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Addendum

Summary

This is an addendum to the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2012-2013 (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2012/11). It contains the comments and additions made by the delegations in the related discussion that occurred during the UN/CEFACT eighteenth session, and how the Bureau might implement these.

Introduction and background

1. The UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2012-2013 (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2012/11) was approved under agenda item 9 during the eighteenth Plenary Session of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), which was held from 15-17 February 2012 in Geneva.
2. Comments and suggested additions were made by delegations¹ during the discussion concerning the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2012-2013.
3. As noted in the report of the session (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2012/12, paragraph 44, decision 12-15), the Plenary requested the Bureau to compile these suggestions into an addendum to the Programme of Work, which is presented here.

¹ These comments and additions were made by the delegations of France, India, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, Thailand and GS1.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONS	PROGRAMME OF WORK REFERENCE	FORM OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Provide up-to-date and more detailed information on the status of projects, e.g. with respect to experts involved in a project, indicate which delegations have nominated them to participate in UN/CEFACT activities.	Part Two 4.2 Communication and awareness (p. 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project leaders to update project status on online system that can be accessed on UN/CEFACT website and provide additional information. • Heads of delegation to review lists of nominated experts, to be provided by secretariat, to ensure they are up to date. • Secretariat to provide identification numbers (IDs) on a timely basis for new projects to be listed and updated.
2. Clarify further the roles and responsibilities of domain coordinators.	Part One II. Vision, mission and core activities (p. 4) Part Two 3.1 Coordinate... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review domain coordinator candidacy form and envisaged tasks; and provide further clarifications as may be needed.
3. Explore further opportunities for projects concerning crops and harvested produce.	Part Two 2.1 Development (p. 9) 3.1 Coordinate... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further extend collaboration with bodies interested in epidemiological monitoring of crops in order to support stakeholder requirements.
4. UN/CEFACT should become more actively involved in capacity building planning in Asia- Pacific Region.	Part Two 4.1 Capacity-building (p. 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In cooperation with the secretariat, explore scope for further involvement in capacity-building planning, including opportunities for implementation guides/user guides and capacity-building events, with special attention to needs of Asia-Pacific region.
5. Apply principles identified in developing the International Trade Hub Italia (ITH -Italia), involving public and private sectors at national level, allowing a step-by- step import/export strategy and all related activities to be electronically managed for better resource efficiency and effectiveness.	Part Two 3.1 Coordinate... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understand principles developed in ITH-Italia and explore possibilities to foster their use within UN/CEFACT activities.
6. Give further priority consideration to the availability of resources.	Part One II. Vision, mission and core activities (p. 4) V. Resources (p. 7-8) Part Two 3. Working with other key players... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend outreach with a view to expanding opportunities to foster the availability of resources and avoidance of duplication of work. • Identify bottlenecks and “missing resources” and follow up with outreach to fill time-critical gaps.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED ADDITIONS	PROGRAMME OF WORK REFERENCE	FORM OF IMPLEMENTATION
7. Provide more readily available information concerning current and proposed projects, as well as for coordinators, in three official languages.	Part One II. Vision, mission and core activities (p. 4) Part Two 3.1 Coordinate... (p. 11) 4.2 Communicate and awareness (p.13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that project leaders update project development details on a timely basis and wherever possible provide information about new proposed projects. • Review domain coordinator candidacy form and clarify where necessary. • Foster the availability of information in three official languages. • Plenary sessions will include materials that provide summary descriptions of projects (completed, current and proposed) in three official languages.
8. Initiate cooperation in the field of communication with the Regional Commonwealth (RCC) to identify opportunities for joint activities.	Part Two 3.1 Coordinate... (p.11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to RCC with a view to identifying opportunities to cooperate, particularly in the area of information security.
9. There are many challenges in creating and developing information and communication technology infrastructure and ubiquitous networks that play a vital role in socio-economic development and could better facilitate trade.	Part Two 3.1 Coordinate... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend outreach to those engaged in challenges in Asia-Pacific and identify opportunities to address trade facilitation and electronic business needs, focusing on infrastructure issues.
10. Identify core domains where UN/CEFACT should be active and review what UN/CEFACT's future role and strategic direction should be.	Part One IV. Priority outputs for 2012-2013 (p. 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review critical set of deliverables and supporting domains and strategic direction.
11. Review annex A to the Memorandum of Understanding on Electronic Business and propose revisions as necessary to reflect UN/CEFACT's current and envisaged role.	Part Two 3. Working with other key players... (p. 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review annex A to Memorandum of Understanding on Electronic Business and propose revisions.