

UN/CEFACT Open Bureau Call

30 May 2016, 10am – 12pm

Bureau: Harm Jan van Burg, Anders Grangård, Tahseen A. Khan, Lance Thompson (Chair)

Bureau apologies: Estelle Igwe, Sue Probert, Raffaele Fantetti

Secretariat: Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli, Gianguglielmo Calvi, Yuri Saito

Domain Coordinators / Focal Points: Mary Kay Blantz, Gait Boxman, Frans van Diepen, Hidekazu Enjo, Christian Huemer, Benoit Marchal, Norbert Pfaffinger, Jari Salo, Andreas Schultz, Fabio Sorrentino, Kees Sparreboom

Domain Coordinators / Focal Points apologies: Eric Cohen, Jostein Frømyr, Edmund Gray, Salehin Khan

1a. Approve the agenda

Agenda approved.

1b. Domain pages for UN/CEFACT public website

The Domain Coordinators were reminded to prepare pages for the public website based on the template sent by the secretariat on 17 May 2016.

The deadline is 15 June 2016.

4a. Preparations for the Bangkok Forum

The preparations are under way for the 28th Forum to be held on 26-30 September in Bangkok, Thailand.

Responses to the preparatory questionnaire have been received from almost all Domains. The Forum Organizing Committee has compiled a list of mini conference requests for presentation to the Bureau.

Some logistical information, including the list of hotels with UN rate, is already online (www.unece.org/28thuncefactforum.html).

5a. Preparation for the MoU/MG meeting 1-2 June

- Preparation of the excel spreadsheet on signatories' activities

The background and purpose of collecting feedback from the Domain Coordinators was explained.

It was noted that it is difficult to understand some of the headings/topics used in the Excel spreadsheet, as they could be interpreted in different ways. Some topics that were not in the list were added (insurance, financial services, accounting, etc.).

The secretariat explained the difference between “signatories” and “participatory user groups”, and noted that there is currently a discussion in the group on whether the latter should sign the MoU (as user groups, not signatories).

It was reported that it appears that the work of ISO PC295 will create a lot of duplication with the work of UN/CEFACT. The official liaison (Eric Cohen) will report to the secretariat so that it can be brought up at the MoU/MG meeting.

Possible duplication in the area of transport/logistics and agriculture will also be reported to the secretariat. Transport and Logistics Domain would like to nominate an official representative for ISO TC204; a request will be sent to the Bureau via the PDA Vice Chair.

- **Run through of the agenda**

Item 6.3 (R15/05)

The purpose of this work is not to create a new semantic standard, but rather to see if software can be developed that would be able to bridge existing libraries and define terms in different languages. For this, there is a need for knowledge as well as finance for software development.

In principle, UN/CEFACT should be taking the lead; this is in line with the “semantic hub” notion in the UN/CEFACT Prospective Directions. The work done in UN/CEFACT on publication formats is foundational. However, we need to see if we have the technical capacity for this.

- ➔ Mary Kay Blantz will join the MoU/MG meeting on 1-2 June
- ➔ UN/CEFACT will request that it be discussed again at the meeting in December

Item 6.4

No comments from UN/CEFACT.

R10/02

This is still pending. Vice Chair Probert has approached the new chair of TC8 and they have agreed to work together. However, there is no formal liaison.

R14/04

This has been done.

R14/08

UN/CEFACT protested against the ISO standard because it duplicates its work. We received the draft standard, but we did not send any comments at the time. Therefore, no comments from UN/CEFACT now.

8a. Enquiry received from Mr. Peter Potgieser

It was agreed that UN/CEFACT (Liliana Fratini Passi, official liaison with TC68) should have a direct discussion with Mr. Potgieser.

There is a need to clarify the roles of UN/CEFACT and ISO in the financial and payments domains. It is important to have alignment and collaboration based on this.

6a. Any other points from Secretariat

No comments.

9a. Any other points from Domain Coordinators

No comments.

9b. Other business

Another meeting will be organised in follow-up once the minutes of the MoU/MG meeting are available.