International High-level Conference on
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN SUPPLY CHAINS USING UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS
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31 October 2022, hybrid format

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1. There is a growing shared interest in the countries participating in the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) to promote trade and transport facilitation in their region and to strengthen digital connectivity along trade corridors. Building on the political support of Central Asian countries, Azerbaijan, as an incoming Chair of SPECA, co-organizes together with UNECE an International High-level Conference entitled “Digital Transformation of Information Exchange in Supply Chains Using United Nations Standards” to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 31 October 2022.

2. The International High-level Conference will build on years of work for trade facilitation in Azerbaijan, Central Asia, and the broader UNECE region, notably on streamlining procedures, Single Window, port community systems, implementation of trade agreements, and digitalization of multimodal transport data and document exchange. Developing digital connectivity among the SPECA countries requires innovative solutions, using international standards and best practices.

3. The discussion will focus on the current situation and needs for enhancing the digitalization of supply chain data sharing along trade routes using various modes of transport between Europe and East Asia, crossing the Caspian Sea and Central Asia. Seamless flow of information, using UNECE UN/CEFACT standards for digital data sharing, already facilitates trade and transport in the European continent and the Conference intends to bring the benefits of this innovative approach to the SPECA countries. Speakers will also share information on progress in the application of a new package of standards and reference data models of the UNECE, notably UN/CEFACT which is aimed at digital transformation of data and document exchanges in multimodal digital supply chains.

4. Discussions on the contribution of UN standards and the role of International Organizations and Private Sector in this endeavour will lead to the formulation of conclusions and recommendations on the next steps in the initiative to support relevant initiatives in the SPECA region.
Monday, 31 October 2022

Draft Agenda

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN SUPPLY CHAINS USING UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS

9:30 – 10:15  SESSION I: OPENING

Mr. Rashad Nabi oghlu Nabiyev, Minister of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ms. Olga Algayerova, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of UNECE

Ms. Vladanka Andreeva, UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan

Mr. Galib Israfilov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva

10:20 – 12:30  SESSION II: HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: THE CASE FOR DIGITALIZING INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR SUPPLY CHAINS IN SPECA

Moderator: t.b.c.

Speakers: High-level representatives of the countries on the need for digitalization from an international perspective

Azerbaijan
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee break

SESSION II CONTINUATION

Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan
Customs Committee of Azerbaijan

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch
13:30 – 15:00  **SESSION III: STAKEHOLDERS AND THE ROLE OF UN STANDARDS FOR DIGITALIZATION OF TRADE INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN SPECA**

Moderator: Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Advisor, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE

**Speakers:**

The role of UN CEFACT Standards for the digital transformation of supply chain information exchange

Ms. Sue Probert, Chairperson, UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

Basis for the digitalization of transport documents and regulatory data and document exchange: results of a data mapping project.

Mr. Kazim Samadov, Azerbaijan State Customs Committee

Port Community Systems in the Caspian Sea region

Mr. Eugene Seah, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Baku

Business case for Port Community System using the UN recommendations and standards: the case of the PCS of Odessa

Mr. Oleg Platonov, Deputy Chair of the Ukrainian National Trade Facilitation Committee, Head of Ukrainian Delegation to UN/CEFACT

Implementing the standards by the freight forwarding industry: the electronic multimodal FIATA Bill of Lading

Ms. Lucelia Tinembart, Digital Projects Officer, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

New perspectives for the digitalization of multimodal data exchange in the EU and the SPECA region

Mr. Michael Dill, project leader, UN/CEFACT

Electronic data exchange in air cargo

Mr. Cortney Robinson, Air Transportation Officer, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (t.b.c.)

Electronic data exchange in maritime transport, use of the UN standards: perspectives for the region

Mr. Julian Abril Garcia, Head, Facilitation Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

15:00 - 15:15  **Coffee Break**
SESSION IV: CASE STUDIES OF DIGITAL TWINNING AND SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Speakers:

Pilot implementations of digital twins; electronic exchange between Ukraine and Azerbaijan
Ms. Galyna Roisina, PPL 33-35, Odessa Port Community System

Digital twin pilot projects using the standards in Europe
Mr. Rudy Hemeleers, UN/CEFACT expert

Digitalization of trade in the SPECA region
Ms. Elena Boutrimova, Chief of the Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Innovative ways for railway data and document exchange using UN standards
Ms. Zubaida Aspayeva, Member of the Committee of the Organization for cooperation of railways, OSJD, Chairperson of OSJD Commission on Freight

Electronic data exchange in rail transport
Mr. Erik Evtimov, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)

Paperless trade and the use of standards in the SPECA region
Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP

Port Community Systems, Trusted Network of Networks, opportunities for the Caspian region
Mr. Nico de Cauwer, International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA)

Electronic data exchange in Transcaspian trade and transport
Mr. Gaidar Abdikerimov, Secretary General, Middle Corridor, Trans-Caspian International Transport Route

UN survey on trade facilitation and paperless trade: focus on the SPECA region
Ms. Nadezhda Sporysheva, UNECE, ECT Division

Comments and contributions by representatives of the business sector:
Mr. Marco Politi, DBA Group Spa
Mr. Werner Peeters, Camco
Others: e.g., Deutsche Bahn, Temir Zholy Kazakhstan, Nurminen Logistics, etc.)
Mr. Ilyas Iskakov, USAID Trade Central Asia activity
Others: GIZ, ADB, EBRD, IsDB, TRACECA, GUAM, World Bank, and others

Open Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

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