

# **UN/CEFACT 34th Forum** IMO building, London, UK

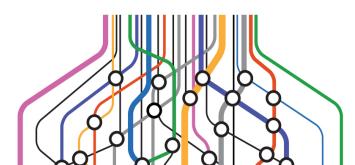
Newcomer's Session



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# **Agenda**











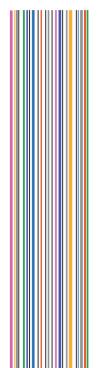






# UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)





Trusteeship Council Security Council General Assembly **Economic and Social Council** 

International Court of Justice

Secretariat

# FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS:

- Human rights
- Narcotic drugs
- Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Sustainable development
- Etc.....

#### **REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**

Economic Commission for Africa

# **Economic Commission for Europe**

Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

# PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS

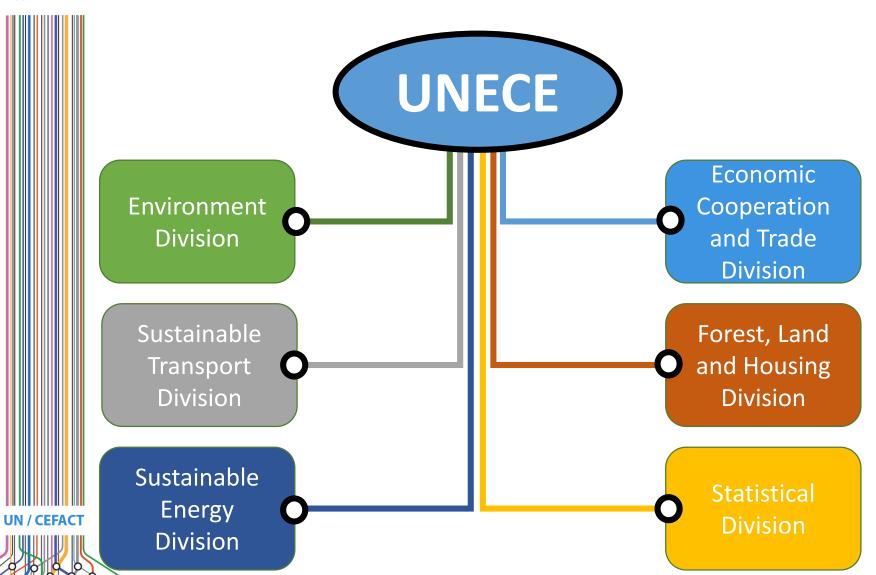
- UNCTAD
- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNICEF
- UNCDF
- ......





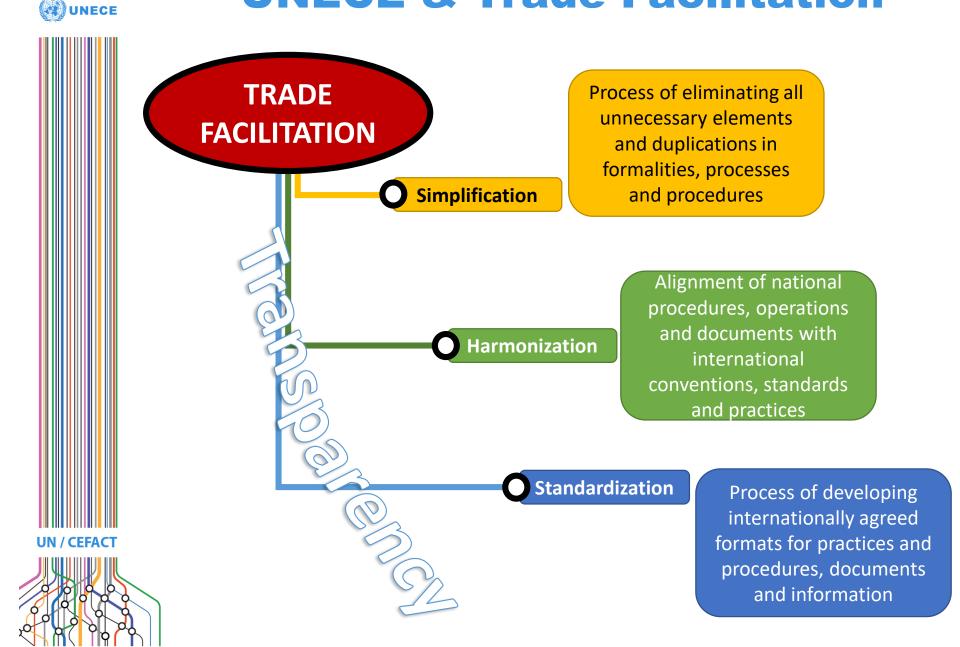


### **UNECE Work Areas**





## **UNECE & Trade Facilitation**







# **UN/CEFACT – UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business**

Objectives

- Simple, transparent and effective processes for global business
- Efficient and automated exchange of information

