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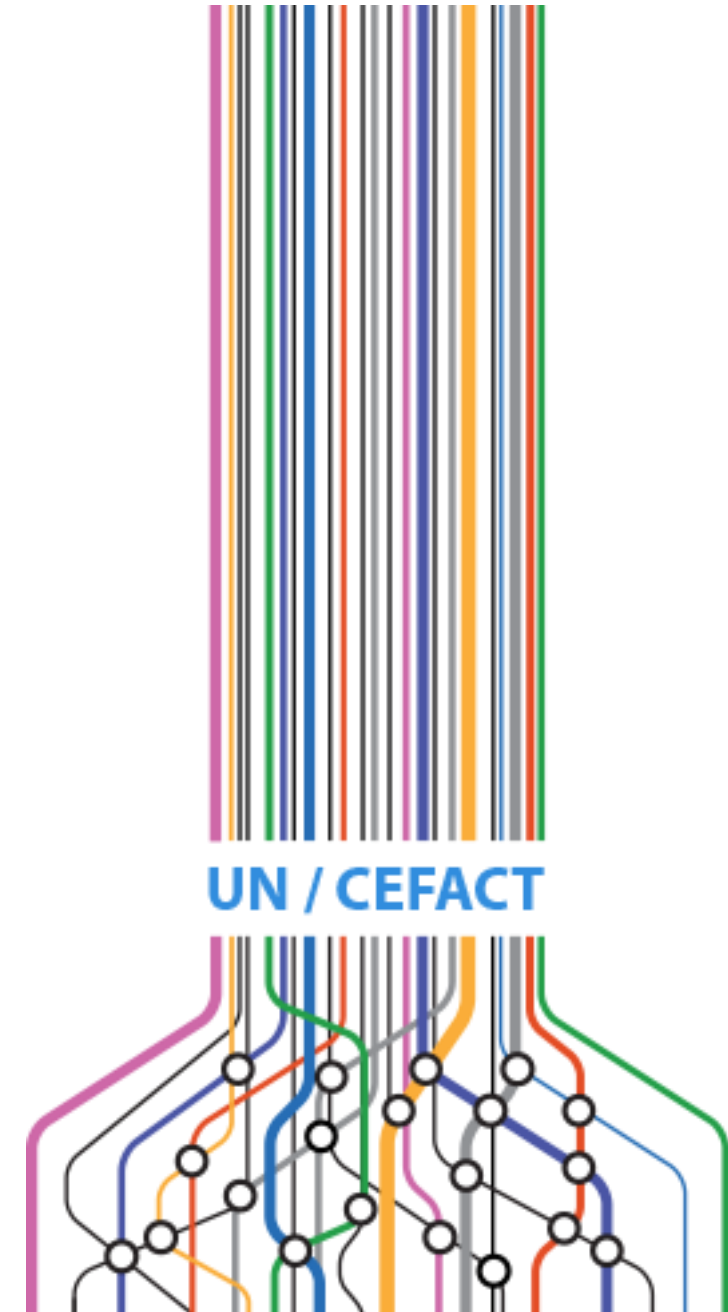


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Update on recently finalized
Trade Procedures Facilitation Domain recommendations

Lance Thompson, Secretary UN/CEFACT

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Rec44: Cross-Border Facilitation Measures for Disaster Relief

- Concerns sudden on-set disasters
- And the first fifteen days of relief
- Outlines the key stakeholders (Annex 2), the common relief goods (Annex 3), brief description on types of disasters and their phases
- Establishes immediate response priorities
- Suggests to take into consideration readiness
- Explains how to deal with unrequested (non-priority) donations
- Provides a list of key documents on the subject (Annex 1)

