UN/CEFACT Strategic Objectives

Vision
To enable “simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce”

Objectives
- Focal point for trade facilitation recommendations & e-business standards
- Aligned with UNECE cross-cutting themes on circular economy, digital & green transformations
- Targeted support to strengthen value chains for SDGs 5, 8, 12, 14 and 17

Key tools
- 48 global trade facilitation recommendations
- 950 e-business standards and guidelines

Means
- Public-Private Partnership
- 1,631 experts involved in 30 active projects
- Bi-annual Forums, annual Plenary, regular Bureau calls
Capacity-building, advisory and analytical activities of relevance to SCTCS

- **Trade facilitation technical assistance projects** for transition economies (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan).

- **Business Process Analysis** (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic).

- **Trade Facilitation Roadmaps** (Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan).

- **Blockchain pilots for global value chains** (cotton, leather, wool and cashmere) piloted in Brazil, Chile, India, Egypt, India, Peru, Türkiye, Uzbekistan; carried out in cooperation with value chain actors in Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland and UK.

- **Analytical work**: UNECE-ECLAC Study on Reversing direction in the used clothing crisis: Global, European and Chilean perspectives, which formulates policy recommendations that improve the economic, social and environmental outcomes of global trade in used clothes.
Responded by 48 participating member States in 2023, implementation of trade facilitation improved in most measures since 2021, with overall implementation rate in the region rising from 76% in 2021 to 80% in 2023.
Sustainable and Digital Trade Facilitation Week

42nd UN/CEFACT FORUM
8-10 July 2024
Link to Forum Program

30th UN/CEFACT PLENARY
11-12 July 2024
Link to Plenary Agenda

43rd UN/CEFACT Forum to be held in Rome in December 2024
UN/CEFACT Forum (8-10 July) and Plenary (11-12 July) and relevance to SCTCS

**UN/CEFACT Forum**
8-10 July

- **Sessions on:**
  - verifiable data
  - multimodality
  - value chains transparency
  - supply chain digitalization
  - transparency
  - traceability
  - trade facilitation
  - single window implementation
  - blockchain for trade facilitation
  - trade finance
  - green and digital frontiers

**UN/CEFACT Plenary**
11-12 July

- **High-level policy dialogue on**
  Role of climate-smart connectivity and digital trade and transport corridors in support of regional and global integration and sustainable development

- **Technical dialogue on**
  Global solutions for digital, sustainable and resilient value chains in support of the green and digital transformations

**A Public-Private Call to Action**
ICC DSI and UNECE
Realizing Digital Trade
Mandate
• Approved by the Executive Committee at 117th meeting and extended until 2025 on 125th meeting

Objective
• To contribute to better and more informed decisions for supply chain policies, through ESG traceability approaches and systems for the exchange of data and information along global value chains

Areas of work
• Review of traceability policies/regulations for traceability of products along international value chains (agri-food, garment and footwear, critical raw minerals) circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources
• Proof of concept of the UNECE Blockchain pilots for the garment and footwear sector
THANK YOU

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