Library Review

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Project Goal

The purpose of this project is to ensure the long-term sustainability of UN/CEFACT's libraries of business process and information models and associated technical artifacts (EDIFACT and XML).

From today to tomorrow

As-Is Output

As-Is Process

Short-Term Improvement

Process Innovation

As-Is Output

Improved Process

Long-Term Improvement

Product Innovation

To-Be Output

Adopted Process

Background Information

- The following slides summarize the input received from the spokes(wo)men from different domains
- Their input reflects the diversity on the topic
- The bullets on the following slides do not present a cosolidated view, they rather present all opinios. Thus, some of the bullets are in conflict with each other.

CC & BIE

- Core Components
 - Is considered a key asset by UN/CEFACT
 - Permanent Participation of all domains
 New submissions checked by all for semantic
 overlap (Permanent Quality Control by domains)
- Business Information Entities
 - Don't reuse in the current form (harmonization)
 - Good to know where and how they are used

Library Item

- Which project/submission uses which library item and, vice versa, which library item is used by which project/submission; in particular important for non-XSD-projects
- Library Items on-line
 - Unique permanent URI and links to related items
 - Tracing History

XML Schemas

- XSDs are a key artifact
- CCs, No BIEs, No XSDs or any other syntax dependent messages
- XSDs :: No one size fits all solutions
 => XSD yes/no depending on submission
- XSDs published on demand not twice a year
- Changes of Codelists should not affect XDSs (don't create XSD enumerations)

Codelists

- UN/CEFACT maintained code lists: Accessible by a Web Service
- Publication of code lists (independent of format) contain all entries, i.e. also the ones expired

Accessability to ...

- Web Services and their configurations
 - Guidelines for Setting up Web Services or other transport channels (email, ftp, ...)
 - Best practices, technical instructions and configuration specifications for set up, test and deployment
- Reference Implementations
- Background material,
- Schematron (or other rule language)
- Samples (for one or two popular languages)
- Guides describing business value, technical difficulties in implementation, etc
- good definitions, explanatory notes

Representation of Business Semantics

- Hyperlinked Documents
- OWL and UML as a reference
- UML for information clusters (CC) and role model,
 UMM limited to interface processes
- Semantic Standards (RDF)

Next Steps

- The project lead appreciates further input during the New Delhi Forum
- All inputs are considered in a questionnaire
- The questionnaire will be distributed to domain coordinators to get a better overview