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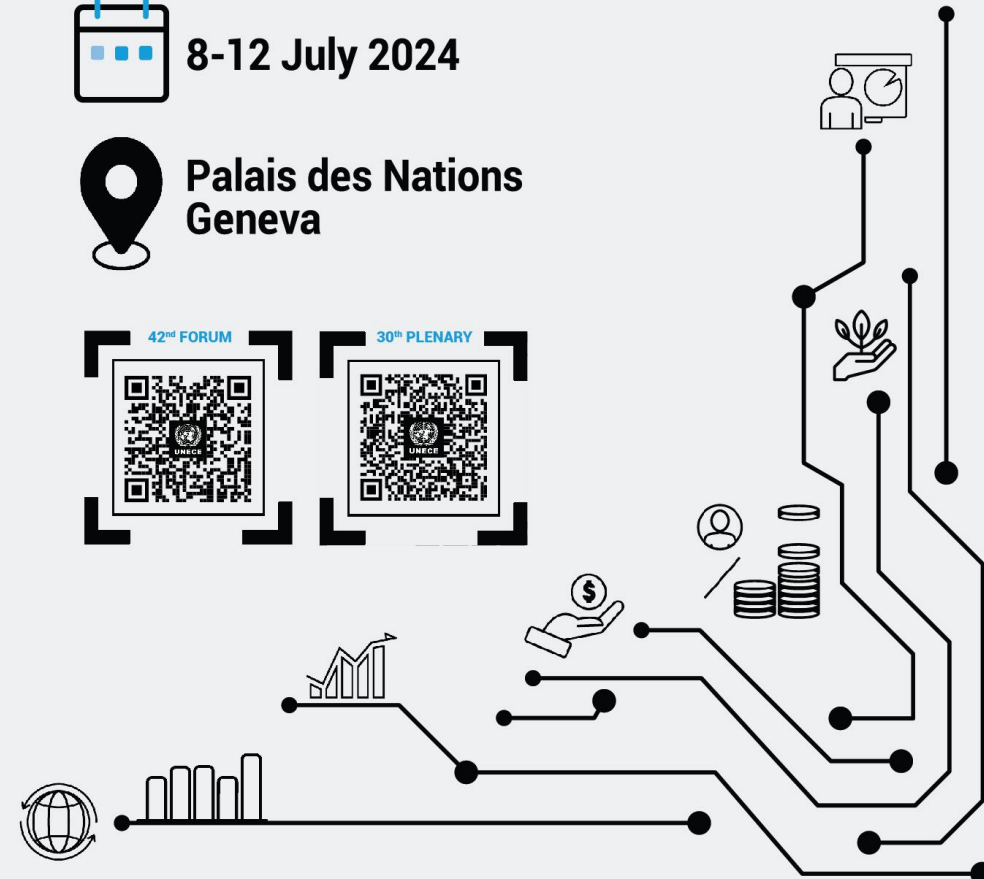


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# Gaps In Aligning Digitization With Transit Procedures

White Paper

# Paperless control of transit consignments

- Identification and harmonisation of data elements that are considered to be essential to enable appropriate border controls of transit consignments
- Reviewing existing Business Requirement Specifications
- Enhance data models for international use to enable routing of digital regulatory documents including their statuses to transit countries
- Leveraging on the Single Window Environment
- Collaboration between international organisations

