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Conference/Workshop on Blockchain



26 April 2018 (09:30 – 19:15)
Palais des Nations, Salle XXII
Geneva, Switzerland

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Background

The UN/CEFACT Blockchain Whitepaper Project was launched in May 2017 and currently has 75 participating experts. The scope of the project is to look at:

- How Blockchain technology could be used to facilitate trade and related business processes
- How existing UN/CEFACT deliverables could be used by Blockchain application developers
- Possible changes to existing UN/CEFACT deliverables, or new deliverables, that could be considered in order to support Blockchain trade-facilitation related applications.

Objective

The objective of this workshop/conference is to discuss and obtain feedback and comments from experts on the:

- Issue of interoperability between different blockchains
- Draft chapters for the White Paper on Blockchain and Trade Facilitation
- Draft White Paper on Blockchain Standards
- The project team and participating experts will also discuss recommendations to be made to the UN/CEFACT Bureau for subsequent follow-up activities.

Agenda 26 April 2018

09:30 - 09:40 – Welcome Address

09:40 - 09:45 – Five-minute video on ‘What is blockchain?’

09:45 - 10:15 – Blockchain and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

- Mr. Tadej Slapnik, State Secretary, office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia

10:15 - 10:30 – Introduction: The UN/CEFACT Blockchain Whitepaper Project

- Virginia Cram-Martos, UN/CEFACT Blockchain Project Leader, CEO Triangularity SARL

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 11:15 – Introduction: The UN/CEFACT Blockchain Whitepaper Project

Open Discussion

11:15 - 12:00 – Standards Whitepaper, Presentation by Chapter Coordinators

- Ian Watt, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair (Harmonization)
- Marek Laskowski, Professor York University
- Steve Capell, Enterprise Architect, Dept. of Home Affairs, Australia

Open Discussion

Blockchain in Trade Processes Whitepaper

Presentations by Chapter Coordinators

12:00 - 12:15 – Supply Chain

- Rupert Whiting

12:15 - 12:30 – Maritime

- Ronen Mualem, Manager, Maritime Community Applications

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 14:15 – Transportation (non-Maritime)

- Thierry Grumiaux

14:15 - 14:30 – Agriculture

- Frans Van Diepen

14:30 - 15:00 – Blockchain Security, Identity, Legal and Mutual Recognition; Regulatory Issues

- Tahseen Khan

15:00 - 15:15 – Government Services

15:15 - 15:30 – Energy Trade Use of Blockchain

- Jorge Alvarado, Blockchain Solutions Manager, Swisscom Zurich

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 16:30 – Financial Services

- Carlo Salomane and Fabio Sorrentino

16:30 - 16:45 – Tourism

- Akio Suzuki

16:45 - 17:00 – Music and Arts

- Thierry Grumiaux

17:00 - 18:00 – Blockchain Interoperability

- Eric Cohen, Chair ISO TC307/SG.7, Interoperability of block-chain and distributed ledger
- Anastasia Andrianova, Founder and CEO Akropolis.io
- Steve Capell, Enterprise Architect, Dept of Home Affairs, Australia
- Peter Czaban, Web3 Foundation (tbc)

18:00 - 18:30 – Discussion on Recommendations to the UN/CEFACT Bureau

- Moderator: Virginia Cram-Martos

18:30 – Closing Remarks

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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