Rec47: Pandemic Crisis Trade-Related Response

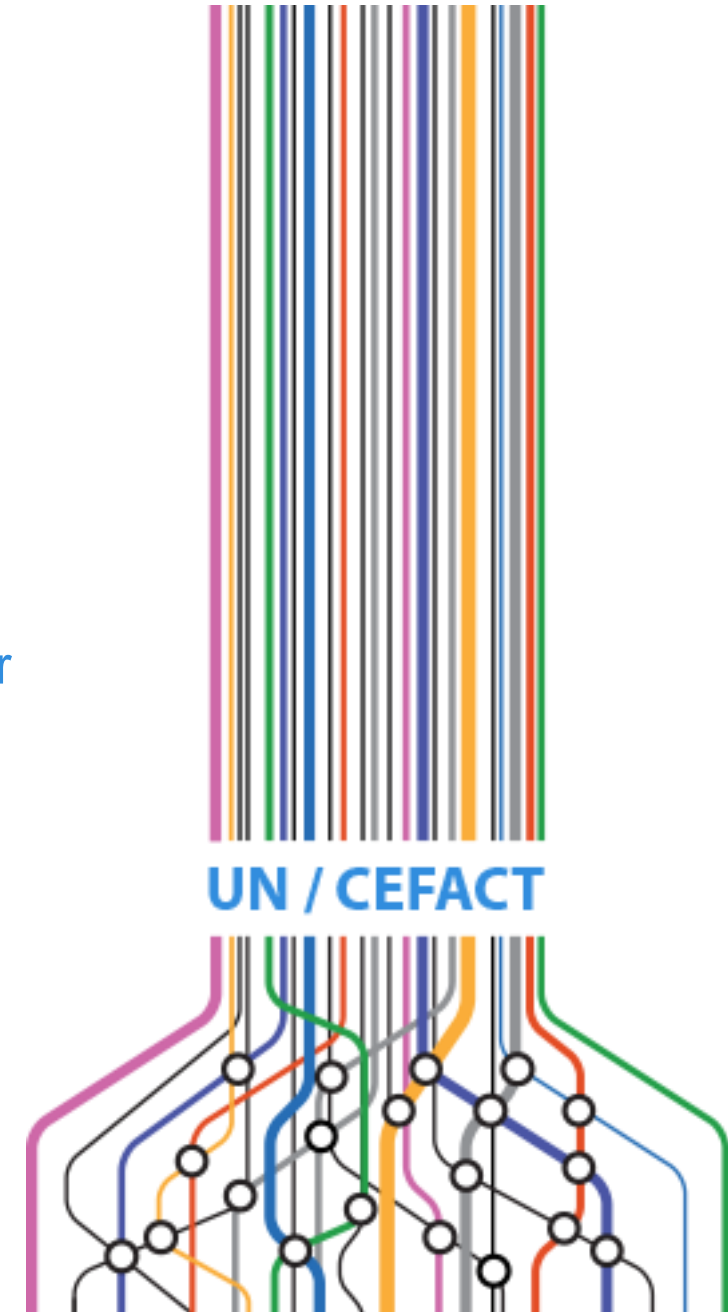
- Provides a definition of pandemic (derived from WHO)
- Outlines some pandemic measures which impact trade
- Lists the key supplies and stakeholders linked to pandemic
- Provides guidance on how to address trade-related aspects
 - Collaboration (through NTFBs, cross-border cooperation, capacity sharing between countries, coordination through regional/bilateral communities, SEZ..)
 - SOP / EOP (knowledge sharing, reliable & qualified information, enquiry points, border agency measures)
 - Use of technology (EDI exchanges, Single Window, teleworking)

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Launch of the White Paper project: Encouraging Private Sector
Participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies

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Session 2: Brainstorming on new project

- Proposed project
- White Paper on Encouraging Private Sector Participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Private Sector Representation in National Trade Facilitation Committees
 - Presentation of proposed project by Domain Coordinators
 - Discussing the objectives and scope, approach Summing up and planning
- Constitute a project team with practitioners from the trade facilitation community.



