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Friday April 24, 2015

UN Palais des Nations, Conference Room XXII
Closing Session

Tom BUTTERLY, UNECE Secretariat

Lance THOMPSON, UN/CEFACT Chair
International Trade Procedures Programme Development Area

Vice Chair: Princess Estelle IGWE

- International Trade Procedures Domain:
  - Paloma BERNAL TURNES (tbc)
- Single Window Domain:
- Trade Facilitation Agreement Focal Point:
- TFIG Focal Point:
Project development

• Revision of Recommendation 4 finalized and approved to enter Public Review

• Public Private Partnership in Trade Facilitation (PPP-TF) project finalized and approved to enter Public Review

• Single Window Interoperability (SWI) project finalized to enter Internal Review
Launch of new project

• International Trade Procedures Domain
  • Update of Recommendation 1 (UNLK) including the supporting documents (addendum to Rec 1 & annex to Rec 1)

• Single Window Domain
  • Project on interoperability of B2B / B2G platforms
ITP-PDA Other work of the week

• Prepared Terms of Reference for each of the domains & Focal Points i.e.
  • International Trade Procedures Domain (ITPD)
  • Single Window Domain (SWD)
  • TFIG Focal Point
  • WTO-TFA Focal Point

• Participated in GFP & UNLOCODE Conferences Wednesday & Friday

• Lunch & Learns Monday to Thursday,

• Had a TFIG presentation on Tuesday
Supply Chain Programme Development Area

Vice Chair: Raffaele FANTETTI

- Finance and Payment Domain
  - Lilliana FRATINI PASSI

- Procurement Domain
  - André HODEVIK
  - Bernard LONGHI

- Supply Chain Management Domain
  - Karina DUVINGER
  - Edmund GREY

- Transport and Logistics Domain
  - Dominique VANKEMMEL
Finance and Payment

Finance & Payments domain mission

- develop UN/CEFACT projects responding to market requirements (public and private);
- follow the Stakeholders Requirements in terms of cross-border interoperability;
- reduce overlap and the duplication of work with other organizations and communities of experts.

The F&P domain introduced the gap analysis between payment areas and other standards (cf. next slide)

Finance & Payment domain new projects

- Purchase Order Financing Request;
- Integrating Trade Finance and Supply Chain Finance into Trade Facilitation;
- Expanded Remittance Advice project (endorsed by the Bureau, formally waiting for full HoDs supports).

Refer to the CONFLUENCE web site for more details

UNECE – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UN/CEFACT – UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and e-Business

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Finance and Payment

Approved

Endorsed by the Bureau, standby support from HoDs

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**Procurement**

Life cycle of public and private procurement

- **Procurement / Strategy**
- **Design / Estimation**
- **Tendering**
- **Contract**
- **Project Management**
- **Maintenance**

- **Design and Estimation**
  - Not Yet!

- **Tendering**
  - e-Tendering ebXML Standards for BoQs/Princing doc exchanges
    - (20 UN XML transactions first published March 2008)

- **Contract and Finance**
  - Contract Financial Execution Management (3 UN XML T published 2013)
    - Initial Contract documents and Invoices

- **Project Mgt**
  - Project Schedule and Cost Performance Management Project
    - (10 UN XML transactions published in 2009)

- **Maintenance**
  - Not Yet!
Procurement

Ongoing UN/CEFACT Procurement Domain Projects

- **eTendering**: Michel Entat (CLEEP, EdiBuild Europe);
- **CFEM (Contract Financial Execution Management)**: Michel Entat (CLEEP, EdiBuild Europe);
- **PSCM (Project Schedule and Cost Performance Management)**: Chris Hassler (US DOD);
- **eNotices**: Natalie Muric (EC OPOCE);
- **Legal Notification**: Natalie Muric (EC OPOCE)
- **Background Research on Public Procurement Using International Standards**: André Hoddevik (DIFI)
Procurement

• Joint meetings with Supply Chain Management Domain, M § T PDA, Library Maintenance Domain;

• Meeting with Extended Bureau in order to “re-open” the Confluence information on Procurement Projects;

