

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Recent events

The **Hangzhou Forum** was a great success with over 300 experts from all parts of the world. Many new topics were put forward and work on existing projects was progressed. All presentations can be found on [the event website page](#).

The **5<sup>th</sup> UNECE Single Window Conference** in Casablanca, in collaboration with the [Moroccan Single Window system, Portnet](#) and the International Port Community System Association brought some new perspectives to the Single Window concept.

Several **capacity building missions** to support countries with their implementation of the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement have been conducted in collaboration between the UNECE Secretariat, experts of UN/CEFACT and other organization like USAID Regional Economic Growth Project, DG TAXUD, Eurasian Economic Union...

### eB-MoU Management Group meeting

The Electronic Business Memorandum of Understanding which groups together the International Electrotechnical Committee, the International Standards Organization, the International Telecommunication Union and the UNECE held the annual Management Group meeting in Geneva. This meeting marked a new turning point for the eB-MoU which shall focus its work on coordination and collaboration between standards organizations. Each organization shared information on their current and future work programs. OAGi, GS1 and OASIS also joined and contributed to this information exchange and collaboration. The next eb-MoU/MG meeting will be held on 4 December 2019 at the IEC in Geneva; future webinars on key topics will be held in the coming months.

### UNECE website for UN/CEFACT deliverables

The UNECE Secretariat continues to update its website in order to make the deliverables more accessible and encourage their use. All of the recommendations have been reorganized on the site as a complete list, separating [code lists](#) from [trade facilitation](#) recommendations. Each one is preceded by a short text to explain the recommendation's content. Work is now being done on reorganizing the business standards. Keep a look out on [the UNECE website UN/CEFACT pages](#).

### Plenary preparations

The UN/CEFACT Plenary will take place in Geneva on 8 and 9 April 2019. The documents for this meeting are now being finalized and will be available on the website from January/February. Several key topics will be on the table, including the Programme of Work 2019-2020, a recommendation 37 on Single Submission Portals, a recommendation 43 on Sustainable Procurement, a request to launch an Advisory Group on Blockchain and other new technologies, White Papers on blockchain, a Green Paper on Sustainable Tourism... the documents will progressively be made available on the [UN/CEFACT Plenary website](#).

### Upcoming events

- [Second Session of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries](#), Geneva Palais des Nations, 31 January – 1 February 2019.
- [UN/CEFACT 33<sup>rd</sup> Forum](#) in Geneva Palais des Nations, 1 to 5 April 2019.
- [UN/CEFACT 25<sup>th</sup> Plenary](#) in Geneva Palais des Nations, 8 to 9 April 2019.

## UN/CEFACT ACTIVE PROJECTS

*The following projects are currently active as of November 2018 within UN/CEFACT; participation in their development is welcome. Your assistance as Head of Delegation / Mission in Geneva 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](#) aims to update the guidance within Rec33 while maintaining the core aspects of its original version. Monthly conference calls are being 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** – [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...

**AGRI** – [Sustainable Textile and Leather Traceability and Transparency](#) will produce a recommendation and electronic standards to enable sustainable value chains in this sector.

**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.

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### **The following projects are in Public Review**

**AGRI** – [eQuality Certificates](#) will create an electronic version of Quality Certificates in order to enable their cross-border exchange electronically.

**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.

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

**SC+P** – [Cross Industry Delivery](#)

**INS** – [Healthcare Reimbursement Claim](#)

**A+A** – [Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model](#)