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"Participating in UN/CEFACT's Work"

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UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR TRADE FACILITATION AND ELECTRONIC BUSINESS
Under the auspices of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Participating in UN/CEFACT's Works

- **UN/CEFACT Plenary** – Once a year, two days meeting + Trade Facilitation and e-Business Forum in Geneva, Switzerland

- **UN/CEFACT Forum** – Twice a year, full week meeting, five groups meet together in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific on a rotating schedule

- **Groups' Interim Meeting** – Additional meetings between UN/CEFACT Forum

- **AFACT Meeting and EDICOM Conference** – Once a year, full week meeting of AFACT Joint Working Groups (2 days), AFACT Plenary (1.5 days) and EDICOM Conference (2-3 days) in member country

- **ebXML Asia Committee** – Three 3-day meetings a year in member country

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Organization : UN/CEFACT Groups

ATG
- WG1 - EDIFACT
- WG2 - XML
- WG3 - Other Technologies

ICG
- WG1 - Meta Data
- WG2 - Libraries

LG
- WG1 - ODR
- WG2 - Cross Border Certification
- WG3 - RosettaNet

TBG
- WG1 - Supply Chain
- WG3 - Transport
- WG4 - Customs
- WG5 - Finance
- WG6 - AE&C
- WG7 - Statistics
- WG8 - Insurance
- WG9 - TT&L
- WG10 - Healthcare
- WG11 - SS, E&S
- WG12 - Accounting & Auditing
- WG13 - Environment
- WG14 - BPA
- WG15 - ITP
- WG16 - Entry Points
- WG17 - Harmonization & Documentation

TMG
- WG1 - Business processes
  - TG1 - BCF/UMM
  - TG2 - BPSS
  - TG3 - UBAC (Jointly with LG)
- WG2 - Core Components
- WG3 - e-Business Architecture

TBG Key Deliverables

- Development of UN & UNECE Trade Facilitation Recommendations;
- Development of trade facilitation best practices;
- Identification & definition of business domains;
- Business Process Analysis
- Catalog of Common Business Processes (including reference models);
- Core Component Discovery;
- Cross Domain Business Model Projects;
- Harmonisation of business requirements;
- Documentation of business requirements for changes to syntax solutions, eg EDIFACT messages.

ICG Key Deliverables

- A series of coherent, consistent and normalised reference libraries comprising the business requirements, information objects and code lists that are aligned with the domain reference models and serve as the building blocks for the development of standards for implementation;

- The audit and release of the syntax specific information objects and syntax specific information components;

- Processes and procedures for the maintenance of the libraries;

- Mechanisms for ensuring the quality of the library contents;

- UN/ECE Recommendations related to codes

ATG Key Deliverables

- A series of coherent, consistent and normalised syntax solutions that are aligned with domain reference models for publication in a designated UN/CEFACT information repository by the Information Content Management Group (ICG), i.e.:
  - UN/EDIFACT messages and their support directories (except codes);
  - XML Schemas and Document Type Definitions (DTD)
  - UN Layout Key;
  - UN eDocs;
- Processes and procedures for the maintenance of the syntax solutions;
- Mechanisms for ensuring the quality of the syntax solutions;
- Technical specifications detailing the rules and guidelines that shall be applied when developing and maintaining the various syntax solutions.

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TMG Key Deliverables

- UN/CEFACT Business Collaboration Framework
  - UN/CEFACT Modeling Methodology (UMM)
    - UMM Meta Model
    - UMM Reference Guide
    - UMM User Guide
    - UMM Implementation Guide
    - UMM Content Management Guide
  - Business Collaboration Schema Specification

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TMG Key Deliverables continue

- Unified Business Agreements and Contracts
- e-Business Architecture Specification
- e-Business Glossary
- ebXML Business Process Schema Specification
- Core Components
  - Technical Specification (CCTS)
  - Core Component User Guide

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LG Key Deliverables

- Analysis, research and review of legal processes and issues;

- Identification of constraints to more effective legal processes and procedures;

- Practical proposals for the removal of such constraints;

- Draft UN/ECE Recommendations;

- Development, publication and promotion of guidelines supporting best legal practice;

- Contributions to and, where appropriate, efforts to influence related work in other organizations such as UNCITRAL, UNCTAD, WTO, OECD and the ICC;

- Provision, as required, of practical legal advice and assistance to the work being undertaken by other UN/CEFACT permanent and ad hoc working groups and contributions to the formation of the legal aspects of policy.

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Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Commerce (ex-body AS/ EB since 1990)

AFACT aims to support in the Asia Pacific region policies and activities, especially those promoted by UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business), dedicated to stimulate, improve and promote the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, to exchange products and relevant services effectively in a non-political environment.

