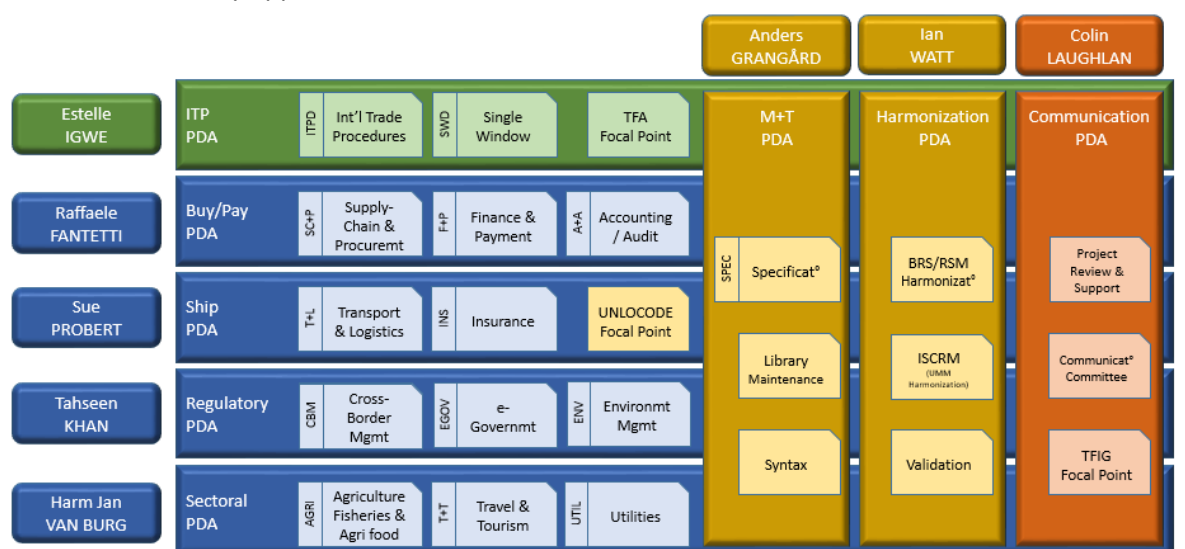


RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

New Bureau Structure

At the 23rd UN/CEFACT Plenary, eight vice chairs were elected and a preliminary Bureau structure based on an eight-member Bureau was briefly shown. Immediately following the Plenary meeting, the Bureau officially approved the structure as follows:



The Chair of UN/CEFACT remains unchanged, Lance THOMPSON. The new domains and organization will be reflected on the websites in the coming weeks.

Domain Coordinator Nominations

As per the terms of reference of Domains and Domain Coordinators, the UN/CEFACT Bureau shall nominate Domain Coordinators for the period 2017-2019 at its Face to Face meeting in Paris the last week of June. The following domains and focal points are to be filled during this procedure. There are a few small changes from the previous distribution.

- International Trade Procedures Domain
- Single Window Domain
- WTO – Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Focal Point
- Supply Chain & Procurement Domain
- Finance & Payment Domain
- Accounting & Audit Domain
- Transport & Logistics Domain
- Insurance Domain
- Cross-Border Management Domain
- eGovernment Domain
- Environment Domain
- Agriculture, Fisheries & Agri-Food Domain
- Travel & Tourism Domain
- Utilities Domain
- Specification Domain
- Library Maintenance Focal Point
- Syntax Focal Point
- Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG) Focal Point
- Communication Committee Focal Point

Each of these has a scope described on their CUE page. If you would like more information, please contact the relevant PDA Vice Chair, the Chair or the Secretariat.

All interested parties should send their candidature to [the UNECE Secretariat](#) on or before 9th June 2017.

The responsibilities are described in document [ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2016/13](#); the candidacy form is available in Annex B (page 11) of document [ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2012/9](#).

¹ M+T = Methodology and Technologies (Programme Development Area)

ITP = International Trade Procedures (Programme Development Area)

ONGOING WORK

Projects in Public Review

The **Agriculture Domain Primary Natural Products Track and Trace BRS** is currently in public review until 30 June 2017. All information is available [on the CUE Public review page](#).

Project Development

A **Blockchain White Paper** project has recently been launched. The main objective is to assess the current state of technology and how this can be used with UN/CEFACT deliverables. Special attention is taken to ensure that all UN/CEFACT groups should approach this new technology in a harmonized way. If you, or any of your experts would like to join this project, please contact [the Project Lead, Virginia Cram Martos](#), or see [the CUE project page](#).

A project to create a **Repository of actual use cases of the Cross Industry Invoice** has recently been launched. A model template for submissions will be developed in the coming month and then submissions of use cases using this template will be sought. For more information, please contact [the Project Lead, Rolf Wessel](#) or see [the CUE project page](#).

UN/CEFACT has launched a **questionnaire on the use of its deliverables**. You will have received a separate message on this subject. We would appreciate if you can circulate this to your constituencies and agencies for responses by 15 September on [this survey monkey](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

30th UN/CEFACT Forum

The 30th UN/CEFACT is expected to be held in Rome, Italy from October 2nd to 6th 2017. The final confirmation of the location as well as the inscription information will be made available on the UN/CEFACT website shortly.

31st UN/CEFACT Forum in Geneva, Switzerland

Pending final room allocations, the UN/CEFACT 31st Forum will be in Geneva, April 23rd to 27th 2018.

24th UN/CEFACT Plenary in Geneva, Switzerland

Pending final room allocations, the UN/CEFACT 24th Plenary will be in Geneva, April 30th and May 1st 2018.

OTHER NEWS

UNECE celebrated its 70th year anniversary and for the occasion our secretariat helped to organize the e-Commerce week in cooperation with UNCTAD and ITC. We cohosted a round table with the African Alliance for eCommerce on Single Window and presented on a number of other round tables as well as preparing informative stands.

Our secretariat will be joining UNCTAD in missions in Cameroun and Gabon for workshops on Single Window implementation.

We continue to actively contribute to the work of the DTLF (Digital Transport and Logistics Forum of the EU DG-MOVE), the IMO FAL Compendium, the e-Business MoU with ISO, IEC and ITU, and many other fora.

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.

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