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Originally from New York, Lance Thompson has lived and worked in the United States, France, Japan and now at the United Nations in Switzerland. He has completed a doctorate in social anthropology at the Sorbonne and an MBA specialized in International Business where he finished as valedictorian.

He has been passionate about standardization and facilitating international trade for nearly two decades, holding key roles within the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, UN/CEFACT (including chair, vice chair and project leader), as well as the World Customs Organization's Data Model Project Team (Focal Point coordinator of the Implementation group 2014-2016) and active member in the French Trade Facilitation organization ODASCE (administrator 2015-2016) and the International Air Transport Association.

Today, Secretary to UN/CEFACT within the UNECE, Lance Thompson supports the work of the entire organization, ensuring its continual progression and represents the Centre at meeting around the world. He is very active in key projects such as the Single Window guidance projects. He is also working to better promote and disseminate the deliverables offered by UN/CEFACT.