Background

- UNECE Recommendation No 4 on National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- First version in 1974 but still highly relevant today
- Guidelines that provide
 - steps for establishing the NTFB
 - model terms of reference for an NTFB
 - non-exhaustive list of those stakeholders that should be represented in an NTFB
- Has been complemented by Recommendation No 40 on Consultation Approaches published in 2015

Role of private sector in NTFB

- Rec No. 4 recommends to Governments
 - to set up “national-level platform which can act as coordinating body for any Trade Facilitation reforms and can facilitate effective consultation among the public and private sector stakeholders”
- The contribution of the NTFB is defined as
 - “the NTFB can coordinate the relevant stakeholders in order to devise a strategy that offers a holistic approach to national trade facilitation activities including coordination at a policy level, the development of trade simplification measures and proposals for action plans.”
- Robust and dynamic private sector is recognised as key success factor for NTFB
- NTFB are by objective and design a public – private platform (Coordination, consultation and dialogue with all relevant stakeholders)

Who's the private sector?

- Recommended to include as members
 - Private sector traders (importers and exporters), who can benefit from such solutions in their international trade transactions; and
 - Private sector trade services providers (carriers, freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators, banking institutions, insurance companies, software providers, etc.), who can offer market-oriented trade and transport solutions within the framework of national and international trade and transport practices, obligations and laws.
- Further specifies
 - Private sector participants in such bodies should include representatives from all industry sectors, all types and size of business, and institutions taking part in international trade: manufacturers, importers, exporters, freight forwarders, carriers, banks, insurance companies, etc.

Reality of NTFB today

- Many NTFB have been set up worldwide
- Most have a private – public dimension and have a least formal private sector membership at different levels
- Consultation is often perceived as a box ticking exercise
- Many struggle with effectively mobilising private sector representatives
- Webinar in 2020 confirmed these impressions

35th Forum Webinar findings: Challenges

- Barriers to successful collaboration
 - Different culture and mindset
 - Knowledge and language gap –Recognising the “other side’s” issues and perspectives
 - Different expectations of achievements
 - Lack of acknowledgment and correct representation of opinions
 - Time and resources allocation: Collaboration is resource intensive
 - Right people for the right time
 - Inclusiveness (SME, business outside capital)

35th Forum Webinar findings: What works well

- Targeted activities on issues directly of interest to private sector – transparency, measuring of barriers, organisation of border crossing points, AEO criteria, fees and charges
- Qualitative and quantitative survey that inform decision makers
- Invite private sector to share insights on specific topics (trade and digitisation, innovation etc)
- Allocating resources to mobilising private sector representatives in particular outside capital (border crossing points)
- Continuous and informed mapping of stakeholders
- Transparency over participation and contribution

Exploratory Research objective

Problem statement:

- *Private engagement in NTFBs need to be strengthened to ensure the feedback and dialogue needed to design and advocate for appropriate trade facilitation reforms.*

Objectives:

- Identify barriers for successful engagement
- Collect input from private sector on their expectations from NTFB and TF
- Collect experiences on successful PPD
- Indicate practices, solutions and standards that can improve

Organisational matters

- Timeline
 - Draft by 30 November 2021 (Publication by January 2022)
- People
 - Project lead, Editor, Team of Experts (registered to UN/CEFACT)
 - Language: English but efforts are planned to integrate French speaking experts and contributions
- Calendar of activities
 - May–June: Design and adopt outline
 - July–September: Drafting
 - October–November: Finalising review process

