

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

27 June | 2024



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



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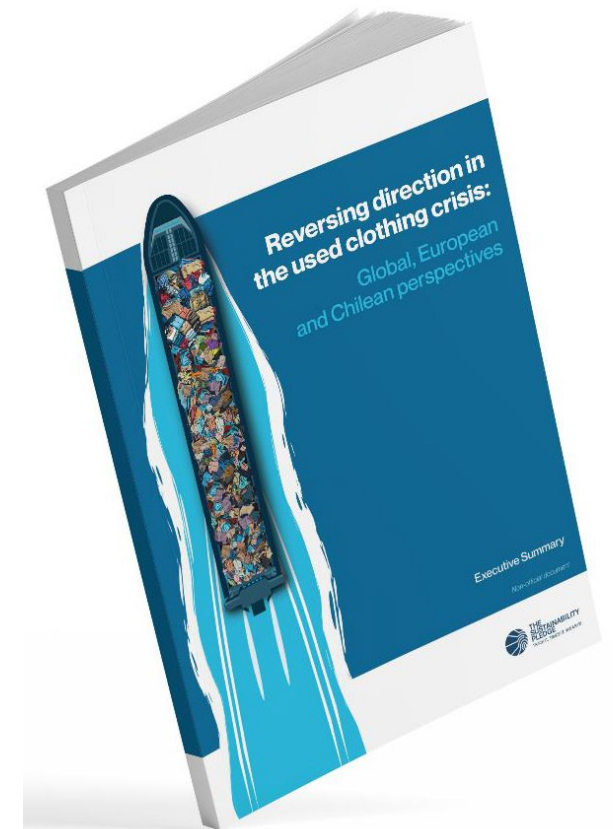
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Capacity-building, advisory and analytical activities of relevance to SCTCS



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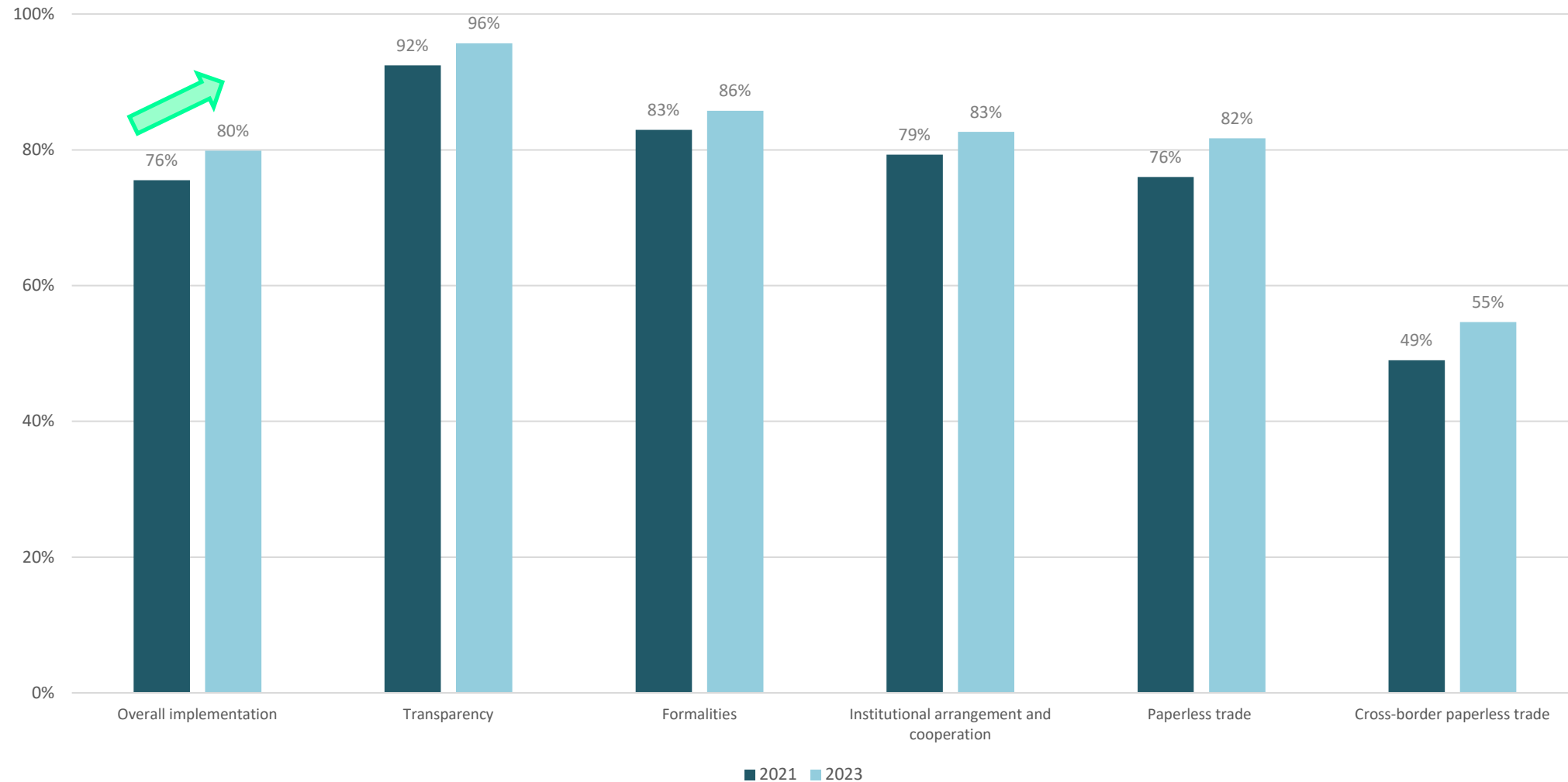
- **Trade facilitation technical assistance projects** for transition economies (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan).
- **Business Process Analysis** (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic).
- **Trade Facilitation Roadmaps** (Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan).
- **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.



UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, 2023 - findings for UNECE region



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

8-12 July 2024

Palais des Nations
Geneva



UNECE THE SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE TRACK IT, TRACE IT, WEAR IT! FONDATIONE PISTOLETTO CITTÀLABANTE MILANO

VISION & VISIBILITY: SCALING TRANSPARENCY

3 Years after THE SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE LAUNCH for Sustainable & Circular Garment and Footwear

JUNE 19th 2024 From 10:00 to 18:00 TRIENNALE MILANO, Italy

SAVE THE DATE

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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



GENEVA PALAIS DES NATIONS SALLE III	
Provisional Programme (as of 23 May 2024)	
MONDAY 8 JULY 2024 DAY 1	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 11:00	Policy Dialogue on Leveraging Sustainable and Digital Trade with UN/CEFACT tools
11:00 – 12:30	SESSION 1 <i>Identities in Trade</i> – imagine a future where every identifier of an entity, facility, or product can lead you to rich, accurate, and verifiable data (eDATA Domain)
12:45 – 14:00	LEARNING SESSION <i>H building Auditorium H-200 Collaborative Multimodality</i> – bridging borders for sustainable transport & logistics standards Transport and Logistics Domain
14:30 – 16:00	SESSION 2 <i>Protocol over Platforms</i> – how to scale transparent supply chain tracing to meet sustainability goals Cross-domain: Supply Chain & Trade Procedures Facilitation Domains
16:00 – 17:30	SESSION 3 <i>Accelerating Cross-Border Logistics and Supply Chain Digitalization</i> Transport & Logistics Domain
17:45 – 18:45	Cocktail reception
TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 DAY 2	
09:30 – 11:00	SESSION 4 <i>UN Protocol on Digital Product Passports for Transparency at Scale in Global Supply Chains</i> – how to differentiate and add value by providing verifiable sustainability information with each shipment Cross-domain: Trade Procedures Facilitation, eDATA & Agri Domains

United Nations	
Economic and Social Council	
ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2024/1	
Date: Geneva, 3 May 2024	
Original: English	
Economic Commission for Europe Executive Committee Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	
Thirtieth session Geneva, 11 and 12 July 2024 Item 1 of the provisional agenda Adoption of the agenda	
Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Thirtieth Session ¹	
To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday 11 July 2024, in Salle III.	
1. Provisional agenda	
1. Adoption of the agenda.	
2. Elections.	
A. High-level substantive segment – Policy dialogue	
3. Policy dialogue on the role of climate-smart connectivity and digital trade and transport corridors in support of regional and global integration and sustainable development.	
B. General segment – Overview of United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business activities	
4. Matters arising since the twenty-sixth Plenary.	

UN/CEFACT Forum (8-10 July) and Plenary (11-12 July) and relevance to SCTCS



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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

A Public-Private Call to Action
ICC DSI and UNECE
Realizing Digital Trade

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

Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy



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



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THANK YOU

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