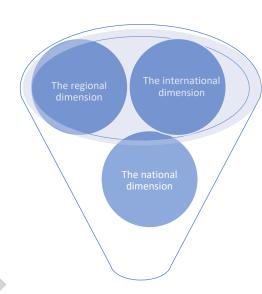
Trade facilitation is discussed at three levels: all complementary

Key tools

- Global trade facilitation recommendations
- eBusiness standards
- Guidelines

Means

- Public-PrivatePartnershipover 500 experts
- Meet virtually practically every weeks



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# **Cooperation / Collaboration**

























































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**Anders** GRANGÅRD

Estelle **IGWE** 

**ITP PDA** 

Int'l Trade **Procedures** 

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SWD Single Window

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International **Supply Chain PDA** 

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Accounting / Audit

Supply-Chain & **Procuremt** 

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**Transport** & Logistics

INS Insurance

Regulatory **PDA** 

Cross-CBM Border Mgmt

EGOV e-Governmt EN **Environmt** Mgmt

Validation **Focal Point** 

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Sectoral AGRI **PDA** 

Agriculture Fisheries & Agri food

Travel & Tourism H Utilities

Review & Support **Focal Point** 



## Some UN/CEFACT work

#### **SINGLE WINDOW**

UN/CEFACT developed the first guidance on Single Window and that definition has been used as the basis for all subsequent work. Our guidance covers implementation, data, legal, interoperability.

#### **DOCUMENT LAYOUT**

Since the 1960s UN/CEFACT and its predecessors have provided standards for the standardization of the layout of trade documents. The UN Layout Key is the basis of almost all cross border trade documents.

#### **eINVOICING**

The UN/CEFACT Cross-Industry Invoice has been chosen as one of the obligatory formats for all public procurement for certain countries and its use will facilitate cross border exchanges.

#### PROCESS DRIVEN

Traditional electronic messages reflect their original paper documents rather than supporting modern process collaborations such as blockchain. UN/CEFACT is leading the path in this new approach.

These are some examples of UN/CEFACT's deliverables. The full list can be found and downloaded free of charge on our website: www.unece.org/cefact

#### UN/EDIFACT

The first global electronic data interchange format, UN/EDIFACT is still today the most important centrally developed and maintained EDI standard covering transport, regulatory, supply chain and more.

#### NTFB (National Trade Facilitation Bodies)

Trade facilitation is not just the domain of the public sector. To be truly effective, private sector concerns and input must be fully considered. This is reflected in UN/CEFACT Recommendations 4 & 40.

#### **TOURISM**

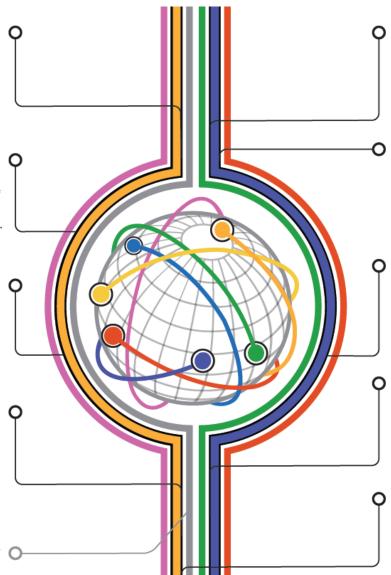
Improving tourism capabilities at a local level helps to improve lives and economies. UN/CEFACT develops and maintains a series of messages designed to enable small scale lodgings to enter markets.

#### **SUSTAINABLE FISHERY**

The UN/CEFACT FLUX messages are used in more and more countries to declare fish catches, conformity to regulations & port entries. Their use allow cross-border communication of the information seamlessly.

#### **eSPS CERTIFICATES**

Sanitary and Phytosanitary certificates are a regular part of imports and exports. The UN/CEFACT eCert is used to communicate these in international trade.







