

Open Bureau Call – follow up to MoU/MG meeting

30 November 2016, 12pm – 1:30pm CET

Bureau: Raffaele Fantetti, Anders Grangård, Estelle Igwe, Sue Probert, Lance Thompson (Chair)

Bureau apologies: Harm Jan van Burg

Secretariat: Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli, Gianguglielmo Calvi, Maike Carstensen, Ben Czapnik, Yuri Saito

Domain Coordinators: Mary Kay Blantz, Gait Boxman, Eric Cohen, Frans van Diepen, Fabio Sorrentino (on behalf of Liliana Fratini Passi), Akio Suzuki

Domain Coordinators apologies: Eric Okimoto, Kees Sparreboom

1a Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with no comments.

2a Programme of Work 2017 – 2018

The Programme of Work (PoW) outlines the work of UN/CEFACT of both experts and the Secretariat over the next two years. The PoW mirrors the perspective directions and needs to include all planned work, as the PoW is the basis of the Secretariat's mandate.

The comments received have been integrated; this version will be shared with everyone who sent in comments.

The clean version with the Annex on printed publications will be submitted to Plenary in April.

3x Pending project items

The following projects are pending:

HoD support:

- T+L – e BOD (missing 2 & project proposal; already has AT)
- M+T – Geospatial (missing 2; already has NL)
- M+T – SBDH (missing 2; already has DK)
- M+T – Code Mgmt (missing 2; received SE)

Calls for participation:

- T+L – Pipeline (received SN & ES; already has UK)
 - The text will be finalized by 2 December (Sue)
- Agri – Traceability Framework (has DE, NL, NG)
 - Frans will try to finalize the text by 1 December COB

Public review periods:

- ITPD – TTFMM (public review ends 14 December)
- SWD – SW Vocab paper (public review ends 14 December)

Intersessional approval periods:

- ITPD – PPP-TF (intersessional approval ends 25 December)

Should be going to Project Exit:

- SCMD – SCRDM (public review ended 30 October)
 - On target
- BUY/PAY – CII BRS+RSM (public review ended 27 August)
 - The transition plan document is missing (this is moving forward)

- BRS and RSM can be put to Project Exit (Lance will get in touch with Raffaele to get in touch with the Project Leader so that the secretariat can publish these documents)
- The project will remain open until the transition plan document has been added

F+P – Trade Finance as tool for T.F.

- We will check the status with Harm Jan and Raffaele

4a Forum Preparations for UN/CEFACT Geneva Forum

Meeting room requests, draft agendas and mini conferences

- The deadline for meeting room requests, draft agendas and mini conference requests is the 14 December.
- It would be preferable to have less mini conferences at the Geneva Forum than there was in Bangkok. It was suggested to have one mini conference per day, in total 3 or 4. The mini conference requests will be discussed at the Bureau call on 19 December.

Autumn Forum 2017

- Morocco is no longer an option for 2017, but it could be for the Autumn Forum in 2018.
- Other possible locations could be Vienna or Italy. Any other ideas are welcome.
- Travel costs for the secretariat should be taken into consideration when deciding on the location.
- The Host Country Agreement (HCA) would need to be signed by the beginning of 2017.

5a Preparation for the MoU/MG meeting Dec 7-8

The matrix/mapping of work of organizations (mainly signatories, but also others) serves to understand who is working on what and to coordinate the work agendas.

- The matrix was found to be restrictive and that there were different definitions in different areas.
- There were concerns related to the healthcare informatics. There had been discussions about change in codes of dates.
- ISO has established a TC for Blockchain.

It was suggested to specify the timing of the agenda of the meeting.

It was noted that the Chair is trying to change the way the meeting is run. For example, presentations from organizations will supposedly be shorter and made available online.

TC154

- It will be spoken about the work on semantic interoperability. It was suggested that UN/CEFACT should join as a liaison.
- There has been cooperation in the past, the joint syntax working group.
- It was suggested to name someone from the secretariat, Mary Kay and Gait Boxman to be part of this working group. When the group was set up, it was agreed that UN/CEFACT would chair and ISO would provide secretariat.

The matter of the joint maintenance agency for UNTDED should be addressed at some point, support in determining the way forward on this issue has been requested to UN/CEFACT.

R14/08 (ISO project on tracking of second-hand goods)

- UN/CEFACT has explained that it does not matter if goods are second hand, as tracking is tracking. The ISO group has been invited to work with UN/CEFACT, but no active response was received.
- This issue needs to be followed up. The secretariat might want to mention that the objections made have not been taken into consideration.

TC54 (Energy sector)

- There have been attempts to try to get the group to submit their components to UN/CEFACT.