# Thank you!

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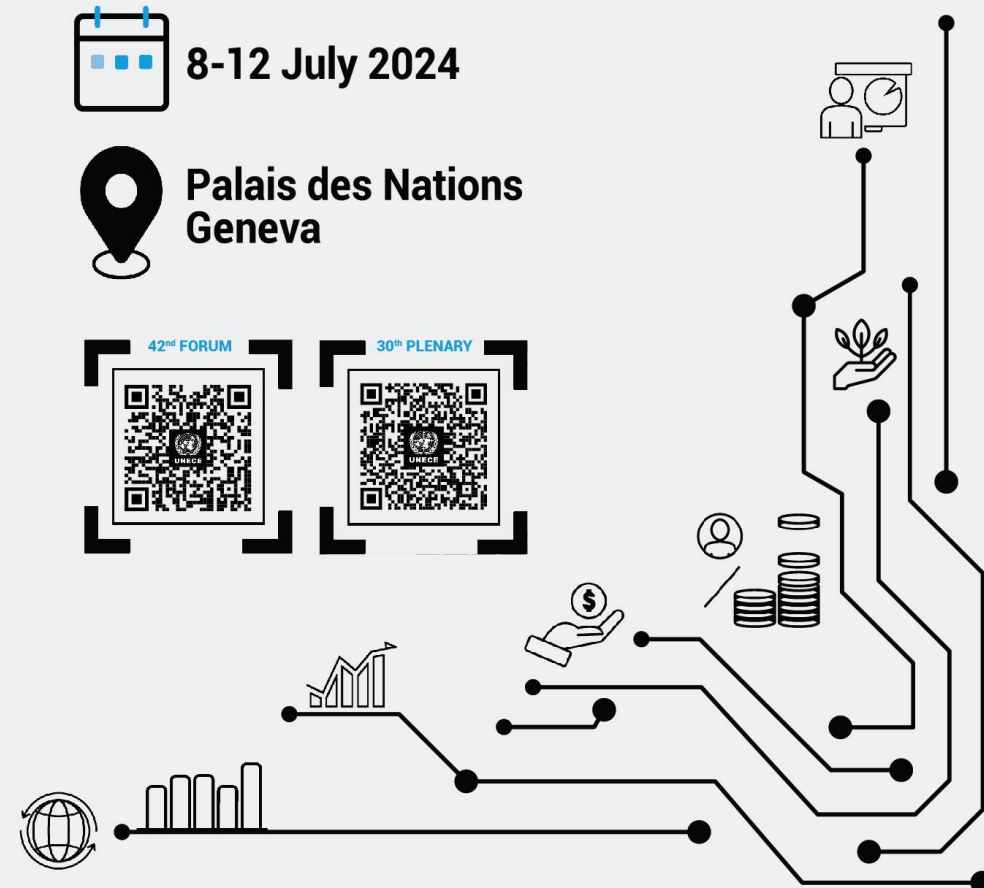


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# Facilitating Export Control and Compliance Procedures Project

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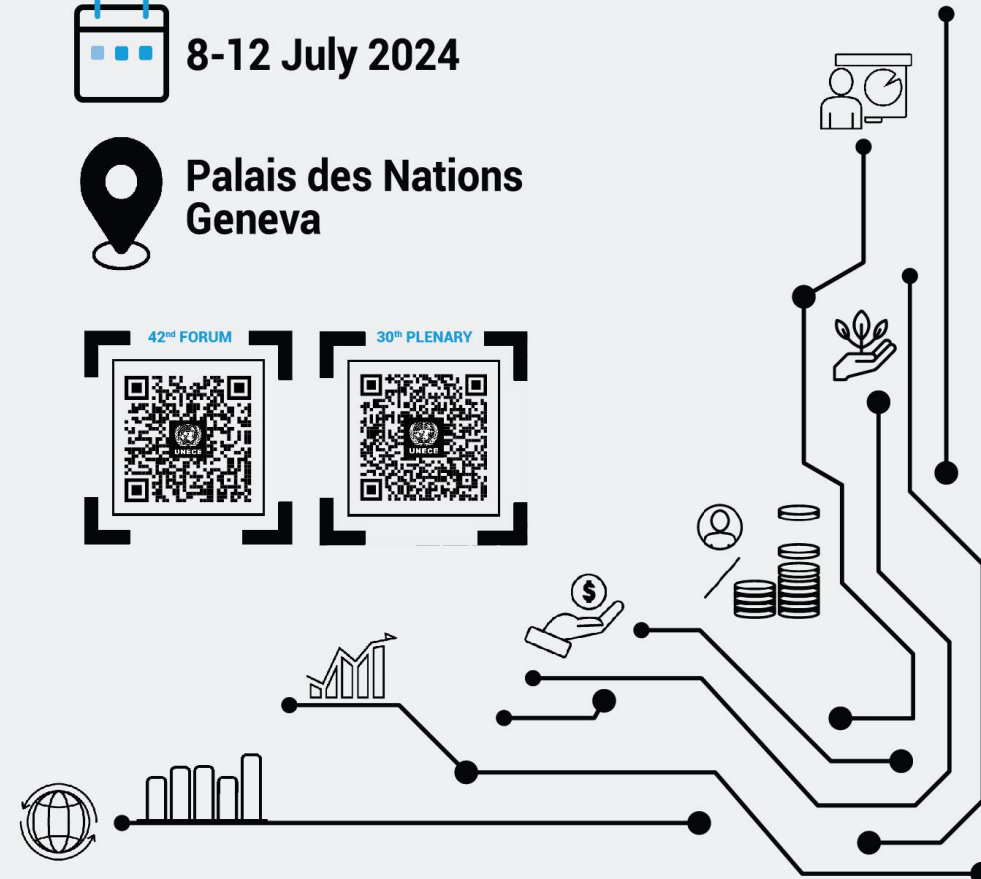


