

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **UNECE Executive Committee**

#### **Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business**

##### **Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries**

##### **Second session**

Geneva, 31 January - 1 February 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### **Adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the second session<sup>1, 2</sup>**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 09.00 on Thursday, 31 January 2019, in Salle IX.

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Overview of recent relevant developments
3. Progress on Programme of work
4. Implementation and documentation
5. Reports from experts
6. Planning future activities
7. Other business
8. Adoption of decisions and draft report of the second session
9. Workshop on future activities

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/unctfact/tssf-2ndsession-2019.html>).

<sup>2</sup> All delegates are requested to complete the online registration form available on the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/unctfact/tssf-2ndsession-2019.html>). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Av. de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 73254). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see the website: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.

## II. Annotations

### Opening

The session will be opened by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and H.E. Mr Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador of Thailand to the United Nations in Geneva.

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Chair will present the draft agenda for adoption (ToSSF/2019/INF.1).

<i>Document title</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	
Draft agenda	ToSSF/2019/INF.1	For decision

### Item 2. Overview of recent relevant developments

Representatives from other United Nations organizations and regional, national and international bodies will be invited to highlight areas for potential cooperation with the Team of Specialists (ToS), along with current and future activities of relevance to the work of the ToS. These include the ongoing work under the UN Oceans initiative and negotiations on the fisheries subsidies at the WTO.

### Item 3. Progress on Programme of work

The Chair will present progress on the implementation of the ToS programme of work for 2018-2019. The overall objective of the ToS is to contribute to integrated maritime governance by promoting, facilitating and supporting the implementation of fishery data standards on a global scale, including UN/FLUX. The Chair will provide an overview of activities undertaken under Work Area 1: Policy dialogue and advice; Work Area 2 Technical monitoring, assessment and guidance; Work Area 3: Communication and outreach; and Work Area 4: Capacity building, to achieve such objectives.

<i>Document title</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	
Programme of work	ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2018/22	For reference
Progress report on the Programme of work 2018-2019	ToSSF/2019/INF.2	For noting

### Item 4. Implementation and documentation

Representatives from UN Member States (e.g. Thailand) will report on their experiences on the application of UN/FLUX, including implementation phases and timeframe, relevant legal/regulatory framework, challenges and opportunities, and link to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Secretariat will present a template for the collection of case stories on the implementation of UN/FLUX in UN Member States.

<i>Document title</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	
Template for case studies on UN/FLUX implementation	ToSSF/2019/INF.3	For discussion

## Item 5. Reports from experts

Experts from the ToS will be invited to present and discuss current and future activities of the ToS, along with proposals to widen membership in the ToS and collaborations with other bodies. Currently, for instance, collaborations are established with UNCTAD, FAO (Global Record on Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels), the Fisheries Open Source Community Software (FOCUS) and The World Animal Protection's Global Ghost Gear Initiative.

The representative of the European Commission DG MARE will present communication materials to promote the implementation of UN/FLUX, developed by the ToS, with the support of EU funding (ToSSF/2019/INF.6).

Reports from experts include:

1. a briefing note on benefits of implementing UN/FLUX, and addressing frequently asked questions (ToSSF/2019/INF.4);
2. a briefing note on the use of UN/FLUX in combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and the relationship between UN/FLUX and fisheries subsidies (ToSSF/2019/INF.5);
3. a draft template for a UN/FLUX implementation document (ToSSF/2019/INF.6);
4. a proposal for the interaction between UN/FLUX and FOCUS (ToSSF/2019/INF.7), submitted by the FOCUS Community Manager, who is also a member of the Team of Specialists;
5. a report on the development of communication materials (ToSSF/2019/INF.8)

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Briefing note on benefits of implementing UN/FLUX, and addressing frequently asked questions	ToSSF/2019/INF.4	For discussion
Briefing note on the use of UN/FLUX in combatting IUU fishing, and the relationship between UN/FLUX and fisheries subsidies	ToSSF/2019/INF.5	For discussion
Template for UN/FLUX implementation document	ToSSF/2019/INF.6	For discussion
Proposal for the interaction between UN/FLUX and FOCUS	ToSSF/2019/INF.7	For discussion
Report on the development of communication materials	ToSSF/2019/INF.8	For discussion

## Item 6. Planning future activities

The Team of Specialists of Sustainable Fisheries has its mandate until June 2019. Future work requires an extension of its mandate. The chair will present proposals for activities for the Team of Specialists in the coming years, and a discussion will take place on future areas of work for the ToS.

**Item 7. Other business**

Experts will be invited to raise other issues not previously addressed during the session.

**Item 8. Adoption of the decisions and draft report of the second session**

Experts will be invited to adopt the decisions and the draft report of the session.

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<i>Document title</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	
Draft report of the second session	ToSSF/2019/INF.9	For decision

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**Item 9. Workshop on future activities**

A workshop will be conducted for ToS experts to review the programme of work, to advance ongoing work (e.g. proposals for XSD changes to UN/FLUX) and plan future activities. During the workshop, the Secretariat will provide a demo of documents management under the UN/CEFACT CUE workspace dedicated to the Team of Specialists.

**Closing**

### III. Provisional timetable

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Introduced by</i>
<b>Thursday, 31 January 2019</b>		
09.00 – 09.15	Opening	Executive Secretary of the UNECE, and Ambassador from Thailand
09.15 – 09.20	<b>Item 1:</b> Adoption of the agenda	Chair
09.20 – 10.30	<b>Item 2:</b> Overview of recent relevant developments	Experts
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Item 3:</b> Progress on Programme of work	Chair
11.15– 12.30	<b>Item 4:</b> Implementation and documentation	Experts and Secretariat
12.30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Item 4:</b> Reports from experts	Experts
15.30 – 15.45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15.45 – 17.00	<b>Item 5:</b> Reports from experts (continued)	Experts
17.00 – 17.30	<b>Item 6:</b> Planning future activities	Chair and experts
17.30– 17.45	<b>Item 7:</b> Other business	Chair
17.45 – 18.00	<b>Item 8:</b> Adoption of decisions and draft report of the second session	Chair
	<b>Closing</b>	Chair
<b>Friday, 1 February 2019</b>		
09.00 – 10.30	Workshop on future activities	Chair and Experts
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10.45 – 12.30	Workshop on future activities (continued)	Chair and Experts
	<b>Closing</b>	Chair