

**UNECE Economic
Cooperation and Trade
Division**



**70th Commission Session:
ECTD Response & Impact**

Enhanced Impact of existing ECTD Instruments



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UN/CEFACT: Consolidated the package of information exchange digital standards for multi-modal trade and transport connectivity.

• **Impact:** Referenced in the Roadmap for the Digitalization of Multimodal Data and Document Exchange Along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor, adopted at the 2023 SPECA Summit.

UN/LOCODE: Upgraded to meet cybersecurity requirements.

• **Impact:** Widely used across the globe, with 22 million users within Europe's maritime community alone.

UN/CEFACT: Rolled-out Sustainability Pledge.

• **Impact:** 105 pledges from 750 industry partners; 400,000 employees in 28 countries.

SCTCS: Modernized UNECE flagship Studies on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade (RPBTs).

• **Impact:** Integrates circular economy and digital economy aspects.

CICPPP: Digitalized PIERS evaluation methodology for SDG-aligned PPPs.

• **Impact:** 93 projects assessed, worth \$41.4 billion.

CICPPP: Strengthened ToS ICP through ETIN.

• **Impact:** Expertise for leveraging innovation for sustainable transformation.

Filling Gaps in Governance through new ECTD Instruments



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UN/CEFACT: Expanded Sustainability Pledge for ESG Traceability to new sectors.

- **Status:** Tools for agri-food and CRMs, based on experience in textiles/footwear in development in development.

UN/CEFACT: Developing UN Transparency Protocol for Digital Product Passports.

- **Status:** For discussion at forthcoming July UN/CEFACT Plenary.

CICPPP: Approved two Guidelines for integrating circular economy in PPP projects.

- **Status:** Both guidelines, one sector specific and one cross-cutting, ready for use.

SCTCS: Endorsed Guidelines on regulatory compliance for products with embedded AI.

- **Status:** Dissemination to relevant discussions in other fora; enhances cooperation and interoperability of regulatory approaches.

Capacity-Building for broad and effective Use of ECTD Instruments



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UN/CEFACT: Package of Standards for of Multimodal Trade & Transport Connectivity.

- **Impact:** Discussed at 2023 SPECA Summit.
- **TA/CB activity:** Capacity-building for Central Asia (UNDA).

SCTCS: RPBT Studies (Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade).

- **Impact:** Recommendations adopted by Governments to advance reforms, incl. for WTO accession.
- **TA/CB activity:** next: RPBTs for Azerbaijan & Turkmenistan (XB).

CICPPP: Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDRs) and Innovation Policy Outlook (IPO).

- **Impact:** Recommendations adopted by Governments to advance reforms, incl. for green and digital transformation (I4SDRs: Armenia & Uzbekistan).
- **TA/CB activity:** Uzbekistan, Armenia, Rep. of Moldova (XB).

Circular STEP: Network of Government nominated focal points.

- **Impact:** Convening function across the UNECE region (WCEF).
- **TA/CB activity:** Regional meeting in Belgrade (UNDA).

ETIN: Seminars and technical assistance for socio-technical transformations.

- **Impact:** Transformational new insights, convening function across UNECE region.
- **TA/CB activity:** two seminars for Western Balkan region (XB).

Partnerships for Digital and Green Transformations



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Circular STEP: Stakeholder Engagement Platform with 26 government-nominated focal points.

- **Partnership examples:** UNEP, incl. One Planet Network, ILO, UNIDO, GACERE.

CICPPP: ETIN network brings together over 40 core members across 2 Work Themes and 4 Work Streams.

- **Partnership examples:** JRC, DG R&I, TIPC.

CICPPP: Dissemination and roll-out of PIERS methodology.

- **Partnership examples:** UNECA, UNECLAC, INF and FfD process.

UN/CEFACT: Global Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation Survey

- **Partnership examples:** Survey and report undertaken jointly with UNCTAD and all Regional Economic Commissions.

Advancing the Pact of the Future



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Action 3. We will ensure the global trading system is an engine for sustainable development

- (a) Promote a multilateral trading system that contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by offering more preferential trade **access to developing countries to drive export-led growth** that will support national development objectives

Action 4. We will invest in people and their socio-economic development to end poverty and strengthen trust and social cohesion

- (d) Fundamentally transform our food systems for the benefit of people, planet and prosperity so that everyone has access to safe, affordable and nutritious food, addressing the drivers of food insecurity, and promoting resilient and sustainable agriculture

Action 9. We will accelerate our efforts to protect the environment

- (c) Promote sustainable lifestyles, and **circular economy approaches** as a pathway to achieving sustainable consumption and production patterns.



Advancing the Pact of the Future



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Action 26. We will scale-up the means of implementation to developing countries to strengthen their science, technology and innovation capacities

- (a) Ensure science, technology and **innovation contributes to our efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions**, including in the areas of food and nutrition, health, water and sanitation, energy, climate and environment.
- (g) **Attract and support private sector investment** in science, technology and innovation, and deepen public-private partnerships by fostering a conducive environment in developing countries that encourages investment and entrepreneurship and by ensuring that innovation can reach global markets.

Action 32. We will invest in social services for young people so they can reach their full potential.

- (c) Build education systems and life-long learning societies that are tailored to the needs of young people today and in the future by enhancing curricula, harnessing digital technologies and improving access to technical and vocational training for the digital and green transitions.





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