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# Challenges in Export Control and Compliance



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**Complexity of Regulations**



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**Increased Costs and Uncertainty**



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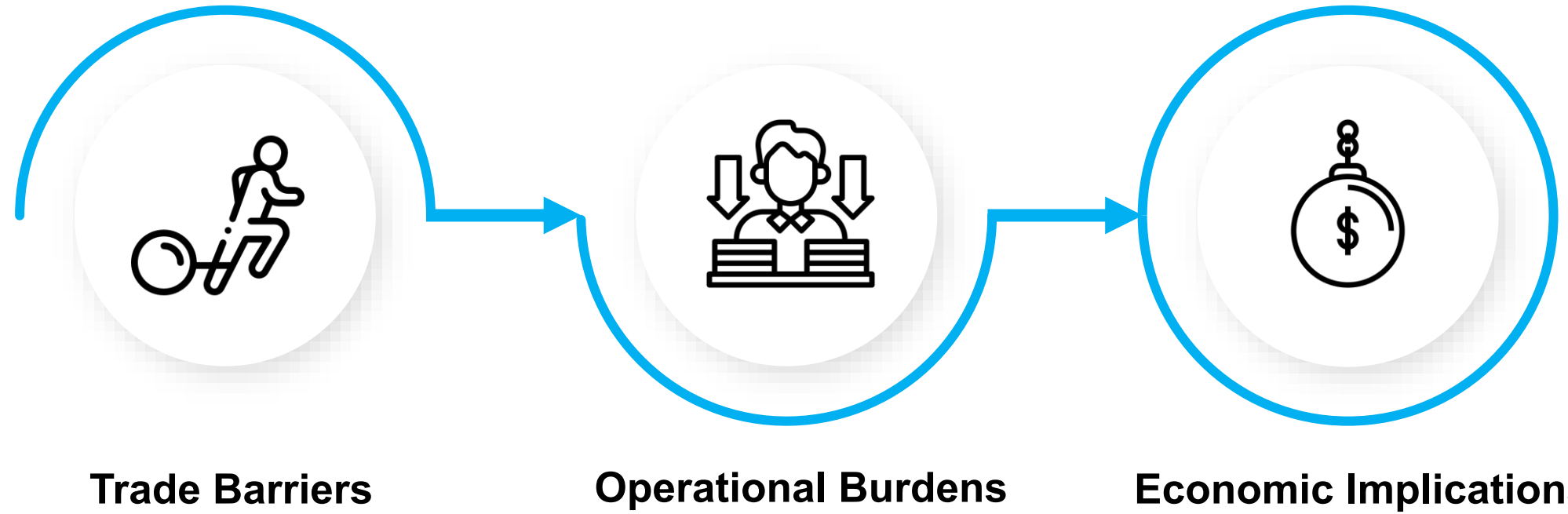
**Variation in Procedures**



4

**Risk of Non-Compliance**

# Impact on Global Trade



The project aims to address these challenges by proposing strategic recommendations to **streamline and harmonize export control procedures, making compliance easier and more efficient** for businesses worldwide.



