

25th UN/CEFACT Forum (Geneva, 20-24 April 2015)

Summary points from Bureau-PDAs meetings

Monday 20 April 2015 - Bureau & PDAs Session:

ITP-PDA:

- Rec. 4 : revision finalized by the project team and ready for public review.
- PPP: project originally presented in Sardinia. After 15 conference call a final version was issued. Tomorrow (Tuesday 21) the final version of the project will be presented for further comments, with a view to bringing the project to the public review stage thereafter.
- SWI: scope limited to regulatory single windows; the Semantic Interoperability section (4th part of the Recommendation) needs to be modified in the light of the presentation made by the WCO. Completion of the document during the Forum will depend on the feedback received from the WCO, with a view to completing the project some weeks after the end of the Forum.
- In ITP-PDA, the Bureau had approved four Domains; work on ToRs for these Domains is expected to be concluded by tomorrow (Tuesday).

Regulatory:

- 2 projects have been discussed on the first day of the Forum, and a third will be discussed tomorrow.
- Accounting and Audit: the project Journal Book is in the requirements gathering stage of the ODP. The other projects are at the maintenance stage.
- Trusted transboundary electronic interaction project: third stage of the ODP (draft development). Work is being conducted on some cornerstone points of the recommendation. By the end of the next Forum, work is expected to reach the public review stage of the ODP.

M+T:

- Two active projects: 1) Conformance project, for which the plan is to close out the work by the end of the present Forum. The expectation is to generate one or more project proposals that will be presented by the end of the week. The project is at the requirements gathering stage, moving to exit by the end of the week; and 2) Library Review in the process of verifying what will be the expected output in five years, as well as the status of the current output. The project is in the draft development stage of the ODP (ODP 3). Possible timeline could see output ready for the next Forum. A questionnaire will be put on Confluence.
- Further discussions were held on the other projects, focusing on three categories: some of them should be archived; some are valid but there

are no volunteers for them; and two or three projects in the Utilities Domain might see further actions being kicked off during the present Forum. These will be updated following the Forum.

Supply Chain:

- Finance and Payments Domain: a session was held in the afternoon. The acting Domain Coordinator reported that the Purchase Order Financing Project was about to complete the requirements gathering stage. Background material will be updated on Confluence.
- Other two projects are: Remittance Advice project, still pending the support by three UN Member States, but approved by the Bureau.
- The “Trade Finance” project will be discussed more in detail as the project inception has been completed for the time being. The project is at the Draft Development stage, and new documents are expected to be uploaded on Confluence by the end of the current Forum. The project has 10 project members, all new to UN/CEFACT, three editors, and one project leader. Project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Alignment with other organizations has been successfully sought during project work (e.g. WTO and ICC). The project is in ODP 3 at present.

Tuesday 21 April 2015 - Bureau & PDAs Session:

SC PDA - Transports and logistics Domain:

- MMT project: is in step 3 of the ODP. All documents are online. A meeting was held recently with the EU (pipeline project) to make sure that data structures across projects are harmonized...
- Common framework for transport project: it has been inactive for over a year, and there is a need to clarify its status and the project team working on it.
- Most of the other projects are rolled into the MMT; as to cargo track and trace, originally submitted by Korea, there is a need to clarify the status of the project.

COMMENTS:

- TC 204 work looks very similar to the work being carried out in this domain; however, there are several aspects of the work of TC 204 that depart from the work of UN/CEFACT and synergies can possibly be explored.
- A Vice-Chair reported that the concurrent meeting of TC204 was planned ahead of the 2015 UN/CEFACT Forum
- A Vice-Chair reported that TC204 argued that UN/CEFACT was actually competing with TC204. He added that some sort of leadership discussion with ISO should take place.
- The Secretariat reported on the difficulties of these discussions.

- A Vice-Chair reported on work on “second-hand goods” that mirrors work previously carried out by UN/CEFACT.

Sectoral PDA – Travel and tourism Domain:

- Project 1009 – Destination Travel Information Project: it started very early, and the project is now in the maintenance process. All ODP steps have been completed. Working results have been finalized. The responsible Vice-Chair reported that all of these projects have made submissions to the CCL, and are now in implementation verification stage. The BRS have all been published. The project leader reported on difficulties with the user-friendliness of the confluence platform. He added that the BRSs need to be updated. T
- Small scale lodging house: can be left in maintenance as the situation is the same as in the previous project.
- Project 106: SSLH reservation project: also in maintenance.
- Destination Travel Information project (1009): this project is in ODP 4 – RSM are expected for this project, but the project leader was absent at present. It is likely to be completed by the end of 2015.

COMMENTS:

- The project leader reported on the need of expanding the project team to representatives of Africa, Asia and Latin America, particularly important for the Lodging House project. They also are in need to find a good drafter and speaker in English.

