Agenda item 2: Matters Arising

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**One Vision:** Harnessing Economic Cooperation and Trade for the SDGs

**Two Sub-programmes**
- Sub-programme 4: Economic Cooperation and Integration
- Sub-programme 6: Trade

**Three Thematic Intergovernmental Areas**
- UN/CEFACT – Trade Facilitation
- SCTC – Trade Capacity and Standards
- CICPPP – Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

**Four Sections**
- Cooperation and Partnerships Section
- Innovative Policies Development Section
- Market Access Section
- Trade Facilitation Section
Cycle of inter-governmental meetings

**Autumn 2021:**
- SP.6 (Trade): ToS ESG VC CE, WP.6, WP.7
- SP.4 (ECI): ToS ICP WP PPP

**December 2021**
- EXCOM: 70th Commission: “Digital and green transformations for SD in the UNECE region”

**Most recently:**
- WP.7: 70th Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, 16-18 May; 69th Dry & Dried Produce, 15-17 June; 49th Seed Potato, 17-18 March
- Plus:
  - UN/CEFACT Forum: 16-20 May 2022
  - UNECE RFSD: mid-April 2022
  - WP.6 Forum: 1-10 June 2022

**Forthcoming:**
- WP.6: 7-9 November; WP.7: 14-16 November (plus 2 SS).
- SCTCS Agenda items 3 & 4 (WP.6 Chair & WP.7 Vice Chair).
ECTD contribution to UNECE’s Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Cross-cutting work of UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division
Circular Economy and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources (69th Commission)

#Traceability of products - from raw component to purchase - can be a key enabler for companies to manage #sustainability risks & formulate sustainability claims based on reliable production data: @DMariyasin in Ellen MacArthur Foundation #circulareconomy #Innovation workshop
Circular Economy and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

Institutional Arrangements for the Circular Economy and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

The role of governance in the circular transition

06 April 2022, 17:15 - 18:30 CEST
English-Russian interpretation

@UNECE

UNECE is launching a new platform – CIRCULAR STEP – to exchange experience, share best practices & engage stakeholders in the #circulareconomy transition 🌿

Read how → unece.org/circular-econo...
#UNECE4circularity

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Official Side Event

CIRCULAR STEP
Stakeholder Engagement Platform to Accelerate the Circular Transition in the UNECE Region

UN Geneva and 9 others
Digitalisation (70th Commission, forthcoming)

Development through digital transformation is a complex issue that touches on many enablers, incl. broadband availability, sectoral e-strategies, and programs fostering digital inclusion or developing innovation communities.

Register to join @ITUEurope & @UNECE tomorrow #RFSD2022
Proud that @UNECE contribution is so significantly reflected in @wto @iccwbo toolkit through many references to UN/CEFACT with its trade facilitation recommendations & electronic business #standards
unece.org/trade/uncefact

@UKMissionGeneva @usmissiongeneva @tichy_e @EU_UNGeneva

To learn more on #digital trade check @UNECE work on digitalisation of multimodal #transport data
unece.org/media/press/36...

And on standardisation emphasised in newly published @wto & @iccwbo Standards Toolkit
bit.ly/3E2Co6C

The ICC @iccwbo and the WTO have just launched a toolkit to assist companies and government agencies in adopting available standards to accelerate the digitalization of trade processes. Access the joint publication here bit.ly/3J7UcFr

TODAY at 3pm CET: Join us live to learn more about the major challenges to the global adoption of #TradeTech and how trade agreements can be part of the solution.

bit.ly/3rB2b8f @wef
Circular economy & digital solutions: UNECE work on traceability

Very happy I had the chance to thank and congratulate the organizers, participants, and hosts in Tashkent. Great opportunity to strengthen the fruitful collaboration on #TheSustainabilityPledge to promote digital and sustainable transformation.

Blockchain pilot in Uzbekistan

@UNECE plans to scale-up the uptake of blockchain technology with the use of solutions such as DNA markers and RFIDs in Uzbekistan. Based on a successful pilot implemented with @IFC_org and Indorama group.

@DMariyasin @_MTPisani @SdaUzbekistan
Circular economy & digital solutions: UNECE work on traceability

Delighted for @UNECE to speak today @OECD Forum @amfori_intl
Traceability+transparency in value chains are key in 🎉 & 🚴‍♂️ industry. We need ➡️ affordable #technology solutions ➡️ more incentives ➡️ capacity-building ➡️ transition time allowing countries to comply with new legislations
Trade SP (6): countries acceding to WTO

Delighted for @UNECE to have hosted the exchange and experience-sharing on the WTO accession process for Turkmenistan. Looking forward to joining hands with @WTO for this important and very timely work!

Very pleased @UNECE contributed to session on #digitalization of information flows for #Azerbaijan

Great discussions on the potential for #digital corridors in the region – UN/CEFACT tools can play important role

Thanks to Ambassador Israfilov @galib_is for this invitation
Delighted to participate in @wto Chair launch for University of World Economy and Diplomacy in #Uzbekistan. Lots of interesting trade-related topics for research - #sustainable trade #digitalisation trade facilitation #innovation & NTMs. Look forward to cooperating in these areas

Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan to the UN and 7 others
Trade SP (6): SPECA

Very happy to co-host the side-event to #WTO MC12 for #SPECA countries with the Mission of Tajikistan 🇹🇯 Look forward to taking many work streams further, including digital connectivity, NTMs & sustainable trade. Thank you for #UNECE DES @DMariyasin for supporting this work!
SCTCS 7\textsuperscript{th} session today
Thank you!

This slide show includes, among others, a selection of recent trade-related activities carried out by UNECE’s ECTD, that might be relevant for the SCTCS. The inclusion of specific activities in this slide show does imply that it would fall under the mandate of the SCTCS.