# UN/CEFACT – Semantic Hub for Standardization









## Commercial Procedures

- •Establish sales contract
- Order goods
- Advise on delivery
- Request payment

#### Transport Procedures

- Establish transport contract
- Collect, transport and deliver goods
- Provide waybills,
- •Goods receipts, etc.

#### Regulatory Procedures

- •Obtain im/export licenses etc.
- Provide Customs
   Declarations
- Provide cargo Declarations
- Apply security measures
- •Clear goods

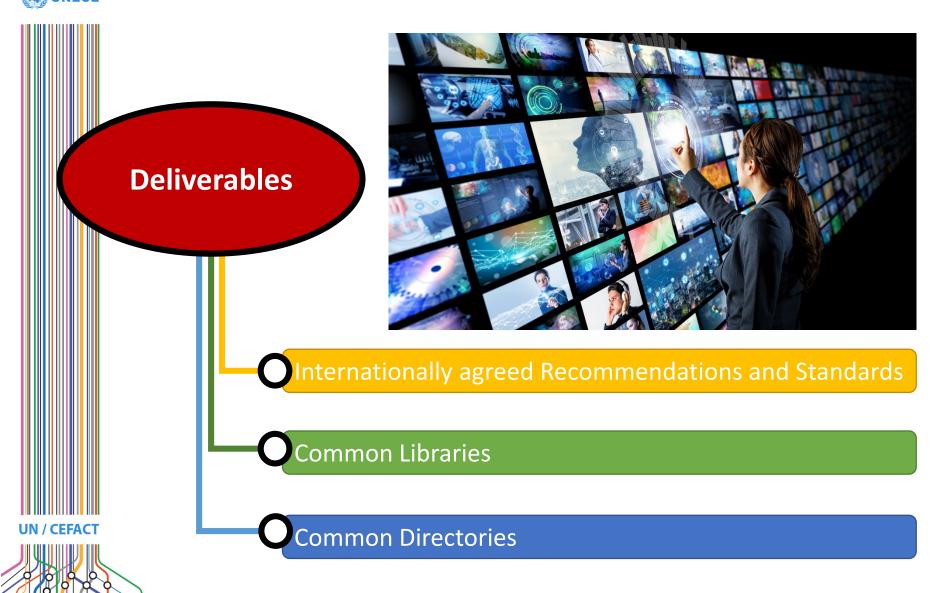
## Financial Procedures

- Provide credit rating
- Insurance
- •Execute payment
- •Issue statements





# **UN/CEFACT Deliverables**





# **UN/CEFACT - Recommendations**



- Rec1 UN Layout Key for Trade Documents (recently revised)
- Rec4 National Trade Facilitation Bodies (recently revised)
- Rec6 Aligned Invoice Layout Key for International Trade
- Rec8 Unique Identification Code Methodology UNIC
- Rec11 Documentary Aspects of the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Rec12 Measures to Facilitate Maritime Transport Documents Procedures
- Rec13 Facilitation of Identified Legal Problems in Import Clearance Procedures
- Rec14 Authentication of Trade Documents
- Rec15 Simpler Shipping Marks
- Rec16 LOCODE Code for Trade and Transport Locations (recently revised)
- Rec18 Facilitation Measures Related to International Trade Procedures
- Rec22 Layout Key for Standard Consignment Instructions
- Rec25 Use of the UN Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport Standard (UN/EDIFACT)
- Rec26 The Commercial Use of Interchange Agreements for Electronic Data Interchange
- Rec27 Preshipment Inspection
- Rec40 Consultation Approaches
- Rec41 Public-Private Partnerships in Trade Facilitation
- Rec42 Establishment of a Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)
  - Rec43 Sustainable Procurement (new)











- Rec33 Single Window Recommendation (recently revised)
- Rec34 Data Simplification and Standardization for International Trade
- Rec35 Establishing a legal framework for international trade Single Window
- Rec36 Single Window Interoperability
- Rec37 Single Submission Portal (new)
- Technical Note on terminology for Single Window and other electronic platforms