# Project Objectives and Scope

## Mapping and Analysis

- Conduct an in-depth analysis of current export control procedures and requirements
- Identify common challenges and best practices

## Facilitation Measures

- Implement trade facilitation principles to enhance transparency and simplify processes
- Develop guidelines for streamlined documentary and licensing requirements

## Technological Integration

- Explore innovative technologies such as rules automation, DLT/blockchain, and digital infrastructure and solutions
- Propose solutions for integrating these technologies into export control systems

## Strategic Recommendations

- Provide actionable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders
- Focus on regulatory coherence, enhanced cooperation, and reduced compliance burdens



# Beneficiaries



**Global  
Trade  
Community**

**Financial  
Institutions**

**Exporting  
Businesses**

**Importing  
Nations**

**Regulatory  
Bodies and  
Governments**

# Methodology



## Exploring Best Practice and Cutting-edge Technologies

- Analyse the best practice
- Assessing the potential of AI (e.g., neuro-symbolic) to enhance compliance and streamline processes.
- Focusing on rules automation, predictive analytics, and data processing.



## Surveys for Four Target Groups

- Regulatory bodies
- Exporting businesses
- Trade compliance experts
- Intermediaries (service) providers



## UN/CEFACT Standards

- Analyzing existing UN/CEFACT standards and recommendations.
- Identifying applicable frameworks and best practices.
- Evaluating their relevance and potential application to our project.



# Timeline of the Project

**End of July**

**1**

- ▶ Launch of surveys for stakeholders
- ▶ Develop and approve the project outline
- ▶ Assign sections to volunteers

**August - September**

**2**

- ▶ Conducting surveys
- ▶ Collecting data on current practices, solutions, and approaches
- ▶ Establishing timelines and quorum for survey results to ensure sufficient data for significant conclusions

**October**

**3**

- ▶ Presentation of survey results at the UN/CEFACT Autumn Forum
- ▶ Next steps planning

**November:**

**4**

- ▶ Study best practices and discuss UN/CEFACT standards
- ▶ Initiate cross-domain discussions

**December - January**

**5**

- ▶ Conduct a webinar to engage a broader audience
- ▶ Gather feedback and insights from the webinar participants

**Next Steps**

**6**

- ▶ Finalize and refine the White Paper
- ▶ Prepare for the final presentation at the UN/CEFACT Spring Forum in Geneva

# Call to Action



- ▶ Share your insights and feedback during our regular meetings

- ▶ Provide valuable information on current practices and approaches

- ▶ Volunteer to work on sections of the document
- ▶ Share best practices and case studies

# Thank you!



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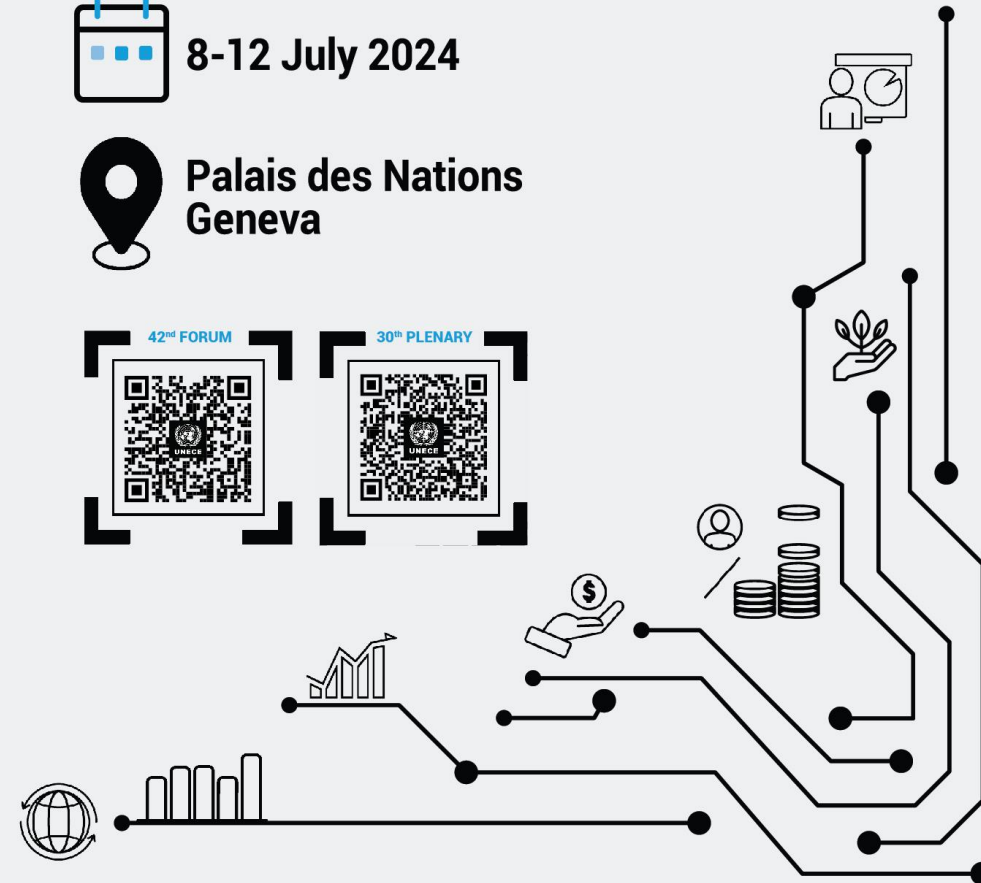


