United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

Opening Session of the 39th UN/CEFACT Forum

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5th December 2022, Geneva
### Agenda of the 39th UN/CEFACT Forum

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About UN/CEFACT

Objectives
• Simple, transparent and effective processes for global business
• Efficient and automated exchange of information
• Targeted support to SDGs 8, 12, and 17

Key tools
• 50 global trade facilitation recommendations
• 950 e-Business standards and guidelines

Means
• Public-Private Partnership
• Over 1500 experts working on 39 active projects
• Bi-annual Forums and annual Plenary sessions
• Regular Bureau calls
Key events in 2022-2023

- **16-20 May 2022**: 38th UN/CEFACT Forum
- **28-29 June 2022**: 2022 Session of the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group
- **6 October 2022**: 2nd Session of the ToS on ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains
- **10-11 October 2022**: 28th UN/CEFACT Plenary Session
- **5-6 December 2022**: 39th UN/CEFACT Forum

- **29-30 March 2023**: RFSD
- **8-12 May 2023**: 40th UN/CEFACT Forum
- **2-6 October 2023**: 41st UN/CEFACT Forum
- **November 2023 (TBC)**: 3rd Session of the ToS on ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains
- **20-21 November 2023 (TBC)**: 2023 Session of the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group
- **22-23 November 2023 (TBC)**: 29th UN/CEFACT Plenary Session

UN/CEFACT contribution to over 120 international conferences
ECE Commission sessions

69th session
promoting circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources

- ECE Recommendation No. 46 with its implementation guidelines

- “The Sustainability Pledge” Call to Action received nearly 100 pledges from 350 industry actors

- Reference Data Model for Sustainable Development and the Circular Economy (SDCE RDM) Project

- UN/CEFACT standards for connectivity and semantic interoperability

- ECE Recommendation No.43 on Sustainable Procurement

70th session
digital and green transformations for sustainable development

- ECE Recommendation No.2 on Layout Key

- UN/CEFACT semantic data models (e.g. SDCE RDM project)

- UN/CEFACT White Papers:
  - eDATA Verifiable Credentials for Cross Border Trade
  - IoT Standards for Trade Facilitation
  - Open Finance to Support Trade Facilitation
  - Blockchain for Trade and the SDGs
Key materials of impact in 2021-2022

**Normative work**
- Revised Recommendation No.2
- Recommendation No. 46 and the Sustainability Pledge
- Over 20 e-Business standards and BRSs published

**UN/CEFACT standards and tools referenced in**
- WTO-ICC Standards Toolkit for Cross-border Paperless Trade
- WTO-WEF report: The Promise of TradeTech: Policy approaches to harness trade digitalization
- EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textile
- EU Proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence
- DCSA announcement of the Standards for the Bill of Lading

**Recent news stories**
- UNECE-FIATA joint press-release on Multimodal Bill of Lading (eFBL) data standard
- UNECE Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance traceability in the UNECE region press-release
- UN/CEFACT Integrated Track and Trace for Multi-Modal Transportation Business Requirements Specification press-release
- 17 news items and 13 press-releases published on UNECE website; total references captured in media amounting to **493 articles** (Jan - Oct 2022)
Key trends in the UNECE region from UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, 2021

Central Asia increased by 10% from 72% to 76% in 2019 to 2021

UN/CEFACT tools supporting implementation:

- Recommendation No. 14 on authentication of trade documents
- Recommendation No. 33 on Single Window and others
- Recommendation No. 35 on establishing a legal framework for an international trade Single Window
Technical cooperation activities

Joint activities with UN Regional Commissions and other partners

• 5 UN Development Account (UNDAs) projects ongoing
• UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation for 143 countries (2021-2023)
• EU funded project for enhancing traceability and transparency of sustainable value chains in garmnet and footwear, jointly with ITC, ILO (2019-2024)

Capacity building and advisory services

• Trade facilitation technical assistance projects for transition economies (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan)
• Business Process Analysis in Georgia and Kyrgyz Republic
• Blockchain pilots for global value chains (cotton, leather, wool and cashmere) piloted in Brazil, India, Egypt, India, Peru, Turkey, Uzbekistan; carried out in cooperation with value chain actors in Demark, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland and UK
• Training Material on helping MSMEs to digitalize their procedures

