

CEFACT Forum Procurement & Supply Chain Management

Monday PM
 Welcome and Opening (Monday PM1)
 Roll-call of participants

Review of agenda (Monday PM1)

SCRDM - Supply Chain Reference Data Model project (Monday PM2)

Tuesday AM - Available for project work

Workshop to initiate the project on "Background research on Public Procurement Using International Standards" (Tuesday PM1 & PM2)

Information on work in CEN WS/B13 (Wednesday AM1)

Exchange of information on regional initiatives related to procurement (Wednesday AM2)

Discussion on the need for initiatives by UN/CEFACT in the Procurement & Supply Chain Management domains (Wednesday PM1)

The agenda was updated with reflect recent changes in the Forum schedule

A question was raised related to the difference between CCS (published as ISO 15000:2014, part 5) and CCTS 2.01 used within UN/CEFACT

The Procurement Domain will close its meetings on Wednesday afternoon, while the Supply Chain management domain will also meet on Thursday

On Thursday afternoon there will be an information session on TFS (Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide) developed by UN/CEFACT and TFA (Trade Facilitation Agreement)

It was noted that the WCO data model contains information elements and structures relevant for the commercial invoice. Alignment/mapping to other standards may be an item for UN/CEFACT, as this would improve sectorial communication and thus facilitate trade.

It was noted that there is a CEFACT decision to maintain the use of CCTS 2.01

It was concluded that the topic should be brought up for discussion in the joint meeting with M&T (Thursday AM1)

Joint meeting with Transport

Provides a limited structured sub-set of the UN/CEFACT CCL

Scope

- Provides semantic links to UN/CEFACT
- Provides for migration from UN/CEFACT key documents and UN/CEFACT
- Provides mapping to other relevant specifications

One aim is to achieve alignment with other organisations, such as WCO

- May represent an IRP issue

Issues

- Commercial invoice vs. customs invoice

15 people in the room

Andre Hoddevik

Philip J O'Dwyer (PRIVATE): pjodwyer@gmail.com

Presentations were made by

- Raffaele Fantassi, Project lead and UN/CEFACT Vice Chair for the Supply Chain PDA - Who opens the meeting and welcomed the participants
- Justin Frimley, UN/CEFACT domain Coordinator Procurement - who presented the background for the project
- Antonio Corin, EU Commission DG Enterprise and Industry - who presented the latest policy and legislative developments within the European Union
- Andre Hoddevik, OpenPEPPOL Secretary general - who presented the OpenPEPPOL initiative and its role in implementing standards to support EU policy objectives
- Edmund Gray, Project Editor and UN/CEFACT Supply Chain Management Domain Coordinator - who elaborated on the requirements and challenges in global procurement as a backdrop to the work ahead.

16 in the room

Peter P

A call for participation will be published on the CEFACT web site

Interested parties should register their interest to participate to Edmund Gray as Lead Editor

The aim is to have a draft version of the report ready before the next Forum meeting

The project will make use of the UN/CEFACT Conference to monitor progress and inform about the project, including any virtual meetings

During the discussions following the presentations it was noted that

- The participants at the meeting welcomed the initiative and emphasised that report provided should elaborate on
- Public procurement initiatives around the world and the major trends in this area
- Recommendation for future actions, which could take the form of developing
- UN/CEFACT Recommendations
- UN/CEFACT technical standards
- WCO
- The World Bank
- The UN procurement division at UNODG
- Mr. Fantassi mentioned that he has already initiated this process

The meeting also identified a number of possible topics/issues to address in the research

- The potential of focusing on a "core and extension" approach to message development
- The need to provide clear distinction between business process and information requirements as opposed to technical and syntactical solutions
- Does the CEFACT Contact Methodology have a role to facilitate extension?
- Should we have some of the CEFACT activities, M&T and SCRDM project, to look at evaluate the "core-extension" approach?
- Challenge that XSD for CEFACT e-tendering messages are different from the XSDs used in CEFACT Supply Chain messages
- The need to provide (common?) functionality for both public and private procurement
- What, if any, is the relationship between the "Public Procurement" project and SCRDM project?
- The meeting supported the need to ensure consistency through the complete procurement and supply chain processes
- What is really special for public procurement?

In wrapping up the meeting Mr. Fantassi stated that

- A summary, including copy of presentations, will be made available to all participants.

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues raised by BEI Experts in relation to the potential use of UN/CEFACT XML in the European market

Justin presented some highlights from the development activities done by CEN/WS/B13 and the gaps identified in relation to the use of UN/CEFACT XML standards for public procurement in Europe

The CEN WS/B13 attempts to create syntax bindings to UN/CEFACT XML were not successful. Partly due to the lack of some messages, and partly due to missing functionality in existing messages.

Therefore the workshop decided not to publish syntax bindings for the BEI pre-award deliverables to the currently known UN/CEFACT standard for notification and tendering

The meeting concluded that the Procurement Domain coordinator should initiate activities to solicit support for establishing projects to develop

The main purpose of the meeting is to exchange information amongst participants related to ongoing procurement initiatives with a view to identify major trends and common topics as a tool to identify potential projects relevant for UN/CEFACT

Justin presented some high-level thoughts from a selection of initiatives in the European market

There are several relevant initiatives both at regional and global level, such as

- within NIME in the US
- within the EurAsian region
- which will be analysed as part of the project on "Background research on Public Procurement Using International Standards"

Increased emphasis should be placed on populating business terms in the CCL

- This was recognised as a tool to gain more visibility, make the library more accessible to the business community and facilitate presentation in other languages
- The issue need to be discussed with Library Maintenance

It was concluded that this type of information exchange should be facilitated also at coming Forum meetings.

The meeting reviewed that draft strategic plan developed by title.

- Some of the currently available deliverables are not reflected in the different tables, i.e. the eTendering message
- The report also show that there gaps that need to be covered for by UN/CEFACT

It was noted that

- The need for a common reference model was recognized as a tool to position and present the different UN/CEFACT projects and activities
- In this respect it was question who (which group) actually had the ownership to the Supply Chain Reference Model
- There is also a need to clarify the relationship between the Supply Chain Reference Model and the TFS3

The meeting also recognized the lack of visibility of UN/CEFACT work and its relevance, as well as the need to engage more people in project activities as well as the general discussions in the procurement and supply chain management domains

Karina was appointed as representative on the Communication Team

- Representing both Procurement and Supply Chain Management