by IEC; with a focus on semantics
  - Remains to be seen what can done about parallel technical specifications (such as CCTS, NDR)



- 2 projects:
  - Alignment of Master Data for Metering Point and of Measured Data in the deregulated Energy Market
  - Reutilization of Data from Utility Management Systems (*status: provisionally approved, supported by Japan*)




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**Agenda Item 3: Bureau Overview of Developments**

**Methodologies & Technologies**

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Structure of Presentation

- Approved Projects
- Proposed Projects
- Informal Notes drafted
- Strategic document drafted

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Approved Projects


- Active:
  - Procedure for CCTS 3 & NDR 3 artefacts Publication
  - Open Data Interchange Framework
- Exited:
  - Core Components Business Document Assembly
  - BRS Documentation Template and RSM Documentation Template Guidelines
- Suspended
  - UN/CEFACT Context Methodology
  - Business Document Header and Envelope

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Proposed Projects

- Recommendation for ensuring legally significant trusted trans-boundary electronic interaction 
- Registration of semantic assets
- NDR 2.0 maintenance
- CDT 3.1 maintenance 





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Informal Notes

- Procedures for maintenance of UN/EDIFACT
- Rules For Presentation of Standardized Message And Directories Documentation (R.1023) 
- Framework for Digital Signature interoperability 

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Possible Framework for Digital  
Signature Interoperability

Plenary Decision 12-10  
The Plenary took note of the Bureau's Explanatory Note on Draft Recommendation 37.


Plenary Decision 12-11  
That the process would continue under the direction of the Bureau Vice-Chair responsible for Methodology and Technology

- to initiate work to establish a framework for the ongoing governance of digital signature interoperability in coordination with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), ISO and other relevant organizations;
- to request that the structure of this framework be established by November 2012, and
- to include in the structure a plan that will enable Draft Recommendation 37 to be put before the Plenary for intersessional approval.

“A PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF DIGITAL  
SIGNATURE INTEROPERABILITY STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS”

