

CANDIDACY FORM – UN/CEFACT VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS 2023

To be filled in by the Candidate
and submitted by the Permanent Mission in Geneva
on or before 25 September 2023 to: kamola.khusnutdinova@un.org

*I hereby declare my candidacy for the position of
UN/CEFACT Vice Chair.*

Information about the Candidate

(This information will be made public; please signal any information that should not be)

Candidate last name	Heydarov	Candidate first name	Aliakbar
Organization Name	The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Occupation / Title	Chief Inspector
Candidate e-mail	aliakbar.heydarov@customs.gov.az	Candidate telephone	+994 50 715 13 00
Government employee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Years of participation in UN/CEFACT activities	0

The Candidate hereby declares the following:

(all questions must be answered)

1.	The Candidate will commit a minimum of 4 days per month to the role of UN/CEFACT Vice Chair and will participate in all UN/CEFACT Bureau conference calls (currently on a monthly basis).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	The Candidate declares to have sufficient funding to physically attend and participate in all face-to-face meetings including one annual UN/CEFACT Plenary, and two semi-annual UN/CEFACT Forums.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	The Candidate declares there would not be a conflict of interest between their work as a UN/CEFACT Vice Chair with any other work being performed and agrees to adhere to the UN/CEFACT Code of Conduct ¹ and the UN/CEFACT Intellectual Property Rights Policy. ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	The Candidate has read and agrees to the responsibilities of UN/CEFACT Vice Chair (UN/CEFACT Mandate and Terms of Reference, particularly paragraphs 35 – 51). ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	The Candidate has the explicit support of his/her organization to take on the role of UN/CEFACT Vice Chair.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

¹ UN/CEFACT Code of Conduct, ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/18/Rev.1:

<http://undocs.org/ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/18/Rev.1>

² UN/CEFACT Intellectual Property Rights Policy, ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/20:

<http://undocs.org/ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/20/Rev.2>

<http://undocs.org/ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/20/Rev.2/Add.1>

³ UN/CEFACT Mandate and Terms of Reference, ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/15:

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/cf_plenary/2017_Plenary/ECE_TRADE_C_CEFAC_T_2017_15E_MandateToR.pdf

Candidate motivational statement

In the statement, please demonstrate your expertise and experience in the area of sustainable and digital trade facilitation, and specifically related to:

- i. development of policy recommendations
- ii. development of e-business standards, and/or
- iii. project management.

I started my professional experience as a customs inspector at the Head Customs Administration on Air Transport in 2014. This experience helped me to understand how customs operate with respect to international trade and supply chains, to use effective tools and information in dealing with the international movement of goods, to manage crises associated with the cross-border movement of goods, and to specialize in-depth customs skills. Further, working at the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan enhanced a solid degree of expert knowledge, as well as extensive international experience.

Taking into consideration my experience in the government sector, I adore working with civil society groups, the private sector, and administrative bodies. I have had the opportunity to work in a wide range of fields regarding the economy and customs systems, each with unique goals and priorities. This broadened my understanding of related fields, allowing me to be agile in my decision-making, ensuring all choices align with greater missions and strategic objectives. My current job is regarding trade facilitation where I have been working for almost 5 years. As a part of my work, I prepare recommendations, propose changes in the legislation, and supervise the activity of the trade participants. In addition, our team analyzes the cost and time indicators associated with international trade. Thus, since 2019 I participated as an expert in the survey on Easy Doing Business. As a result, I have been awarded a certificate of Appreciation for the contribution to the report "Doing Business 2020".

The main project that I worked on was the "Green Corridor" gating system. This system is a local trusted trader program that has been implemented in Azerbaijani customs since 2019. This project implies simplification of the customs procedures for selected foreign trade participants. It brings a new logic to conducting customs control and customs clearance with more flexible and transparent tools.

The next project was reinstallation the system of the customs intermediaries that include customs brokerage, customs carrier, and Authorized Economic Operator. The last, as the main tool of trade facilitation, complete the project of the "Green Corridor" gating system. This project accelerated trade operations and became one of the most effective advantages for managing international trade.

Increasing the level of knowledge and skills of those who are involved in trade operations is also important. For this reason, through seminars and conferences, we informed both trade participants and third parties not only about the new systems but also about any other initiatives held by customs authorities.

Moreover, during the academic period of 2019-2020, I got the full scholarship for the advanced master's program in the College of Europe in the specialization of European Economic Integration and Business. In my master's thesis, I analyzed the benefits of trade facilitation and in the methodology of the research, I applied the Trade Gravity model to examine international trade between Azerbaijan and 136 trade partners in the period of 1992 to 2018. The main purpose of the statistical model was to determine the factors that significantly impede trade facilitation and to find solutions. Currently, I am working on my PhD dissertation "Promoting export of the ICT based services".