ISO/PC295 (Audit data collection)

- The experts' consensus is supposed to be submitted in February 2017. UN/CEFACT is Class A liaison. Therefore, UN/CEFACT will receive the draft for comments (three months for revision).
- Issues of existing core components, schema, etc. have been raised in the experts' group. The group has been looking at two out of the four specifications that have been delivered, but did not look at anything else. Extensive comments should be provided on the draft in February 2017.
- The primary goal is interoperability.
- The UNECE secretariat has sent a letter to the ISO secretariat and to the leaders of the project (with cc. to Howard Mason) in order to establish a liaison. It was suggested to ask for a resolution on this subject so that it can be documented in the MoU/MG.
- Eric Cohen will try to join call during this discussion. The secretariat requested to contact Mr Mason for information regarding the specific time.
- The secretariat invites other organisations to dedicate resources in order to participate in such a UN/CEFACT project.

ISO/TC307 (Blockchain and electronic distributed ledger technologies)

- The first meeting will be held in Sydney, 4-6 April 2017.

R07/06 (Semantic harmonization)

- The original resolution seems to have been much clearer, therefore the original resolution should be checked for original wording. In case changes are requested, the secretariat should be notified so that the changes may be discussed at the meeting.

R08/11 (Name and address)

- It was discussed whether this item should be archived or be reported on.
- This item should be readdressed to the Chair.

R09/09 (Smart-grid / Energy markets)

- It was discussed whether there was anything on the Utilities Domain concerning this issue.
- VC van Burg will be asked to coordinate with the Utilities Domain.

R08/03

- This resolution has been archived and should possibly not be included anymore.

R09/37 (Semantic harmonization)

- The plan has been developed and approved.
- The Joint MA has been out on hold and no change has occurred since then.

- Within the UN/CEFACT UNTDED references are being added to the Core Component Library (CCL).
- As the UNTDED is still very relevant and often referenced, there is an urgent need to have the UNTDED updated to the current version. It should be considered whether a new version of the UNTDED would constitute a great contribution to trade facilitation. Support from UNECE / UN/CEFACT on this issue would be desirable. This may depend on resources available.

ISO/TC8

- A liaison should be established with UN/CEFACT to ensure alignment.
- The evolution of the process will be followed. It was suggested to notify ISO/TC8 about a month before the next MoU/MG, asking to establish a liaison with UN/CEFACT in accordance with R10/02.

R10/11

- This item could be discussed at the next MoU/MG call.

R14/03 (UN/CEFACT)

- The secretariat will express the importance of using the term “UN/LOCODE” and “UN/CEFACT” (instead of “LOCODE” and “CEFACT”) to ensure consistency of spelling.
- Further workshops will be organised, the next one in 2017. Further workshops may follow in the consecutive years, depending on resources.
- Other organizations are invited to get involved in this initiative and to get in touch with the secretariat.

R14/04 (UN/CEFACT)

- A white paper has been produced and there has been a lot of interest from other organizations.
- The secretariat invites other organisations to dedicate resources in order to participate in such a UN/CEFACT project.

R14/10 and R15/05 (Semantic Interoperability)

- It was suggested that these items should be closed.

R15/03 (Trade transaction)

- Not a lot of input has been received on this subject. Therefore, this item should be left open since the project has not yet been finalised.

R15/04 (Semantic Interoperability)

- It needs to be checked whether Rec 3 requires updating.

R16/01 (Trade transactions)

- UNECE reached out, but no comments have been received from ISO/TC215 to date. The progress of this project needs to be checked with Paloma. It was agreed to leave this item open as long as the project is still open.

R16/02 (Healthcare tourism)

- UNECE reached out, but no comments have been received from ISO/TC215.

R16/11 (Name and Address)

- The use of the word “terminology” may be misleading. It was discussed whether the term “ontologies” may be more appropriate than the term “semantic”.

A10/13 and A11/04 (security)

- These documents are outdated and could probably be taken out.

A16/01 (UNECE, CEN)

- As this action has been completed, the Secretariat will request this item to be taken out.

A16/02 (ISO/PC245, UN/CEFACT)

- UN/CEFACT former position should repeat its sustained position on this subject.

A16/03 (New Coordination)

- The Secretariat will share the Liaison ToR, possibly on the website.

Mary Kay will try to attend the call.

No action items pending from UNECE

6a Secretariat

Yuri Saito and Gianguglielmo Calvi will leave secretariat on 30 November.

Maïke Carstensen will replace Yuri Saito.

Yan Zhang will take over UN/EDIFACT production.

If there are problems or questions concerning CUE, please use the search function or refer to the tutorials on CUE.

9a Other business

Fabio Sorrentino (on behalf of Liliana Fratini Passi) provided a brief update on the cooperation with ISO. A meeting is being planned for the next Forum. This matter will be discussed further at the beginning of 2017.