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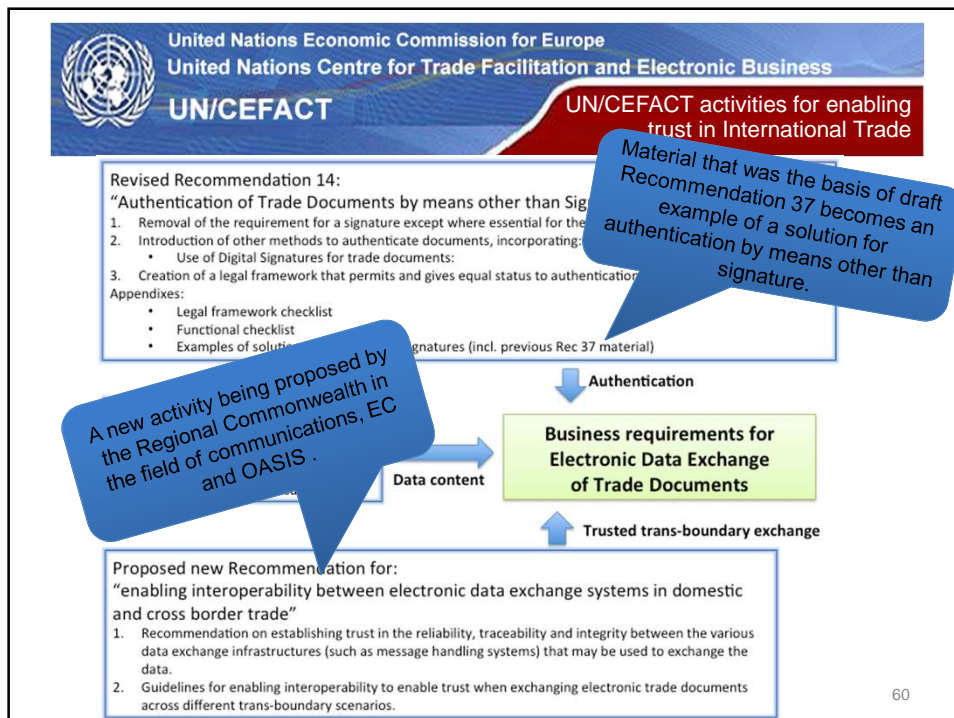
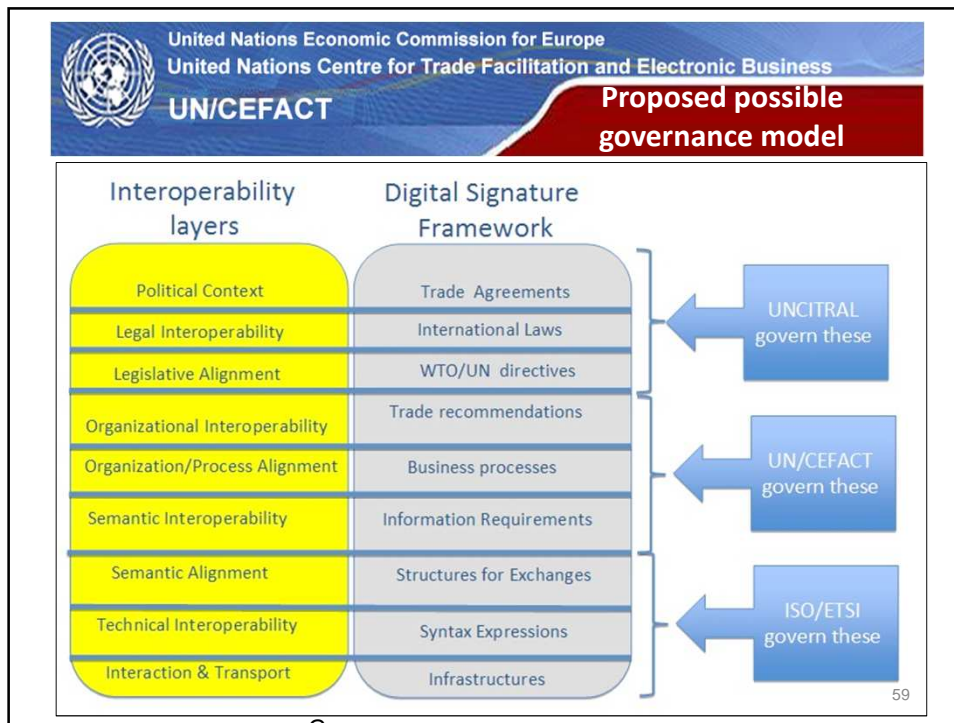
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Trust in the exchange of  
business documents


Area	Responds to the question	Proposed Agency Responsible	Examples
Legal	Is this enforceable in law? Does the signed digital data and the electronic signature meet the legal requirements?	UNCITRAL	UN Electronic Communications Convention; Model Law on Electronic Signatures
Business Requirements	Is this data acceptable to my business operations?	UNECE	UNECE Rec 14
- Process	Is this a valid business relationship?	UNECE	Business Document Header
- Semantics	Is the content consistent with my understanding?	UNECE	UNTDED
Technical	Is this data acceptable to my information system?	ISO and ETSI	ISO 14533-1 and 14533-2, XAdES, CAdES, PAdES

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Drafting on Strategic Topics

- **Integrated Strategy Activities:**
  - Activity 1.3: Monitor technological and methodological developments
  - Activity 1.4: Ensure the technical quality of recommendations, standards and technical specifications


1. **A Proposed Enhanced Technical Framework for UN/CEFACT Deliverables**
  - Commenced at 18<sup>th</sup> Forum
  - Workshops and presentations at 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Forum
  - Face-to-Face meeting
  - Latest draft published October 2012
2. **A Report on the Issues Facing UN/CEFACT**
  - Latest draft published January 2013

- Bureau has not reached consensus on these

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Possible technical framework for UN/CEFACT integrated strategy

- Standardize on semantics not syntax or formats
  - UN/CEFACT 'core' semantics establish basis for interoperability
- Communities of use create their own implementations
  - Process, components, structures, documents and syntax
  - Statement of conformance
  - Registry of conformant specifications published by UN/CEFACT
- UN/CEFACT is a facilitator of interoperability between communities

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**Possible building blocks for UN/CEFACT integrated strategy**

- UN/CEFACT projects would develop...
  - Profiles for eBusiness processes
    - Business requirements, rules and semantics
    - Published as Deliverables for Information
      - Plenary may approve as standards
- Communities would develop ...
  - Specifications based on Profiles for eBusiness
    - e.g. Single Windows, Public Procurement, Finance, regional, industry, etc...