#### Work in progress:

Recommendation Project on Core Principles of Single Window Operations



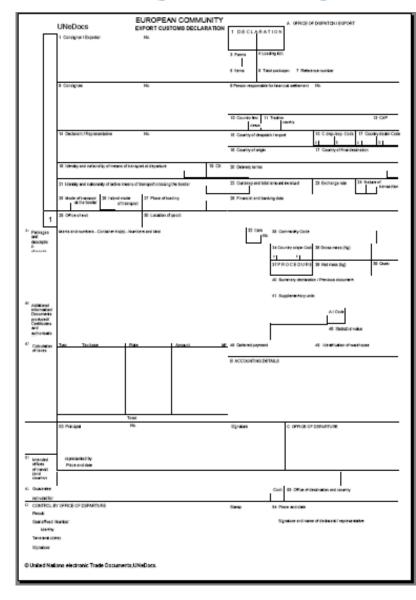


# Recommendation 1 UN Layout Key



- Specifically endorsed in the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention and the WTO TF Agreement
- Provides a common basis for the layout of traderelated documents and the information they contain
  - Basis for the EU Single Administrative Document (SAD)
  - Endorsed by key international organizations
- All data elements in UNLK aligned documents have electronic equivalents in UN/EDIFACT, ebXML, ...

Recommendation has recently been revised



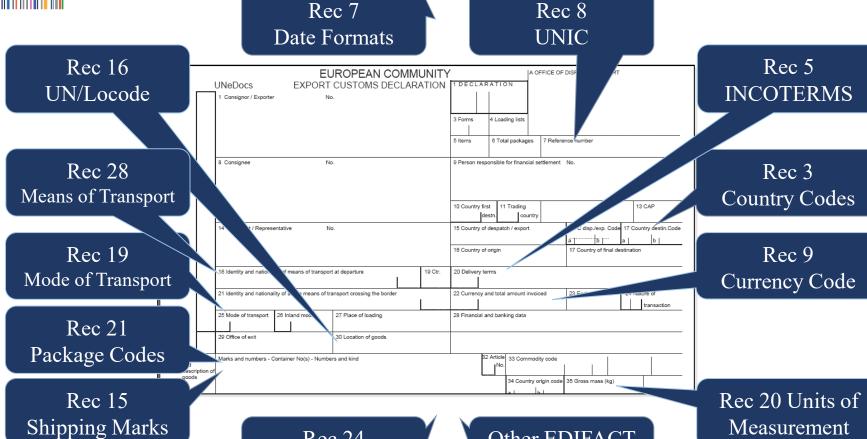


## **UN/CEFACT - Code Lists**

Other EDIFACT

Code Lists





Rec 24

Status Codes

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# **UN/CEFACT - Electronic Docs**



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**Paper Document** aligned to UN Layout Key

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#### **Electronic Document Exchange** XML or UN/EDIFACT

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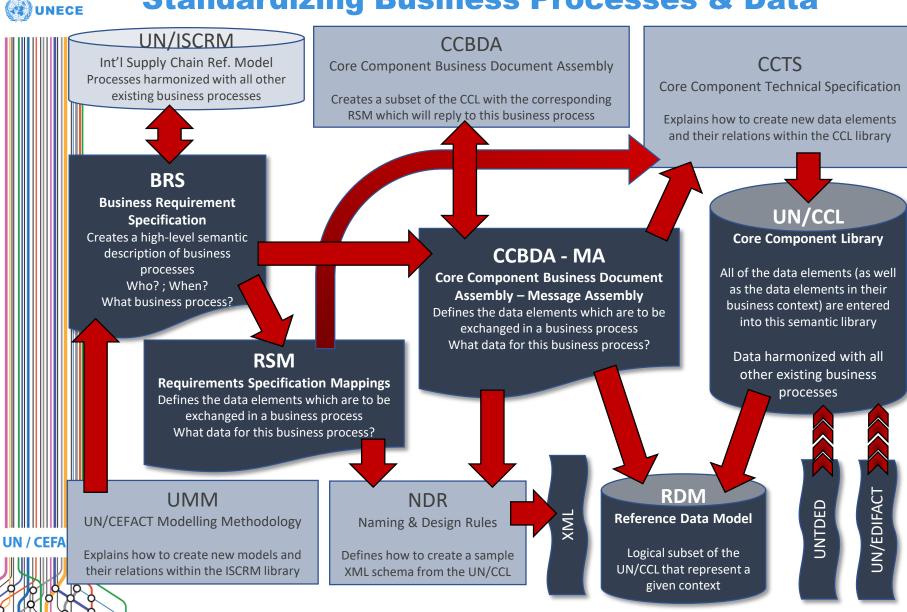


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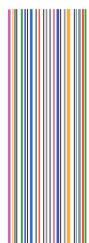
### **Standardizing Business Processes & Data**











