UN/CEFACT Standards to Build up a Digital Corridor for Cross-border e-Business

26 November 2019, from 9:00
Xiamen Lakeside Hotel
Xiamen, China
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The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) is a subsidiary, intergovernmental body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and serves as the global focal point within the United Nations system for trade facilitation recommendations and electronic business standards. It has global membership and its members are experts from intergovernmental organizations, individual countries' authorities and from the business community.

China National Institute of Standardization (CNIS) actively participates in UN/CEFACT activities. As part of its commitment to the development of open and global standards and best practice in international trade, China hosted in October 2018 the UN/CEFACT Forum in Hangzhou.

CNIS is now hosting the International Conference on UN/CEFACT e-business Standards and UN/LOCODE from 25 to 28 November 2019 in Xiamen. This event includes a conference on UN/CEFACT trade and eBusiness standards, the third annual meeting of the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group, and a side event on Trade Facilitation Standards and Best Practices: A Pillar to a Digital Belt & Road organized by CNIS.

**Objective**

With efforts made by UNECE and CNIS, experts from public sector, private sector and academic institutes in China increasingly become aware of the importance of UN/CEFACT standards for competitions and efficiency of regulation in China and have paid more and more attention to the UN/CEFACT work. Many of them have expressed their interests and intention to work within UN/CEFACT, including developing projects on new standards and technologies.

This half-day conference aims to

- enhance the use and impacts of UN/CEFACT standards for competition of China trade and the implementation of efficient government regulation;
- assess important work conducted by UN/CEFACT with regard to e-Business to explore a possibility to use UN/CEFACT standards to implement / promote paperless cross-border trade in the region; and
- present latest initiatives of local stakeholders relating to eBusiness standards.

The event provides an opportunity for local experts and decision makers to engage in UN/CEFACT work, discuss latest projects and initiatives on trade facilitation and e-Business and identify opportunities for future work.
Agenda 26 November 2019

09:00 – 09:20 – Opening
Welcome Address
- Ms. Maria Ceccarelli, OiC-Director, UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division
- Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, UN/CEFACT
- Chinese official (tbc)

09:20 – 10:00 – Session 1: Approaches for trade facilitation implementation

Trade Facilitation Roadmap
- Mr. Markus Pikart, UNECE

eCommerce standards and efficient control of postal consignments
- UPU (tbc)

10:00 – 10:20 - Coffee Break

10:20 – 11:20 – Session 2: Standards for digital cross-border trade

UN/CEFACT key deliverables
- Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, UN/CEFACT

UN/CEFACT Reference Data Models for Cross-border Supply Chains
- Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, UN/CEFACT

China activities on Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
- Speaker (tbc), GACC

11:20 – 12:30 – Sharing latest eBusiness initiatives from China

Global containers customs clearance and logistics tracking
- Speaker (tbc), GACC

Cross-border logistics standard trading conditions
- Mr. Zhong LIN, Chair of CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations

Mapping/alignment to UN/CEFACT Reference Data Model
- Speaker (tbc), China Audit Office

Wrap-up discussion
Mediators: Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, UN/CEFACT

Mr. Qiu Yueming, Vice President, CNIS and China HoD to UN/CEFACT
What is UN/CEFACT?

UN/CEFACT, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, supports activities dedicated to improving the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transition economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively. Its principal focus is on facilitating national and international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of processes, procedures and information flows, and so contributing to the growth of global commerce.

UN/CEFACT has a global mandate. Participation in the UN/CEFACT Forum is open to all. There are some 300 experts representing every region in the world.

Within the framework of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) serves as the focal point for trade facilitation recommendations and electronic business standards, covering both commercial and government business processes that can foster growth in international trade and related services. In this context UN/CEFACT was established, as a subsidiary, intergovernmental body of the UNECE.

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Participation is free of charge, but all participants must register online.

Detailed agendas and registration available at:
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