Questions

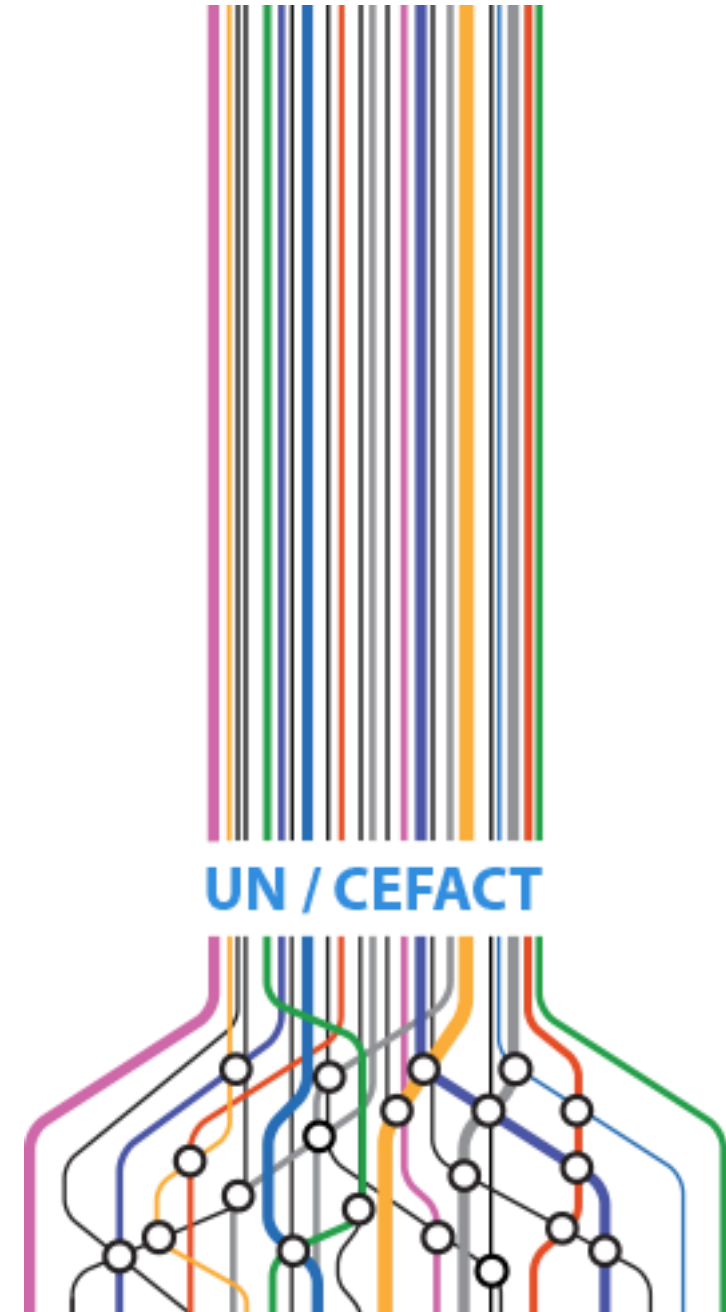
- Do you agree with our background description and problem statement?
- Are the objectives feasible and correct?
- Are you aware of good practices to be featured in the white paper?
- Are you interested in joining the project as expert?

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CUE pages related to the TPF Domain and TPF Projects

