

A long, perspective view of a hallway lined with numerous flags on both sides, leading towards a bright light at the end. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

# **A. High-level substantive segment – Policy Dialogue**

## Documents:

- *Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation ECE Regional Report 2023 (ECE/TRADE/483)*
  - For information
- *Roadmap for the Digitalization of Multimodal Data and Document Exchange Along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor Using United Nations Legal Instruments and Standards (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2024/INF.1)*
  - For information
- *UN/CEFACT Package of Standards (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2024/INF.2)*
  - For information

## HIGH-LEVEL 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



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## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: RELEVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL/NATIONAL INITIATIVES AND INSTRUMENTS



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# Policy dialogue



Item 3

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## Digital Transparency

**The role of climate-smart connectivity and digital trade and transport corridors in support of regional and global integration and sustainable development**



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## From Logistic Transparency to Sustainability Transparency

Logistic transparency

Digital is a must



Product components : Lithium, Cobalt,

Production process : ‘Farm to Fork’

- Carbon emission
- Child labour
- Healthy workers environment
- Illegal lumber



Sustainability supervision models and improvement tracks

**Production**  
**Components**  
**Transport**  
**Use**  
**Dismantling**  
**Cost**

## Challenges and Solution Avenues

Different digital/IT maturity levels  
Different Standards  
Many ecosystems  
Transition cost  
Supranational agreements  
Different legislation concepts



EU Regulations  
Digital Product Passports  
Certificates  
WCO standards  
UNCefact  
WW Agreements ...



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THX for your attention





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## UNCITRAL instruments on electronic commerce

- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce (1996)
- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Signatures (2001)
- United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (New York, 2005)
- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (2017)
- UNCITRAL Model Law on the Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services (2022)

## The need for negotiable electronic cargo records

- Negotiable electronic cargo records will allow goods being carried by any mode of transport in a multimodal or unimodal context to be sold while in transit (*from commodity traders' perspective*);
- The flexibility to sell goods to another buyer while in transit is becoming an important part of building resilience into supply chains by shippers at times of disruption (*from shippers' perspective*);
- Banks can mitigate risks in letters of credit requiring negotiable transport documents evidencing ownership by taking these documents as collateral based on the established legal framework, or decreasing banks' capital requirements depending on applicable regulations (*from banks' perspective*);
- A uniform legal framework in the form of an international convention could provide the same legal standards on the recognition and use of negotiable electronic cargo records and thus facilitate interoperability of data exchange models.

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1 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) Geneva, 14 November 1975