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# UNECE RECOMMENDATION 18 (2001)

Time for an update – Call To Action

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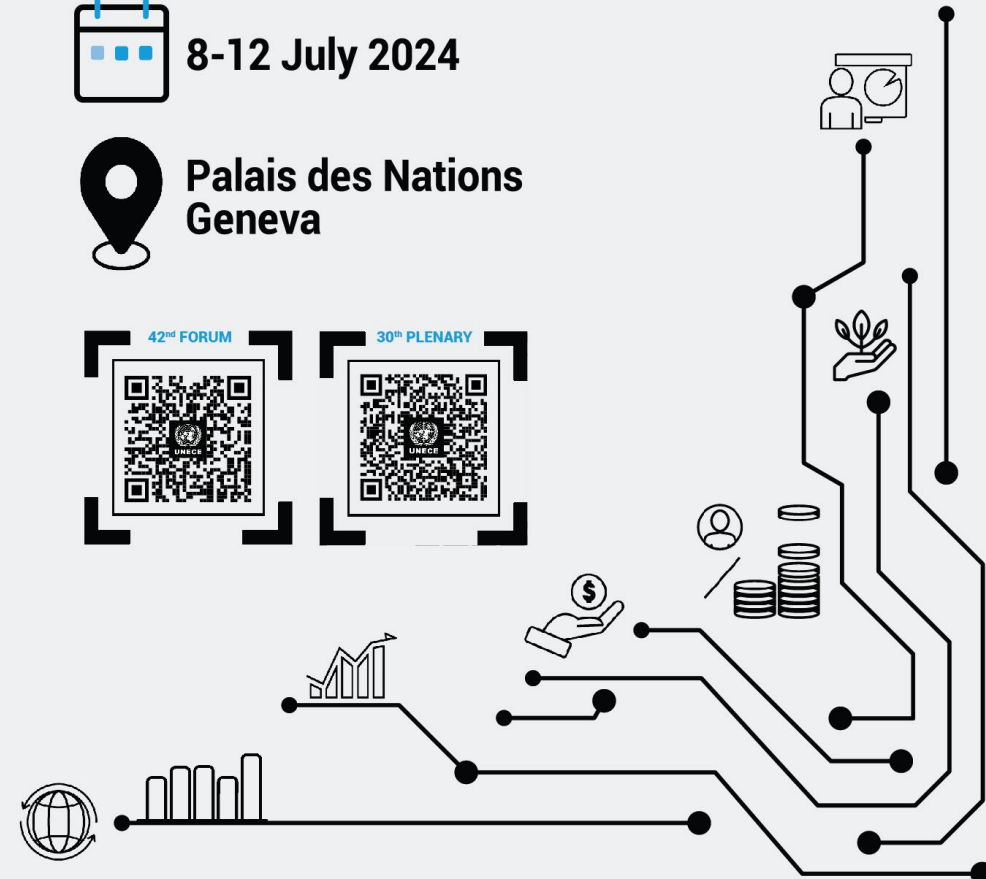