20% of activities in the National Trade Facilitation Roadmap 2021-2025 implemented in the Kyrgyz Republic
Centre for Trade Facilitation of the Kyrgyz Republic trained over 100 trade facilitation experts in Central Asia
Cooperation with other organizations

EC
DG-MOVE
DG-TAXUD
DG-MARE
DG-INTPA
DG-DIGIT

GS1
IPCSA
PROTECT
FIATA
SMDG
DCSA

ISO
IEC
ITU
WTO
ITC
IATA
WCO
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Collaborative UN/CEFACT Environment

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How to register as a UN/CEFACT Expert?
http://www.unece.org/cefact

UN/CEFACT
Serves as the focal point for trade facilitation recommendations and electronic business standards, covering both commercial and government business processes that can foster growth in international trade and related services.

About CFACT
Within the United Nations framework of the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) serves as the focal point for trade facilitation recommendations and electronic business standards, covering both commercial and government business processes that can foster growth in international trade and related services. In this context, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) was established, as a subsidiary, intergovernmental body of the UNECE Committee on Trade, mandated to develop a programme of work of global relevance to achieve improved worldwide coordination and cooperation in these areas.
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Welcome to CE LiC, the Collaborative Environment of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business.

A more productive and transparent way to share knowledge and processes across the professional community of UN/CEFACT.

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The Collaborative UN/CEFACT Environment (CUE). It contains 6 main sections:

- The Home Page (Updates and Highlights – Project, Page and Bureau Updates)
- The Secretariat (How to Contact us etc.)
- The Bureau (Bureau Meeting Minutes and Decision)
- Projects (Active Projects by Programme Development Areas, Project Map and Public Reviews)
- HODs (UN/CEFACT Heads of Delegation)
- Domains (UN/CEFACT Domains – Background Information and Knowledge Resources)

The CUE provides knowledge management, mapping of all the projects running in each Programme Development Area and aids in the delivery of support to the UN/CEFACT experts.

Extensionally, all the people representing a knowledge asset for UN/CEFACT are those from the Secretariat and those in the network of experts. Both these groups influence each other and interact in a variety of processes. We can so affirm that everything that UN/CEFACT and its network of experts know is distributed across workflow processes and people involved in those processes. Substantially, every time we try to identify a piece of knowledge we are trying to freeze what an interaction among people in a certain workflow contains. What they know, before, during and after the interactions within the workflow, represents a piece of UN/CEFACT knowledge.

Documents Management*

The document area is a space mainly used for generic content and document sharing. Some tutorials, how to guides and other kind of materials might be found here. The goal is clear, yet an area of this kind must be highlighted better in order to guide the users in taking advantage of the knowledge inside that will affect the way they will gather the rest of the knowledge in the system.

Active Projects - Programme Development Areas*

The project area where all the program development areas are described with all the projects associated is a fundamental part of the current confluence. It gives experts, HoD and Secretariat, a shared way to monitor the activities of each project and to document the stages. It contains some project management tools (like the template to structure a project) but it doesn’t offer a real monitoring and collaborative organisation that can ease the overall process of project development.
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### UN/CEFACT Projects

**Active Projects by Programme Development Area**

#### ACTIVE PROJECTS BY PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AREA

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**ALL THE PROJECT PROPOSALS (ACTIVE/INACTIVE/ARCHIVED)**

- Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model
- Accounting Standard Collection
- Accounting Chart of Accounts
- Accounting Entry
- Accounting Journal
- Accounting Ledger
- Accounting Message
- Accounting Reporting
- Accounting Trial Balance
- Alignment of Master Data for Market Price and Measured Data in the Derivatives Market
- Animal Identification Data Exchange
- AT TIP Plan
- Application Programming Interface Technical Specification (API TIP ARM)
- Automotive Product
- Background Research on Public Private Partnership for Trade Facilitation
- Background Research on Public Participation Using International Standards
- Blockchain White Paper
- Business Standards for Sustainable Tourism
- Buy-Back-After-Buy-Back Model
- Cardinal Model
- CE Marking
- CDE Lists and Identifiers Guide for the Gannett and Leather Sector Project
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**Public Information**
Accessible by external users and displays project details and requirements.

**Private Collaboration**
Accessible only by internal (registered) users and store project working documents i.e drafts and meeting minutes.
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The Chair’s report

For any questions, contact the ECE Secretariat via email uncefact@un.org