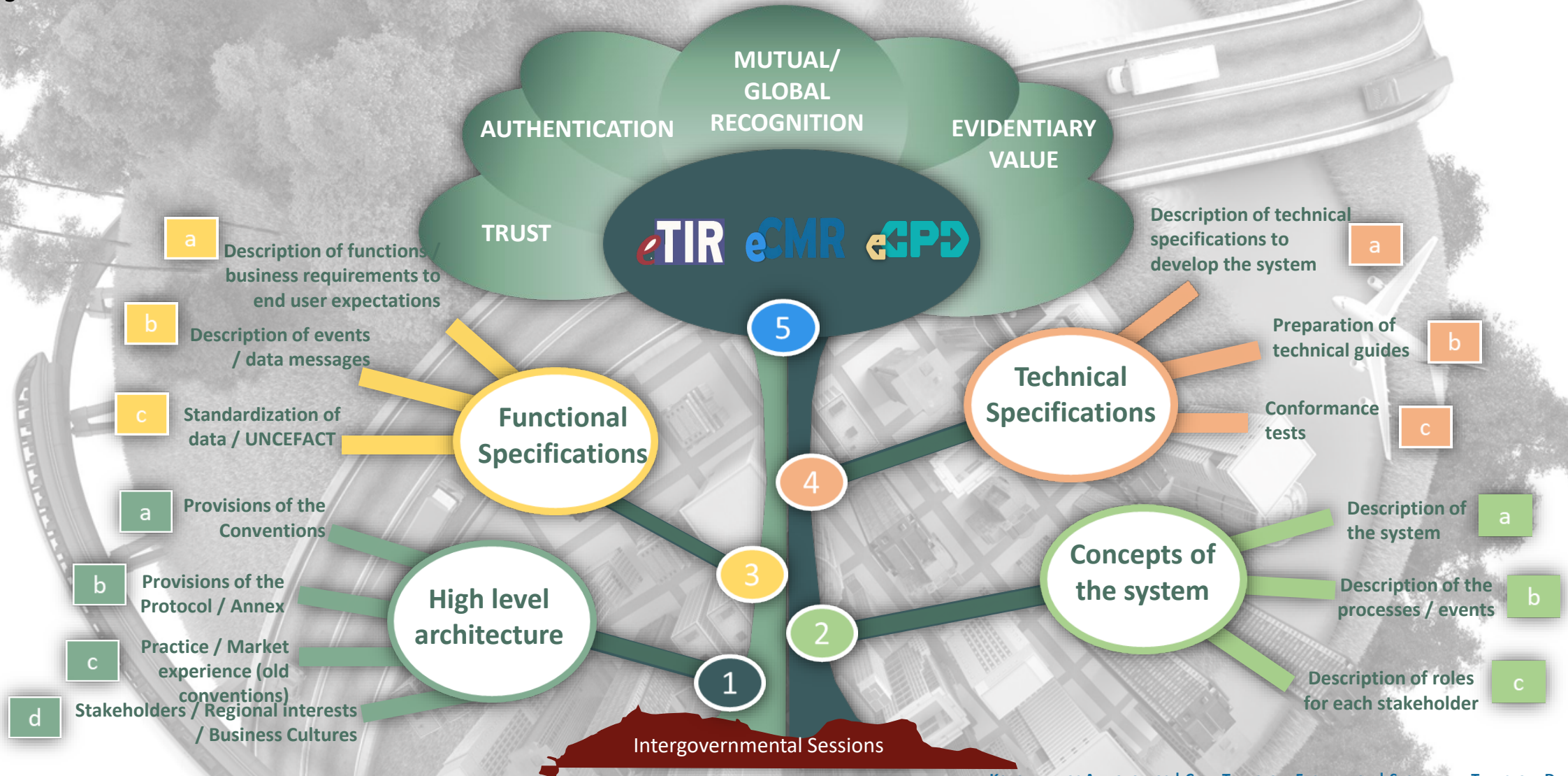


2 Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), of 19 May 1956



3 Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles Geneva on 18 May 1956

Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles New York, 4 June 1954



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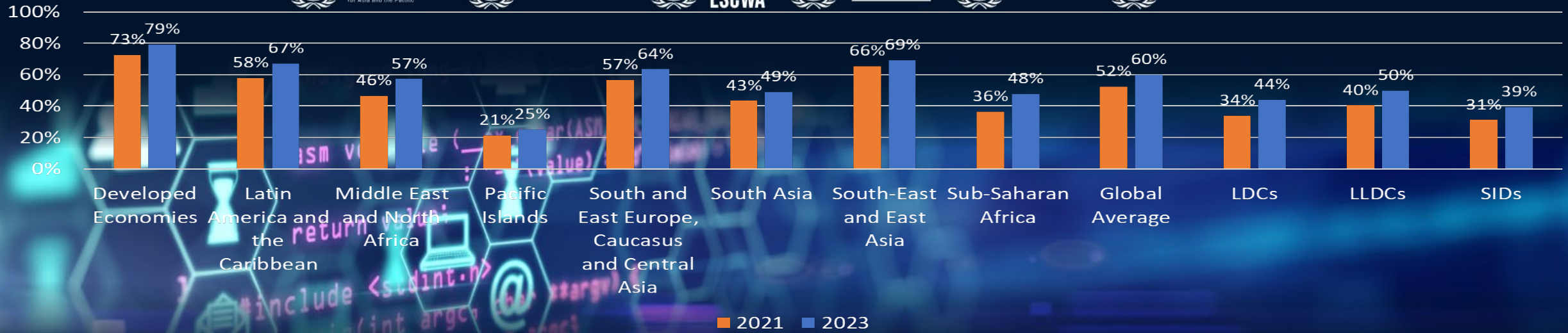
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# TRADE DIGITALIZATION INDEX 2024

A new tool for assessing the global state of play in the digitalization of trade procedures

Methodology and overview of the TDI

Access the Trade Digitalization Index dataset

Trade Digitalization Measures on [untfsurvey.org](https://untfsurvey.org)

Find projects & services for Trade digitalization

Dedicated website: [tdi.digitalizetrade.org](https://tdi.digitalizetrade.org)



# Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of **Cross-Border Paperless Trade** in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

