Welcome to a WP.6 working meeting

Brief reminder of key points concerning participation within UNECE WP.6

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Participating in WP.6 meetings

• Experts are welcome to participate in WP.6 activities as observers (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2022/11, section III)

• Membership of groups is comprised of government experts and may also include eminent specialists in the relevant field (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1)

• Members and observers participate in WP.6 activities as volunteers in their own right and do not represent any specific interests of their countries or institutions (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/12, §11)
• Guiding principle:
  • The main beneficiary of the standards and recommendations are the Member States.
  • In order to promote the widest adoption of the WP.6 deliverables, they can be implemented freely and without any restrictions.

• All new intellectual property generated through the development of WP.6 deliverables belongs to ECE.
  • As a condition for participating in a deliverable drafting team, drafting team members agree to waive their rights to enforce any prior IPRs used in the WP.6 deliverables against any party using the deliverables.

• ECE and the members of drafting teams have no duty of confidentiality with respect to any information transferred between them.

• For more information, see: ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2022/11, Annex
WP.6 inclusive meetings guidelines

- Contributions
  - Strive for balanced contributions from both women and men participants
  - Keep individuals’ speaking time balanced (avoid monopolizing)

- Interruptions
  - Avoid interrupting the speaker
  - Avoid talking over each other

- Coded language
  - Be mindful of coded language that may perpetuate gender stereotypes
    - Example: Are women described as aggressive for behavior that would lead to a man being considered confident?

- Recognize contributions

For more information, see Guidelines on Developing Gender-Responsive Standards (ECE/TRADE/472)
**Representation and titles**

- In general, only the secretariat interacts on behalf of WP.6 with other organizations. Please check with the secretariat before taking any engagements.

- Titles in connection with WP.6 may be used only by officers elected by member States (WP.6 chair and vice chairs), officers appointed by the sub-group (sub-group chairs and vice chairs) and experts confirmed by the WP.6 bureau as project leaders. No other titles can be used.

- For more information: ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/13
Meeting report

- The secretariat prepares meeting reports for the official subgroup meetings (not project team meetings)
- Presentations and materials will normally be shared with members through the WP.6 website or emails
- The meeting may be recorded (by the secretariat only) – this is for note-taking purposes only
- Participants in the meeting are NOT PERMITTED to record any part of the meeting (neither screen shots, nor audio recording, nor AI transcriptions, nor any other form of recording)
• WP.6 is an expert-driven working party. The deliverables and the programme of work are lead and developed by volunteer experts.

• Given that our work is trade-related, we appreciate a balance between private sector and government officials to ensure that our deliverables are workable for all involved.
Upcoming events

WP.6 ANNUAL SESSION
Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies
26 – 28 AUGUST 2024 | PALAIS DES NATIONS | GENEVA
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