

UN/CEFACT REPORT TO HEADS OF DELEGATION

July 2022

1. Recent Developments

i 38th UN/CEFACT Forum – 16-20 May 2022

The [38th UN/CEFACT Forum](#) took place virtually in a new format. During this Forum, 17 virtual events presented the key results of UN/CEFACT work. In addition, two hybrid meetings took place: [Facilitating Trade in the Kyrgyz Republic: Progress and Prospects](#) and [Launch of the Georgian Business Process Analysis](#). In total, 1625 participants from 70 countries attended this very successful 38th UN/CEFACT Forum. Main sessions were held on dealing with supply chain disruptions, private sector participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies, easing cross-border trade in agricultural goods, open banking and open finance, single window assessment methodology, digital trust and digital security, emerging technologies, and semantic standards. Presentations are available on the [individual event pages](#).

i 2022 Meeting of UN/LOCODE Advisory Group 28-29 June 2022

The UN/CEFACT Plenary adopted the mandate and terms of reference, and the programme of work for the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group through an intersessional approval procedure, held from 23 November 2021 to 23 January 2022. UN/LOCODE Advisory Group successfully organized [the 2022 Meeting](#) on 28-29 June. The Group discussed the programme of work, recent updates by the UN/LOCODE maintenance team and UN/LOCODE maintenance issues.

i UN/CEFACT Standards maintenance and update

UN/CEFACT has recently published the UN Core Component Library (UN/CCL) [22A](#) and accompanying XML Schema [22A](#), the United Nations Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT) Directory [22A](#) and the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE) [2022-1](#) release. Streamlined presentation of UN/CEFACT standards is available [on this webpage](#).

i Extension of domain coordinators' and focal point leaders' terms

According to the Bureau decision 2203068, the term of the domain coordinators and focal point leaders was extended until 15 July 2023. As of July 2022, there are 18 domain coordinators and focal point leaders.

2. Save the date

i 28th UN/CEFACT Plenary – 10-11 October 2022

UN/CEFACT will present to the [28th UN/CEFACT Plenary](#) eight business requirement specifications on experience programs information exchange process, integrated track and trace for multi-modal transportation, preferential certificate of origin, trade information portal, e-negotiation, cross industry despatch and receive process, cross industry scheduling process and a cross-border management reference data model.

UN/CEFACT will also present **Policy Recommendation No.2**: ECE Layout Key: Semantic Information and Codes in International Trade Data Exchange and five **White Papers** on Internet of Things in Trade Facilitation: Internet of Things in Supply Chains and Government Services; Internet of Things in Trade Facilitation: Guide to Internet of Things Technology, Communications and Connectivity; Internet of Things Standards in Trade Facilitation; Open Finance for Trade Facilitation; and on Private Sector Participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies.

i Second Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy – 6 October 2022

3. UN/CEFACT Active Projects

i The following projects are currently active as of July 2022 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.

TPF – [Recommendation on Engaging the Private Sector in National Trade Facilitation Bodies \(NTFB\)](#) shall transform the findings from the White paper on public sector participation in the NTFB into a policy recommendation that complements UNECE Recommendation 4 on NTFB and Recommendation 40 on Consultation Approaches. **New**

TPF/AGRI – [Digital Product Conformity Certificate Exchange](#) project will develop a White Paper on Product Conformity Certificate Exchange and organize two webinars on this topic. **New**

SWD – [Information Portals](#) has published its [Recommendation](#) and [eBusiness standard](#).

SWD – [Single Window Assessment Methodology](#) will prepare a white paper to help evaluate the level of development of Single Window and will analyse case studies.

BUY – [Transfer of Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records Titles](#) project shall develop guidance on the electronic exchange of negotiable financial instruments and demonstrate implementation with Blockchain.

BUY – [Cross Industry Supply Chain Track and Trace](#) project has prepared a [business requirement specification](#) for integrated track and trace for multi-modal transportation, which is in **public review** until 7 September 2022.

BUY – [Cross Industry Invoice \(CII\) Light Version](#) project will develop a subset of the CII as a generic invoice that would be used as a simplified basis for international trade operations.

BUY – [Digital Transit Accompanying Documents](#) is developing a white paper on digitalizing document requirements for goods and transit. **New**

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.

SHIP – [Dangerous Goods](#) project will develop the eBusiness standards for this process.

SHIP – [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\) Convention of Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic \(FAL\) Mapping](#) project shall create an XML version of the FAL messages.

A+A – [Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model](#) will propose a harmonized data set.

eDATA – [Cross border inter-ledger exchange for Preferential Certificate of Origin using Blockchain](#) project is proposing to develop guidance and standards for inter-ledger exchanges. The project prepared a business requirement specification for preferential certificate of origin.

eDATA – [Digital Identity for Trade Facilitation](#) project will prepare two White Papers to explore existing Digital ID systems and to guide on the development of such systems.

eDATA – [UN/CEFACT Chain](#) project is developing guidance on relevant framework/mechanism.

eDATA – [Artificial Intelligence for Trade Facilitation](#) will prepare White Papers on this topic.

CBM – [Cross Border Management Reference Data Model \(CBM-RDM\)](#) project is producing a comprehensive subset of the UN/CCL to support all regulatory procedures at borders.

CBM – [Digital Corridor](#) will create a white paper for exchange of data through multimodal digital corridors.

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

AGRI – [Code list and identifiers guide for the garment and leather sector project](#) will publish a reference guide for code lists and identifiers.

AGRI – [Textile Business Requirement Specification \(BRS\) Extension](#) will update and publish the Textile and Leather BRS.

AGRI – [Sustainable Development and Circular Economy RDM](#) will provide a RDM as a view on the top-level BSP RDM.

ENV – [Waste Management and Waste Analysis](#) aims to define electronic data formats for waste management related data.

M+T – [API Technical Specification](#) will develop a standard for Application Programming Interfaces.

M+T – [JSON-LD web vocabulary](#) project will develop a technical specification for JSON-LD vocabulary. Technical specification on [JSON schema naming and design rules](#) is in **public review** until 10 August.