## ❑ **A UN Treaty: enabling and action-oriented**

- ✓ Entered into force in 2021
- ✓ Open to interested (53) ESCAP member states

## ❑ **Objective**

- ✓ To facilitate cross-border paperless trade (data exchange) among willing ESCAP member states by providing a dedicated intergovernmental framework to develop legal and technical solutions
- ✓ Complementary to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) as well as (sub)regional efforts

## ❑ **Annual Paperless Trade Week**

- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> PTW: **12-16 June 2025, Bkk**

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)
Armenia	22 Sep 2017	
<a href="#">Azerbaijan</a>		2 Mar 2018 a
Bangladesh	29 Aug 2017	13 Oct 2020
Cambodia	29 Aug 2017	
<a href="#">China</a>	29 Aug 2017	22 Nov 2020 AA
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	29 Sep 2017	29 May 2020
Kyrgyzstan		20 Dec 2023 a
Mongolia		27 Jul 2022 a
Philippines		23 Dec 2019 a
Republic of Korea		28 Nov 2022 a
<a href="#">Russian Federation</a>		18 Aug 2023 a
Tajikistan		8 Dec 2022 a
Timor-Leste		5 Apr 2022 a
Turkmenistan		4 May 2022 a
Tuvalu		8 Dec 2022 a

# Cross-Border Paperless Trade Readiness Assessment tools



## Online Guide

Interactive guide incl. explanatory notes, good practices...

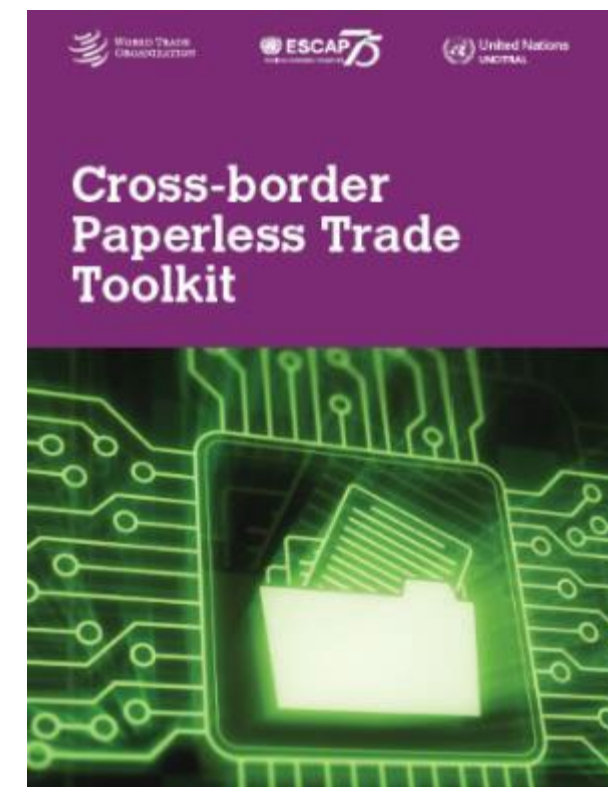
ESCAP-UNCITRAL-EIF

<https://readiness.digitalizetrade.org/>



## National Readiness Assessments

<https://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/trade-facilitation-digital-trade/paperless-trade>



- CBPT Toolkit
- ESCAP-UNCITRAL-WTO
- [https://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/publications\\_e/paperlesstrade2022\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/paperlesstrade2022_e.htm)

# Cross-Border Paperless Trade (CBPT) Database

- Aims to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and expertise gained from previous and on-going projects and services on cross-border trade digitalization
- **ON-GOING CALL FOR PROJECTS/  
CASES SUBMISSION**

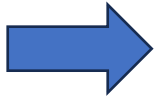




**Environmental goods**  
trade facilitation

**Green NTMs**  
compliance facilitation

**Digitalization**  
of trade procedures



**Green Trade Facilitation**

**Green Transport**  
of goods traded

## Proposed Plenary decision:

### **Plenary decision 24-04 to be noted:**

- The Plenary welcomed the policy dialogue on climate-smart connectivity and trade and transport corridors and highlighted its relevance to inclusive and resilient regional and global trade integration and sustainable development.
- In response to the 70th Commission session and building on existing UN/CEFACT work supporting multimodal data exchange along supply chains, the Plenary encouraged the development of a policy recommendation and accompanying implementation instruments to support United Nations Member States in enhancing digital and sustainable trade facilitation along trade and transport corridors.