

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

New leadership in UNECE in relation to UN/CEFACT

The UNECE Section Chief Tom Butterly retired from the UN Secretariat in September 2015. Tom was a very active and knowledgeable leader who made significant contributions to UN/CEFACT. He has endeavored on private consultation activity and we wish him great success.

Maria Ceccarelli has been appointed as interim Section Chief. Currently she is ensuring both this new position and her previous position with brio. The Bureau recognizes her valuable experience and knowledge of UN/CEFACT and anticipates continuity in our good working relation.

Preparations for the 22nd Plenary – 21 & 22 April 2016

The agenda and documents for the Plenary meeting are in the process of finalization. A number of internal procedure documents will be presented covering aspects such as liaison, communication, domains, executive guides, etc. One of the more significant breakthroughs is a new proposal for a UN/CEFACT strategy which was developed through consensus within the Bureau and consultation with Domain Coordinators. These documents will be made available in a timely manner through the UNECE Secretariat. For any questions, please contact Maria Ceccarelli: maria.ceccarelli@unece.org

New guidance deliverables

During the 26th Forum in Marseille, the Bureau approved the principle of four new types of guidance documents to enrich our current deliverables and provide alternatives to the creation of new recommendations. These are:

- White Paper / Policy Brief
- Green Paper / Discussion Paper
- Technical Notes
- Implementation Guide

The general principle of each will be integrated into an updated Open Development Process (ODP).

A new Confluence (shared work environment)

The new version of our shared work environment is functional and working since the 26th Forum. All active projects are progressively being transferred to this website. Completed or archived projects will be transferred after that. The objective is to completely close the old version(s) of Confluence by the 28th Forum (September 2016).

The objective of the new Confluence is to be more user-friendly and create a transparent work environment where all information can be shared. Some minor adjustments are still being made and new functionalities will progressively be added.

We request that you please encourage all of your national experts to sign-up to this website and visit the pages. Please go to: <https://www2.unece.org/cefact>

A new Domain Coordinator

During the 26th Forum in Marseille, the Bureau approved Giljun Ko as Domain Coordinator (D.C.) for the Travel and Tourism Domain. UN/CEFACT would like to extend its warmhearted appreciation to the former D.C., Akio Suzuki, wishing him a well-deserved retirement, though we hope to still see him in the future ☺. We would also like to wish best of luck to the new D.C., Mr. Ko who has some big shoes to fill, but we are certain that he will do an excellent job.

ON-GOING WORK

Finalization of Projects

The following projects/deliverables have been finalized since the last HoD Quarterly Report:

- CCL.15B and schema <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/codesfortrade/uncl/CCL15B.zip>
- UN/EDIFACT D15.B <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/untddid/d15b/d15b.html.zip>
- UNLOCODE directory 2015-2 http://www.unece.org/cefact/codesfortrade/codes_index.html
- Library Review project report
- Conformance project report

- Revised Recommendation 4 on National Trade Facilitation Bodies (published on website)

Public Review / Calls for Comments

Several projects will soon go into Public Review. These will be announced on the website as soon as they are ready, but most likely before the next Quarterly Report:

- Revision project of Recommendation 1 on UN Layout Key – Recommended Practice
 - <https://www2.unece.org/cefact/display/themepressdemo/Update+of+Recommendation+1+on+UN+Layout+Key+for+Trade+Documents>
- Recommendation project for Ensuring legally significant trusted transboundary electronic interaction
 - <https://www2.unece.org/cefact/display/themepressdemo/Recommendation+for+ensuring+legally+significant+trusted+transboundary+electronic+interaction>
- Recommendation 36 project on Single Window Interoperability
 - <http://www1.unece.org/cefact/platform/display/CNP/Recommendation+on+Single+Windows+Interoperability>
- Electronic interchange of fisheries catch data (“FLUX project”)
 - <http://www1.unece.org/cefact/platform/display/CNP/Electronic+Interchange+of+fisheries+catch+data>

New projects

- The Supply Chain Domain has launched a revision project of the Cross-Industry Scheduling deliverable under the leadership of Samy Scemama. The Bureau approved this new project pending three HoD support. Your interest in this project and bringing your support and your experts to it would be greatly appreciated. The announcement will be published on the website shortly. For further information, please contact: samy.scemama@boost-conseil.com

On-going work

- Multi-Modal Transport (MMT) Project is continuing to progress and near ready to propose deliverables for Public Review. The Project Team has regular conference calls and face-to-face meetings (next in Spain, see below). For further information, please contact Domain Coordinator/Editor of this project, Sue Probert: sue.probert@dial.pipex.com
- Supply Chain Reference Data Model (SCRDM) Project had a successful launch meeting during the 26th Forum and since that date has organized weekly conference calls. More information at: <https://www2.unece.org/cefact/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=5472597> or by contacting the Project Lead, Rolf Wessel: r.Wessel@seeburger.de

UPCOMING MEETINGS

22nd Plenary, Geneva, 21-22 April 2016

These dates are now finalized. The agenda and documents are in the process of completion.

27th UN/CEFACT Forum, Geneva, 24-29 April 2016

The 27th Forum will be held the week following the Plenary in order to facilitate the travel of delegations from regions outside of the ECE.

UN/LOCODE Conference, April 2016

A second annual UN/LOCODE Conference will be held during the week of the 27th Forum. If you have not yet nominated a National Focal Point, please be sure to inform relevant authorities of this event.

28th UN/CEFACT Forum, Bangkok, 26-30 September 2016

UNESCAP has generously offered to host the 28th Forum in their offices in Bangkok.

Transport & Logistics Domain, Valencia, 9-10 March 2016

The T&L Domain will hold a face-to-face meeting in Valencia, Spain. Among other points, the MMT project (see above) will further its work during this meeting.

The Bureau has planned a face-to-face meeting on 22-24 June 2016

For any further information, do not hesitate to contact the relevant Project Teams, the Secretariat or the Chair. Thank you for your continued support and participation. <http://www.unece.org/cefact.html>