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# Some key changes since 2001

- WTO trade Facilitation Agreement
- Global financial crisis
- WCO SAFE Framework of Standards – AEO schemes
- Incoterms 2010 & 2020
- UCP 600 (Letter of Credit rules 2007)
- Acute supply chain disruptions
- Country / Sovereign risks
- Pandemic disruption
- Slow migration to digital solutions
- Increased non- customs compliance requirements, such as VGM
- Increased prevalence of FTA / PTAs – associated rules of origin
- **Overall, international trade is more complex than in 2001**

# Possible key areas for revision

- COMMERCIAL – Correct application of Incoterms, smart contracting
- TRANSPORT – Use of intermediaries / 3PLs, transport documents, VGM
- REGULATORY – Compliance, WTO TFA implementation, AEO
- FINANCIAL – Country / sovereign risk coverage, benefits of L/Cs exist

# Overall themes

- Accelerate digitalisation of processes
- Improved linkages between Commercial / Transport / Regulatory / Financial elements
- Overall compliance – controls / dangerous goods / classifications / rules of preference and non-preference origin

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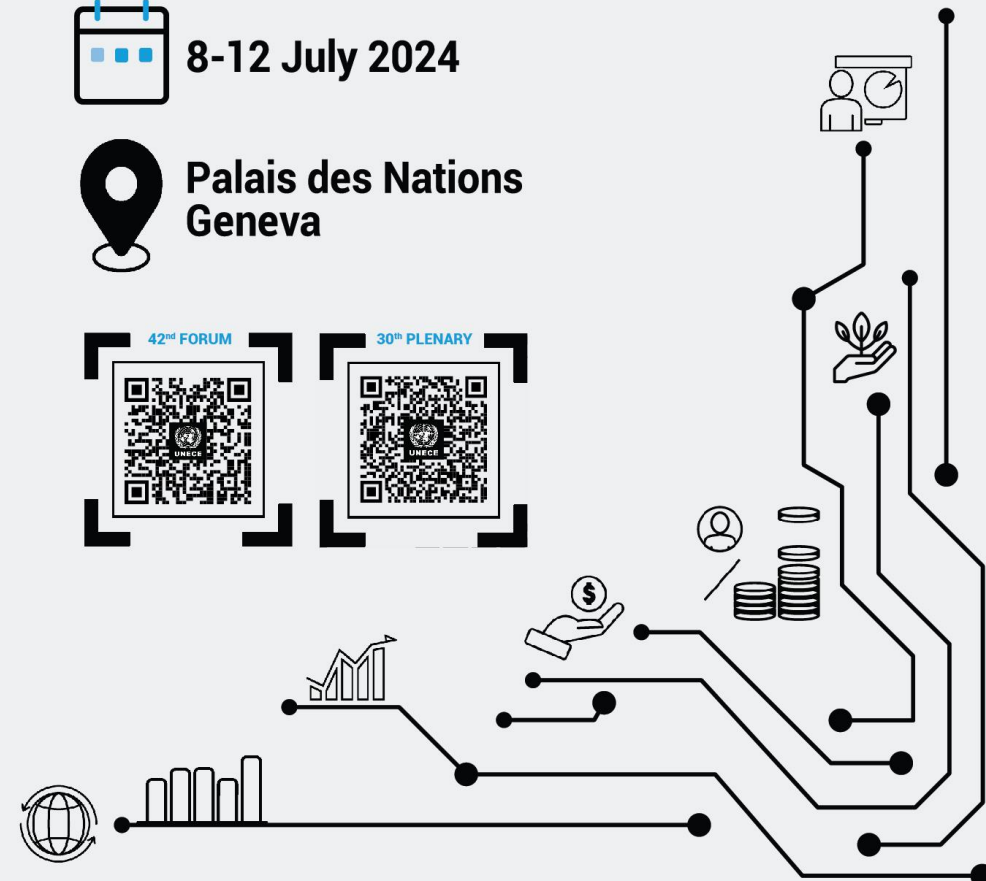


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