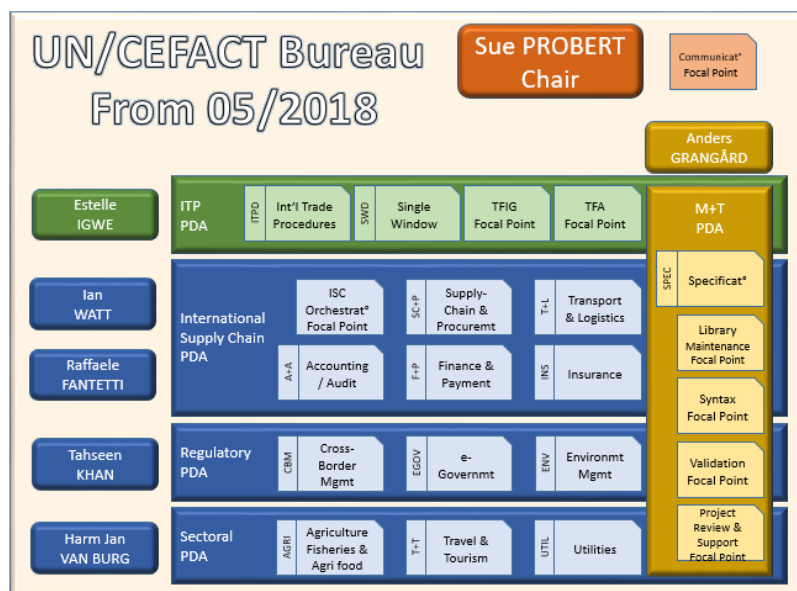## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

UN/CEFACT Chair Elections & New Bureau structure

Ms. Sue PROBERT was elected chair of UN/CEFACT for the period 2018-2021. A small reorganization of the Bureau PDA responsibilities was agreed by the Bureau members immediately after the election as follows:

This structure reintroduces a few Focal Point positions; a few of the Domains/Focal Points still require coordinators; a call for candidatures is currently being launched on the main website until the 20th of June.

UN/CEFACT 31st Forum

The 31st UN/CEFACT Forum was a great success with over 350 experts participating, four conferences and good progress in all of the project team / domain meetings. Many new projects were launched, meeting great support and others were finalized and will be delivered shortly. All of the presentations can be found on the UN/CEFACT Forum webpage.

UN/CEFACT 24th Session Plenary

The 24th UN/CEFACT Session Plenary was well attended and there were no major issues concerning the documents presented. There were no objections to the work over the past year; everything is available on the UN/CEFACT Plenary website.

Upcoming events

- UN/CEFACT 32nd Forum in Hangzhou, China is planned from 14 to 19 October 2018
- UNECE Single Window Conference, November 2019 (tbc)
- UN/LOCODE Advisory Group, November 2019 (tbc)
- UN/CEFACT 33rd Forum in Geneva, 1 to 5 April 2019 (tbc)
- UN/CEFACT 25th Plenary in Geneva, 8 to 9 April 2019 (tbc)

UN/CEFACT ACTIVE PROJECTS

The following projects are currently active within UN/CEFACT; participation in their development is welcome. Your assistance as Head of Delegation to suggest experts for these projects is most welcome.

ITPD – [Integrated Services for MSMEs to International Trade (ISMIT)](#) aims to provide guidance on how best to assist MSMEs approach international trade markets. It would be helpful to have a more varied representation of service providers on this topic participating in the project development.

SWD – [Revision of Recommendation 33](#) has just been launched and aims to update the guidance within Rec33 while maintaining the core aspects of its original version. Monthly conference calls are being organized and implementers, international organizations and experts are most welcome.

SWD – [Single Submission Portal](#) is developing guidance on how private sector driven initiatives can provide similar facilitations as a Single Window. Monthly conference calls are organized.

SWD – [Core Principles for Operation of Single Window](#) is exploring the essential role of Single Windows in an economy and the potential risks that could disrupt the system.

ISCO – [Canonical Model](#) project seeks to assist in the harmonization of processes and choreographies of data exchange.

SC+P – [Sustainable Procurement](#) project is working on a recommendation to help achieve the balance between financial, environmental and social factors in procurement. The project has completed a paper which is being circulated for a public Internal Review.

SC+P – [Cross Industry Invoice BRS Repository](#) is establishing a template and a repository of implementation models of the UN/CEFACT CII standard.

F+P – [Purchase Order Financing Request](#) shall create a technical standard for this type of financing option for trading parties.

T+L – [Buy-Ship-Pay Reference Data Model](#) (RDM) shall create an overarching RDM that will ensure the compliance and harmonization of Supply Chain and Transport RDMs.

T+L – [Multi-Modal Transport RDM](#) is creating a subset of the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library that will cover all transport and logistics needs and enable process driven exchanges of information.

T+L – [IMO FAL Mapping](#) project shall create an XML version of the FAL messages which have traditionally been transmitted through UN/EDIFACT messages, in support of the IMO FAL updates.

T+L – [Smart Containers](#) is a project that is looking at how an Internet of Things (IoT) device on a container can communicate with the rest of the supply chain. There are monthly conference calls.

T+L – [Pipeline Data Carrier](#) follows up on several EU projects seeking to capture data earlier in the transaction ensuring reliability. White Paper has been finalized. There are monthly conference calls.

T+L – [Revision of Recommendation 16 on UN/LOCODE](#) has just been launched and aims to update the guidance of Rec16 in coordination with the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group.

eGOV – [Blockchain project](#) provides clarity on blockchain and distributed ledger technology and provide use cases in various areas of activity. The first white paper is going for a Public Review.

ENV – [Waste Management and Waste Analysis](#) aims to define electronic data formats for waste management related data such as analysis results, physical and chemical properties, hazardousness…

T+T – [Destination Travel Information](#) project is working on the technical information on the subject.

T+T – [Sustainable Tourism / Experience Program](#) explores rural tourism as a standalone activity and how this can contribute to revitalizing areas without disrupting environmental or cultural resources.

AGRI – [FLUX (Electronic Interchange of fisheries catch)](#) has created the messaging standards for declaring fishery control and management, inspection reports, fleet data, licenses/authorizations…

SPEC – [Header/Envelope Document Exchange](#) technical specification seeks to align the technical specifications of UN/CEFACT and UBL in order to propose a single specification for both.

SPEC – [Library Publication Format](#) aims to provide alternatives for publishing the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library especially with a view to making it more user friendly and integrateable.

ATTENTION!!! Projects still pending 3 HoD support – your consideration would be appreciated.

INS – [Healthcare Reimbursement Claim](#) technical project aims to facilitate the cross border exchange of data between health care providers and private health insurance for reimbursement of claims.