## Seven-step development process

- 1. Inception
- 2. Requirements Gathering
- 3. Draft Development
- 4. Public Review
- 5. Project Exit
- 6. Publication
- 7. Maintenance

All documents available during the entire process



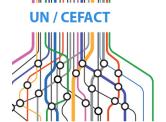
# UN/CEFACT Project Approval Process



 Recommendations submitted to the UN/CEFACT Plenary for approval by member States

 Standards and Technical specifications are approved by the Bureau within the framework of the Programme of Work

• All UN member States can participate







# UN/CEFACT Participation



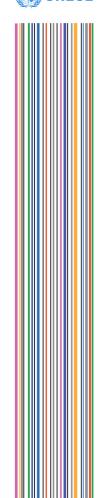
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- Registration as an expert
  - Experts must agree to the UN/CEFACT IPR Policy and the Code of Conduct
- Approval by a Head of Delegation (HoD)

 Once approved, experts can participate in any active project



## **UN/CEFACT Forums**



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- Semi-annual events
  - Spring in Geneva
  - Autumn elsewhere



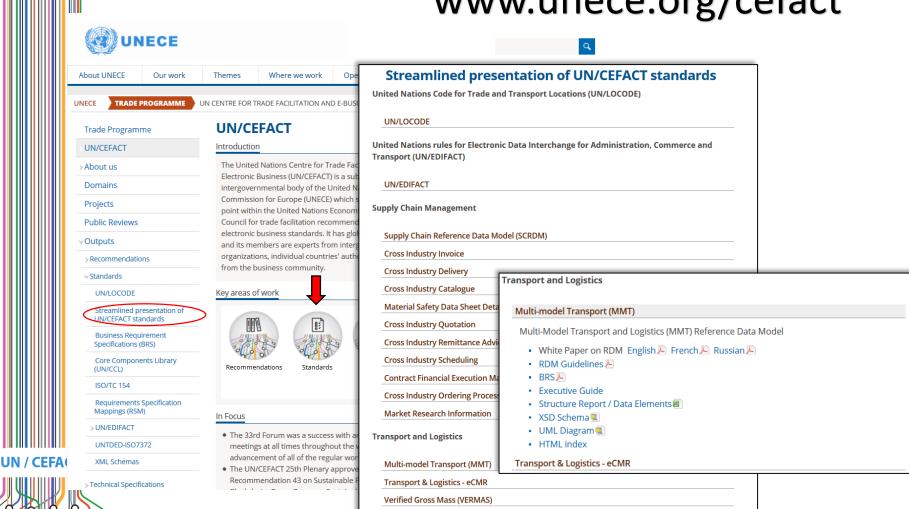
- Where have we been recently?
  - 2019 = London, UK
  - 2018 = Hangzhou, CN
  - 2017 = Rome, IT
  - 2016 = Bangkok, TH
  - 2015 = Marseille, FR
  - 2014 = New Delhi, IN



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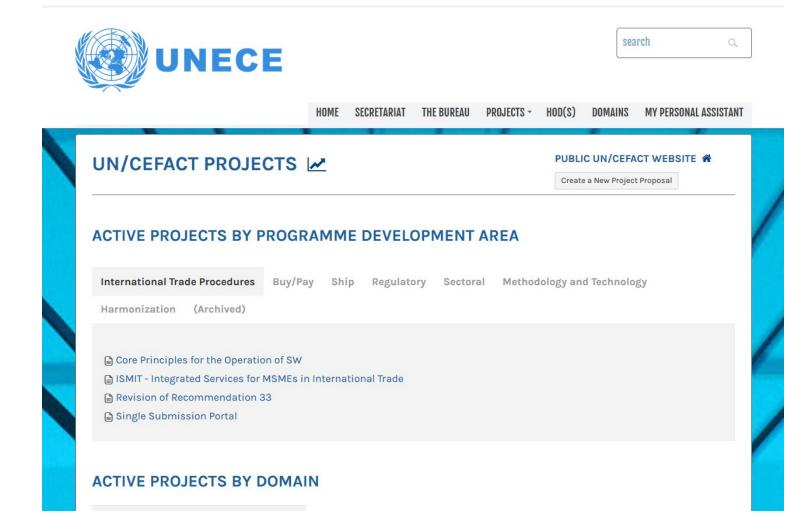








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