

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

34th UN/CEFACT Forum

The 34th UN/CEFACT Forum will be hosted by the International Maritime Organization in London from 28th October to 1st November 2019. Around 300 experts are expected from all corners of the globe. Work will progress on [IMO electronic FAL messages](#), [Textile and Leather Traceability](#), [Inter-ledger Interoperability of Blockchain](#), [Internet of Things for Trade Facilitation](#), [Sustainable Tourism](#), [Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model](#)...

Two conferences have been planned. The first on Tuesday 29 October will be on [Single Window implementations](#) during which countries will share their experiences, challenges and best practices. The second conference will be looking into [Web Application Programming Interfaces \(APIs\)](#) and how these can function with UN/CEFACT standards to help facilitate trade and the work of programmers.

The agenda and registration are available on line. [We hope to see you there!](#)

International Conference on UN/CEFACT e-business standards and UN/LOCODE in Xiamen, China

UN/CEFACT is organizing the [third UN/LOCODE Advisory Group](#) meeting as well as a [conference on e-business standards](#), hosted graciously by the China National Institute of Standardization (CNIS) from 25 to 28 November 2019. This conference will look into the standards that UN/CEFACT can propose to help the implementation of the Digital Belt and Road project. It will also review the new UN/LOCODE Data Maintenance Request process and the reengineering of the UN/LOCODE system.

Details for this conference and registration are available on line. [We hope to see you there as well!](#)

New Projects and Finalizing of projects

The UN/CEFACT Bureau approved two new projects related to Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). One will provide a methodology to go from UN/CEFACT Reference Data Models to APIs, thus simplifying the work of programmers and ensuring that data is exchanged through APIs in a standardized way. The other aims to provide material and a way forward for an internal discussion on the subject.

The Revision of Recommendation 16 has been finalized and will be presented to the Plenary for final approval in May. The White Paper on Integrated Services for MSMEs in International Trade (ISMIT) has been finalized and will be published shortly.

The BRS have been finalized and published for the [Smart Container](#) project, the [Cross-Industry Delivery](#) process and the [Purchase Order Financing](#) process.

Heads of Delegation

We are happy to welcome several new Heads of Delegation for the following countries: the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Brazil and Sri Lanka. The engagement of all Heads of Delegation and assistance to support projects, validate expert registrations and review our work in the framework of the Plenary is very much appreciated. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

UN/CEFACT making headlines

It is encouraging to see the interest that UN/CEFACT is having internationally. Many conferences are requesting to have presentations on UN/CEFACT and its deliverables and we are all making best efforts to accommodate these requests. [Global Liner Shipping Conference](#), [AACE Single Window Conference](#), [ITU FG DLT](#), [UN Governance Forum](#)...

Other upcoming events

- eb-MoU, Geneva, 4 December 2019
- Advisory Group on Advanced Technologies 1st meeting, Geneva, 30 January 2020
- Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries 3rd meeting, Geneva, 4-5 February 2020
- UN/CEFACT 35th Forum, Geneva, 28 April - 1st May 2020
- UN/CEFACT 26th Plenary, Geneva, 4-5 May 2020

We are still considering locations for the 36th Forum in the autumn of 2020; if you would like to propose a location, please don't hesitate to contact the secretariat.

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 – [Readiness for emergency relief importation](#) project is being done jointly with [UN OCHA](#) to provide guidance on measures to be taken to facilitate importation of emergency relief items.

ITPD – [Revision of Recommendation 5 \(INCOTERMS\)](#) is updating the existing recommendation in order to align with the ICC's 2020 INCOTERMS. This project is done in cooperation with the [ICC](#).

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. Will resume shortly.

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

A+A – [Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model](#) will propose a harmonized data set across multiple standards in this field.

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 – [Cross Industry Supply Chain Track and Trace](#) project is proposing a general standard for physical track and trace of assets, compatible with all existing Supply Chain and T+L standards.

INS – [Healthcare Reimbursement Claim](#) will produce the required messages and structures between health care providers and private insurance.

ISCO – [RDM2API](#) project is exploring the methodology to move from reference data model standards of UN/CEFACT to Application Programming Interfaces to help standardize this step of digitization.

ISCO – [API Town Plan](#) project is putting together an internal guidance on how UN/CEFACT can best approach and eventually roll out the standardization of Application Programming Interfaces.

eGOV – [Cross border inter-ledger exchange for Preferential CoO using Blockchain](#) project is proposing to develop guidance and standards for inter-ledger exchanges.

eGOV – [Internet of Things for Trade Facilitation](#) project will prepare two White Paper to describe the base principles of this technology and the potential need for standards.

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 – [Business Standards for Sustainable Tourism](#) project builds upon the Green Paper on Sustainable Tourism and shall produce definitions standards and guidelines on the topic.

T+T – [Experience Program Technical Artefacts](#) project is aiming to develop the necessary technical deliverable to allow the exchange of E.P. information as outlined in the Green Paper.

T+T – **Destination Travel Information** project has been suspended until sufficient expert involvement has been identified.

AGRI – [eQuality Certificate](#) project is continuing its work in order to develop an implementation guide.

AGRI – [eCert Implementation Guide](#) project will create a guidance document to assist countries to implement this cornerstone standard.

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

M+T – [Header Envelope](#) project should be published shortly.

M+T – [Message Construction Guideline](#) project shall explain how to design an XML user message using MA, MBIE and QDT under the rules of CCTS, CCBDA and NDR.