Utilities Domain:

- Re-utilization of data (1004 Project): not much work being updated on confluence. Much work is being carried out elsewhere, and in addition IEC is overlooking all the work that is being done in UN/CEFACT very closely. The intention is to submit a core components. More than 20 processes are now available, including BRSs and BIMs. CC have not yet been submitted.
- IEC issues: they relate mostly to the electricity sector. The transmission level some years ago left CEFACT and moved to IEC, developing core components and ABIEs. That has been approved by IEC and has effects on the EU. The transmission level is about 30 companies, very big at the country level, whereas the distribution level showcases more than 1,000 actors.
- A trial project has now been started with IEC, to match what is present in the various BRSs at the downstream level. IEC has a common integrated model (CIM) developed for operating a grid. They then extended CIM for market usage.

- A Vice-Chair commented that he had dealt with these issues with IEC-ICTC 57. He contacted the IEC's CEO, that he met at a meeting to discuss about overlaps. His view is that IEC is using UN/CEFACT's core components; on the IEC side, the persons working are mostly French, whereas on the UN/CEFACT side they are mostly northern European. In IEC, most are former UN/CEFACT experts. The conclusion was to try to work together and try to establish liaison. Another problem experienced at the MoU/MG was the absence of a representative from IEC. The attempt was rather to go back to the original agreement, to look at their CIM CC and that IEC would make a submission to the UN/CEFACT CCL, so that the latter would become the model.
- The Domain coordinator reported that submitting core components could be enough.
- Another issue relates to frictions with the M+T-PDA. DMRs are no longer present

Wednesday 22 April 2015 - Bureau & PDAs Session:

Sectoral PDA – AG Domain:

- Traceability of animals and animal products: BRS have to be delivered in the next phase. Also, the scope of the project can include plants and plant products, so that the scope of the project could actually be expanded.
- FLUX – Fishery Catch Data: several domains are already published as schemas. Nothing is on the confluence at present, but the project is near completion of ODP 3.
- P1010 – finished, but a second phase is foreseen, but no signals from the project group on progress in this sense. Also, nothing is published on confluence at present.
- P1005: project published and updates have been discussed. In Sardinia a discussion was held about harmonizing coding. The project has to go back to ODP 3.
- P034: E-Cert: not an active project anymore. Issues related to harmonizing implementation across different countries, so a guidance for implementers should be developed. Several modalities can be explored to revise the project. COMMENT from a Vice-Chair: noted that this issue applies also to other areas and there is definitely an M+T link, so cooperation with other organizations is to be sought.
- P094: project has been “stopped”, no initiative since a number of years. COMMENT (Vice-Chair) this project could go to archive.
- All other PXXX projects are finished and are in the maintenance stage.

Sectoral PDA – Insurance Domain:

- P1008: project completed.
- Submission of CCPCH: all bulk submissions to library. (Vice Chair comment): it is an outstanding issue in relation of bulk submissions.

- P1007: still running; further developments for marine insurance, but these are also bulk submissions.
- 1006: some elements of health insurance were already in the library; a data model is available but not yet on Confluence. Definitions will be sought to create health insurance messages. (Vice-Chair comment): suggested that it could be a good subject to be brought up at the MoU/MG.
- 1005: should be closed and finalized. It could be archived.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT DOMAINS

- Projects presented by Karina Duvinger have finished all the steps of the (old) ODP. All of them are in maintenance. Projects discussed were:
 - P015: eTendering: Michel Entat (CLEEP, EdiBuild Europe);
 - P056 : CFEM (Contract Financial Execution Management): Michel Entat (CLEEP, EdiBuild Europe); in maintenance.
 - P055: PSCM (Project Schedule and Cost Performance Management): Chris Hassler (US DOD); nothing on Confluence on this project, so the group should add documents on the platform.
 - eNotices: Natalie Muric (EC OPOCE); not possible to find it anywhere in confluence – info to be provided by project group.
 - P105 : Legal Notification: Natalie Muric (EC OPOCE) : in ODP step 4 and disappeared from the website. More than a 1000 comments were received from Member States so the project is on hold. Waiting for this to go to public review.
 - Background Research on Public Procurement Using International Standards: André Hoddevik (DIFI)

SC management projects (all under old ODP) (see slides by Karina Duvinger):

- P016: in maintenance; a link to the finalized BRS could be put on confluence – afterwards the project will appear as ODP 8
- P042: in ODP 5 – also as above to be put in ODP 8
- P043: maintenance
- P047: a revision project has just been approved by the Bureau, so the existing project needs to be archived. This project then cannot be under ODP 8. Discussion on whether a project revision would lead to a new project in this case were held but led to no final decision. The cross industry remittance advice process becomes then background material to the new/revised project. The group is encouraged to add more information from another region so as to enhance the project.
- DISCUSSION: (expert comment): all the cross industry projects have a link with each other and cannot be considered as independent. Also, the new project should include a clear link to the previous one. Experts claimed the need for more communication between the Bureau and experts in relation to approval of new projects, to avoid overlaps.
- P052: project in the maintenance, so there is again a need to update documents on confluence
- P067: same as above, also in maintenance

- P068: same as above
- P070: same as above.
- P084: step 5 (BRS);
- P087: currently in step 4 ODP – no one is working on it, and if a project leader is not found, the project might have to be stopped.
- P088: project completed.
- P104: needs to be archived.
- Q&As:the the 3 project CCTSv.3 agree to migrate to new version (see slides)