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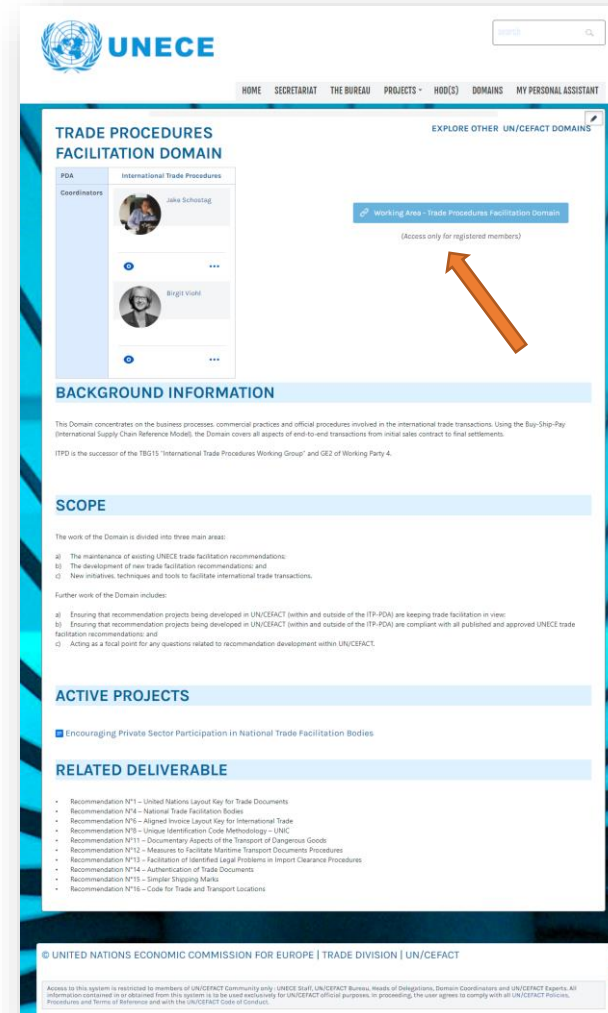
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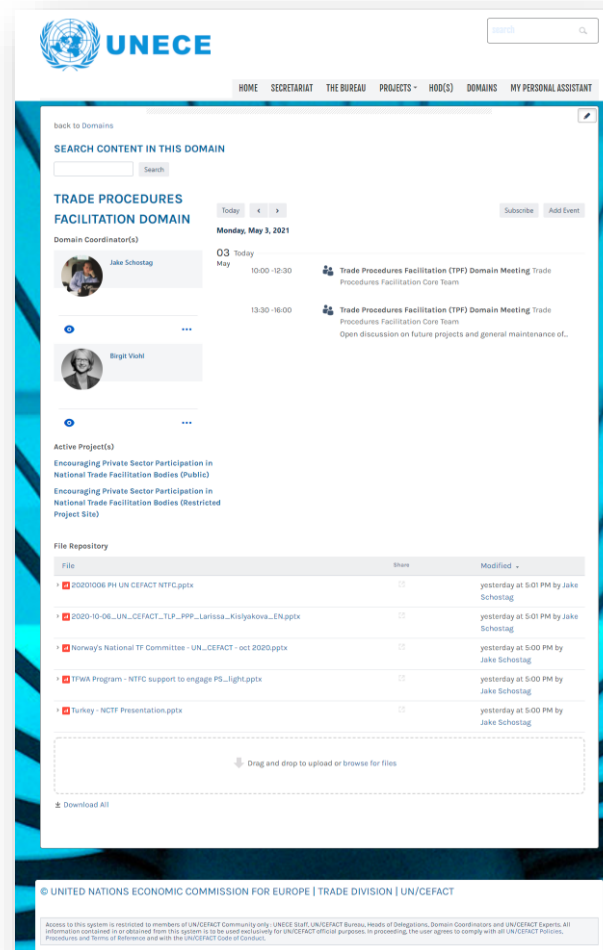


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PROJECTS ACTIVITIES

Finalize project site setup.

@Jake Schostag

📅 03 May 2021

Establish core project team.

@Jake Schostag @Birgit Viohl

📅 14 May 2021

Schedule first project team meeting.

@Birgit Viohl 📅 21 May 2021

Deadline for Draft @Birgit Viohl

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Open discussion on future projects and general maintenance of...

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

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White Paper

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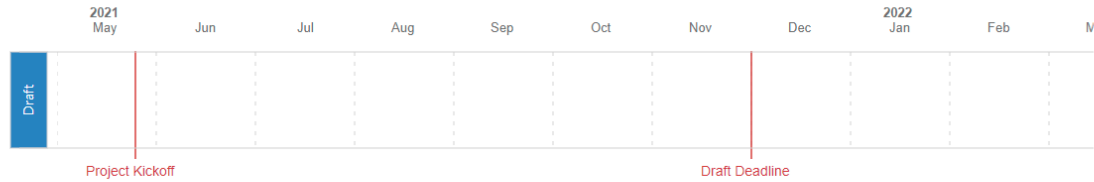
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- <https://unece.org/trade/uncefact>
- Collaborative UN/CEFACT Environment (CUE) (project development website)
 - Domain page: [public page link](#); [working area link](#)
 - Project page on Encouraging Private Sector Participation in NTFBs: [public page link](#); [working area link](#)
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