To conclude, I would like to restate the importance of the program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please also submit as a separate document:

- Recent Curriculum Vitae (including current roles in other relevant organizations and membership in associations)

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Information about the candidate

Candidate Last Name	Heydarov	Candidate First Name	Aliakbar
Organization Name	The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Occupation / Title	Chief inspector of Trade Facilitation Department

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned candidate for the position of UN/CEFACT Vice Chair.

Information about the nominating authority

Country	Azerbaijan Republic
Nominating authority responsible person name	Mr. Javad Gasimov
Nominating authority entity (agency, dept., ...)	The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Nominating authority email	international@customs.gov.az
Date	25.09.2023

Documents to submit

- Candidate's Candidacy Form with motivational statement
- Government Nomination Form with statement of support
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae (including current roles in other relevant organizations and membership in associations)

References

Consolidated UN/CEFACT mandate and terms of reference, ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/15
http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/cf_plenary/2017_Plenary/ECE_TRADE_C_CEF ACT_2017_15E_MandateToR.pdf

Statement of Support from the nominating authority

I am writing to highly recommend Mr. Aliakbar Heydarov for the mentioned position. As the Deputy Chief of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan, I have had the privilege of observing Aliakbar's exceptional dedication and contributions to our customs service.

Throughout his tenure at our customs service, Mr. Aliakbar Heydarov has consistently demonstrated a commendable level of commitment and competence. His involvement spans various critical areas of customs operations, with a particular emphasis on customs brokering, green corridor management, and fostering Client-to-Business (C2B) relations. Aliakbar's proactive approach and his ability to navigate complex customs procedures have greatly contributed to the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations.

Thank you for considering application. If you require any further information or would like to discuss her qualifications in more detail, please feel free to contact me at international@customs.gov.az




**Aliakbar
Heydarov**

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13/06/1990


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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/08/2013 – 30/12/2014

Macroeconomy Research Specialist

Ministry of Economy and Industry, Institute for Scientific Research on Economic Reforms

www.ier.az / H.Zardabi Avenue, 88a, AZ1011, Baku, Azerbaijan

30/12/2014 – 02/05/2016

Customs inspector

Head Customs Administration on Air Transport

customs.gov.az / Bina settl, Heydar Aliyev International Airport, AZ1044, Baku, Azerbaijan

02/05/2016 – 27/08/2018

Senior lecturer

Customs academy

www.ascga.gov.az / Sabunchu district, Zabrat-Mashtagha highway, left side 2, AZ 1039, Baku, Azerbaijan

15/02/2018 – CURRENT

Adjunct Lecturer

Azerbaijan State Economic University ("SABAH" groups)

<http://unec.edu.az> / Istiglaliyat 6, AZ1001, Baku, Azerbaijan

15/09/2018 – CURRENT

Adjunct Lecturer

Baku Engineering University

<http://beu.edu.az/> / Hasan Aliyev str., 120, AZ0102, Baku, Azerbaijan

27/08/2018 – CURRENT

Senior government official, Trade Facilitation Department

The State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan Republic

<http://customs.gov.az/en/> / Inshaatchilar avenue 2, AZ1073, Baku, Azerbaijan

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

15/09/2008 – 30/06/2012 – Baku, Azerbaijan

Bachelor's degree Majoring in Administrative Management: Customs Administration

Baku State University, faculty of International Relations and Economics

bsu.edu.az

15/09/2013 – 30/06/2015 – Baku, Azerbaijan

Master's degree majoring in International Economic Relations

Baku State University, faculty of World Economy

bsu.edu.az

27/08/2019 – 21/06/2020 – Dijver 11, Brugges, Belgium

Master of Science in European Economic Integration and Business

College of Europe

www.coleurope.eu

30/12/2016 – CURRENT – Istiglaliyyat 24, Baku, Azerbaijan

PhD students in Industrial Economy

Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Institute of Economics

<http://science.gov.az>

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office Packet (Word, Excel, PowerPoint & Outlook) / Stata / Python / R Programming / SQL Basics / Web (HTML, CSS)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Azerbaijani

OTHER LANGUAGE(S):

Russian

Listening C2	Reading C2	Spoken production C2	Spoken interaction C2	Writing C2
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English

Listening C1	Reading C1	Spoken production C1	Spoken interaction C1	Writing C1
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Turkish

Listening C1	Reading C1	Spoken production C1	Spoken interaction C1	Writing C1
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French

Listening B1	Reading B1	Spoken production A2	Spoken interaction A2	Writing A2
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