Members :
Australia, Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, P.R.C., Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
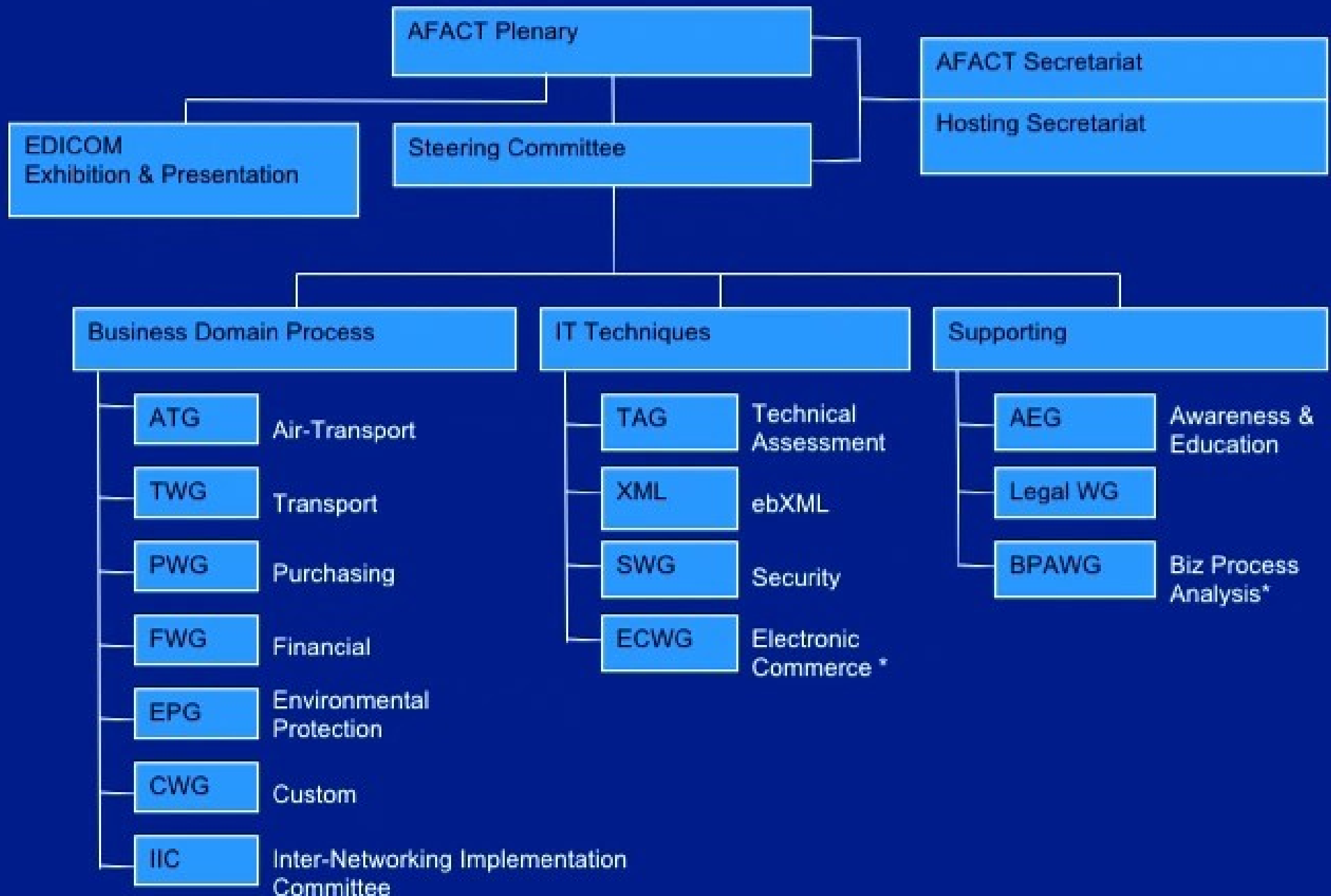
Associate member :
ebXML Asia Committee

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AFACT Organization

- **AFACT Plenary**
  - **AFACT Secretariat**
  - **Hosting Secretariat**
  - **EDICOM** Exhibition & Presentation
  - **Steering Committee**

- **Business Domain Process**
  - ATG — Air-Transport
  - TWG — Transport
  - PWG — Purchasing
  - FWG — Financial
  - EPG — Environmental Protection
  - CWG — Custom
  - IIC — Inter-Networking Implementation Committee

- **IT Techniques**
  - TAG — Technical Assessment
  - XML — ebXML
  - SWG — Security
  - ECWG — Electronic Commerce *

- **Supporting**
  - AEG — Awareness & Education
  - Legal WG
  - BPAWG — Biz Process Analysis *

AFACT : Terms of Reference

- The principles of the mission statement are to be achieved by:
- Analyzing and understanding the key elements of international transactions and working for the elimination of constraints;
- Developing methods to facilitate transactions, including the relevant use of information technologies such as UN/EDIFACT and Electronic Commerce;
- Promoting both the use of these methods, and associated best practices, through channels such as government, industry and service associations;
- Coordinating its work with UN/CEFACT and other relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations; and
- Enhancing the cooperation among the AFACT members and promoting the objectives of the mission statement in the Asia Pacific region.

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AFACT : Membership

- Membership shall comprise two categories:
- Member – The countries and economies in the Asia Pacific region represented by the agency assigned to promote and develop trade facilitation and Electronic Business. Such agency is recognized as the single focal point for UN/EDIFACT or UN/CEFACT related activities.
- Agencies of the United Nations can also be members.
- Associate member – Any other organization from the Asia Pacific region or relevant international organization located in the region, committed to similar objectives as AFACT.

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Future Meeting Plan

- UN/CEFACT Forum – September 15-19, 2003, Seoul (Korea)
- eAsia Award – October 13-17, 2003, Taipei (Chinese Taipei)
- AFACT/EDCOM – November/December, 2003, Karachi (Pakistan)
- TMG Interim Meeting – December 8-12, 2003, Waidhofen (Austria)
- WSIS (World Summit on Information Society) – December 10-12, 2003, Geneva (Swiss)
- UN/CEFACT Plenary – February 2004, Geneva (Swiss)
- UN/CEFACT Forum – March 15-19, 2003, Barcelona (Spain)

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