

Bureau teleconference discussion notes and decisions
Monday 4 February 2019, GoToMeeting session; 10:00 CET

Participants:

Bureau present: Sue Probert (Chair), Anders Grangård, Estelle Igwe, Ian Watt, Harm Jan van Burg (arrived at item 9)

Absent: Raffaele Fantetti, Tahseen Khan

Secretariat: Lance Thompson, Maria Ceccarelli

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Decision
1a. Roll call	4 of 7 = Quorum	
1b. Approval of the Agenda		Approved as written
1c. Approval of meeting report of 21 January 2019		Approved as written
1d. Schedule of Bureau calls	Next call should approve the conference synopsis	
2a. A+A Domain Coordinator	The co-Domain Coordinator of Accounting and Audit Domain, Benoit Marchal, has sent in his resignation letter as he has transferred to a new position. The Bureau expressed its appreciation of his longstanding commitment to UN/CEFACT, wished him success in his new position and hoped to see him again in our work.	
3x. Update T+L Pipeline dates	The T+L Pipeline project requested a prolongation of its Milestone dates.	Bureau decision 1902052: The Bureau approved the prolongation of milestone dates of the T+L Data Pipeline project
3x. Pending projects	<p>Approved Projects Pending 3 HoD support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INS – Health Claims (received ES, DE; missing 1) • AAA – A+A RDM (AT received; missing 2) <p>Projects which have passed their draft development completion date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eGOV – Blockchain project (scheduled 2018-03-01) <p>Projects on hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWD – Core principles (scheduled 2016-08-31 on hold) • SCM+P – PO Financing BRS (pending library submission & CCBDA or RSM) • ISCO – Canonical Model (scheduled 2018-02-01) • T+T – Destination Travel Information Process (scheduled 2015-02-01 on hold) 	
4a. 33 rd Forum Conferences	Three conference requests have been received:	Bureau decision 1902053: The Bureau

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A+A requested a conference to launch it's A+A-RDM project • ITPD requested a conference on the ISMIT project • Secretariat requested a conference on new technologies 	approved the theme of three conferences during the UN/CEFACT Forum: 1) A+A-RDM; 2) ISMIT; 3) New technologies
4b. 33 rd Forum weekly schedule	Main meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon. The weekly schedule will be drafted accordingly. Concern was raised that experts will need to be well informed as they may not expect the main meeting on Wednesday.	
4x. Representation	<p>The Chair announced that she may participate in the "Multimodal Transport and Logistics conference" in St Petersburg 19-20 September, organized by Sea Express.</p> <p>The Secretariat announced the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 January, OECD meeting in Paris on "EU-ITC side event on Sustainable Garments" • 7 February, during the EU DG DIGIT "Week of Industry," the secretariat will present the work on Blockchain in Brussels • 12-14 February, OECD meeting in Paris on "Due Diligence Forum in the Garment and Footwear Industry" • 13-14 March, UNECE "NTF Roadmap Workshop" in Dushanbe • 1-5 April, UNCTAD "eTrade 4 all Week" in Geneva (same time as the Forum) • In June, a UNECE Regional Forum on NTFC (tbc) • 2-4 July, the WTO "Aid for Trade Forum" (the UN Regional Commissions survey on Trade Facilitation 2019 will be presented) • 18-19 July, the Ocean Forum in Geneva 	
6. Report from Secretariat	<p>Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries (ToSSF) 31 January-1 February.</p> <p>Decisions during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 experts attended (international organizations [WTO, FAO, Interpol, WWF, CITES...], government delegations...) • WTO is interested to use our FLUX standard to monitor subsidies. They may invite us to present on this on their next meeting on the topic. • FAO is interested to use our FLUX standard to control unreported/illegal fishing. They seem engaged to work with us on this. Perhaps the next meeting of ToSSF could be in Rome in conjunction with one of their meetings • Interpol wondered if our FLUX message could include a capture of a certificate to certify the labor conformity. • Request from FOCUS group software to be supported by the ToSSF. It is not clear what they would want from us. Perhaps a discussion platform? Discussion will be continued at the next meetings. • Second day was a discussion among the experts that the commission is using to market our FLUX standard. <p>All the documents/decisions are available at: http://www.unece.org/uncefact/tssf-2ndsession-2019.html</p>	
9a. Other business	Concern was raised following the second session of the ToSSF held on 31st January and 1st February, if a Bureau member could attend a ToS meeting as a Bureau Vice Chair. The secretariat recalled that as it is specified in the ToRs, participants to the Team of Specialist or an Advisory Group are specialists that provide their expertise and that everybody is welcome to participate as an expert in the field of the ToS or AG. During the meeting, experts normally seat behind the	

	<p>name plate of their Country delegation or the expert name/organization.</p> <p>Concern was raised by Bureau members that the establishment of such a permanent group of experts is then out of its control. For the Bureau the relationship between these groups and the existing structure under UN/CEFACT is not clear. Until this is clarified, the Bureau suggested that this puts in question the creation or renewal of such groups. The secretariat pointed out that the EXCOM has explained the roles of the ToS/ AG in the guidelines available at: www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/EXCOM/Key_documents/02-Rev1-GuidelinesTOS_ECE_EX_2-Rev1-E.pdf</p> <p>The secretariat also offered to request the participation of the UNECE Chef de Cabinet to give further explanation on this matter.</p> <p>The discussions will be continued between Bureau members off-line and on the next Bureau calls.</p>	
9x. Next Bureau call	<p>Next Bureau call: Monday, 18 February 2019 from 10:00 CET (Geneva)</p> <p>Potential topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum Conference synopsis • BSP-RDM BRS for Public Review • ToS and A/G relationship to existing UN/CEFACT procedures 	