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## Bureau Programme Support


**Library Maintenance - Peter Amstutz, Vice Chair**

**Communication - Pier Alberto Cucino, Vice Chair**

**Liaison - Harm Jan van Burg, Vice Chair**

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## Library Maintenance Coordinators

**EDIFACT: Gait Boxman**  
**CCLs: Chris Hassler, Mary Kay Blantz**  
**Schema: Jostein Fromyr**  
**Code Lists: Various**  
**Validation: Hidekazu Enjo**

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## UN/EDIFACT Directory

- Versions D.12A and D.12B
  - Validated and Published
  - For noting under Agenda Item 4
- Version D.13A
  - DMRs resolved
  - Validation in progress



## UN/CEFACT Core Component Library (CCL) based on Core Components Technical Specification (CCTS) version 2.01

- Version D.11B containing
  - Accounting Entry
  - Agriculture – Agronomical Observation Reporting
- Version D.12A containing
  - SDMX (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange)
- Version D.12B containing
  - Travel Reservations
  - Agriculture
    - Florecom data for the Cross Industry Invoice
    - Electronic Laboratory Observation Reporting



### XML Schema Library

- Version D.11A schema containing
  - Accounting Bundle Collection
  - Accounting Trial Balance
- Version D.11B schema containing
  - Accounting Entry
  - Agriculture – Agronomical Observation reporting
- Version D.12B and schema containing
  - Travel Reservations
  - Florecom data for the Cross Industry Invoice
  - Electronic Laboratory Observation reporting



### Work in Progress

- Development of CCL D.13A
  - Harmonized Submissions including:
    - Travel
    - Accounting
    - Transboundary Movement of Waste
    - Short Sea
  - Currently Harmonizing
    - Rapid Alert System for Feed and Food
- Development and refinement of procedures
  - Updating procedures to automate as much as possible the production of the library and schema



### Work in Progress

- Development of CCL based on CCTS 3.0
  - Core Component submissions harmonized and validated
  - Business Information Entities (BIEs) and XML Schemas for project submissions ready for public review from:
    - Cross Industry Invoice
    - eTendering
    - Contract Financial Execution Management
- Completed development of draft procedures for harmonization, production, and validation of CCTS 3.0 – based libraries and schema



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Bureau Vice Chair for Communications

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Communication

### **2012-2013 achievements**

- Website development
- On line Forum
- 25 Bureau Communications to HODs including specific updates on New Projects, UNLOCODE, EDIFACT
- 7 Bureau Communication to UNCEFACT Experts
- 6 videos on UNCEFACT Success Stories and projects approved by the Bureau:
- 5 Forum press releases
- UNCEFACT involvement in UNECE Outreach Initiative: 5 UNCEFACT expert opinions selected so far , one published (Tim McGrath November 2012, “what trust is in these times”), on the UNECE homepage [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)

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Communication

### **Latest developments**

- New UNCEFACT Communication Strategy
- Bureau focused on implementing new related communication plan

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**Communication**

[Communication activities](#)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND RELATED 2013-2014 PLAN, INCLUDING:

- Compliance with UNECE new Communication Strategy and further involvement of UNCEFACT experts in the new UNECE OUTREACH Initiative
- communication activities to involve new Countries and experts in UNCEFACT work
- Continuous update of the website [www.uncefact.org](http://www.uncefact.org)

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**Communication**

[Communication activities \(cont.\)](#)


- Editing of the *new videos on success stories and projects* to be uploaded to [www.uncefact.org](http://www.uncefact.org)
- Production of the “*UNCEFACT Forums Visual Story*”  
Further enhancement of communication with HODs and UNCEFACT members
- Possible development of other communication tools for UNCEFACT promotion : newsletter, social networks, etc.

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**Liaison**

- UNECE, 76 Liaisons with ISO alone (many in Transport sector)
- Liason policy document in progress
- New liason with ISO TC 68
- New MOU and Liason with ETSI





- New liaisons planned with IEC TC 57, ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 32 and CEN

#### Activities

Review MOU on E business (ISO, IEC, ITU and UNECE) with regard to annex A (division of responsibilities)