• V3 project has published (CII, eTendering and CFEM) final drafts on Confluence;

• These 3 projects have started to migrate their v3 assets to v2, using CCTS 2.01, NDR 2.1, CCBDA and the latest version of the CCL
Supply Chain Management

• Joint meetings with Supply Chain Procurement Domain, M§T PDA and Library Maintenance Domain

• Meeting with Bureau to report on all SCM projects including updating the Confluence
Maintenance of Cross Industry Invoice (CII), eTendering and CFEM

Reason for a maintenance activity

- More user friendly XML Schemas

Achieved by using the latest published technical specifications:
- Name and design rules (NDR) version 2.1
- Core Component Technical Specification (CCTS) version 2.01
- Core Component Business Document Assembly (CCBDA)

Targeted version of UN/CEFACT Core Component Library (CCL) is D15B
Maintenance of Cross Industry Invoice (CII), eTendering and CFEM

CII is considered as the first message in a line of messages to be maintained in the maintenance activity.

Maintenance activities for messages in the business processes of eTendering and CFEM will start when CII maintenance activity is completed.
Transport and Logistics (T&L)

- Participants met for 3 days and participated in TFA and UNLOCODES parallel events
- MMT project meeting held - joined by online participants and other linked domain experts
- Presentation of two potential new projects
  - Electronic Ship Certification – IMO SOLAS & MARPOL (looking for country support)
  - Bill of Delivery – needs discussion as closely linked to MMT
- Joint meeting held with Customs domain
Regulatory Programme Development Area

Vice Chair: Tahseen KHAN

- Accounting and Audit Domain
  - Eric COHEN
  - Benoît MARCHAL
- Customs Domain
  - (tbc)
- Environmental Management Domain
  - Norbert PFAFFINGER
- Government Domain
  - (tbc)
Accounting & Audit

JournalBook
  tidy up requirements and documentation

Brainstorm (WTO TFA, TFIG)
  we will draft project proposals

Review of domain terms of reference

ISO PC/295: possible duplication of efforts
  incredible amount of overlap
  meeting with vice-chair, chair

Outreach effort
  to be organized in the next few months
eGovernment

UN/CEFACT Project
Recommendation for ensuring legally significant trusted trans-boundary electronic interaction

25th UN/CEFACT Forum TTP WG meeting results

Discussed topics:

• Trust infrastructures services technical interoperability ensuring approaches
  • trust services types definition are agreed in general
  • archival long time storage & verification of e-documents – the function of information system or a specific trust service type

• Trust infrastructures services levels of trust qualification
  • qualification gradation is agreed

• The first part of Rec. (overview) should be updated in accordance with currently elaborated issues

The draft for public review can be prepared by the end of 26th UN/CEFACT Forum.
Sectoral Programme Development Area

Vice Chair: Harm Jan VAN BURG

- Agriculture Domain
  - Frans VAN DIEPEN
- Insurance Domain
  - Andreas SCHULTZ
- Travel and Tourism Domain
  - Akio SUZUKI
- Utilities Domain
  - Shingo SAKAGUCHI
  - Cornelis (Kees) SPARREBOOM
Agriculture

Projects evolution

All projects on good track
- e-CERT
- Traceability (animals, plants, products)
- FLUX
- RASFF

New projects
- eCrops
- eLabs III (under preparation)
Agriculture

Requests for bureau

Need practical how-to guides
  Implementation guidelines,
  Examples of best practices
  Single point for dissemination
    Specific site / platform / repository ...

Reference code-lists
  Include / stimulate relevant international bodies (IPPC, OIE, CODEX, FAO, EPPO, ...)
  Online publication and maintenance
Agriculture

For action

Working on how-to proposal
  e-Cert
  eLabs

Next Forum specific topics
  Day on how-to & code lists
  Import requirements project
  Underlying architecture
    Inter project relationships
  Common semantics
Travel/Tourism Domain

Coordinator: Akio Suzuki
SLH related Information Process Projects Leader: Akio Suzuki
DTI Process Project Leader: Giljun Ko
Summary of the Meeting

1. Because of the lack of participants in this domain meetings, the projects themselves made little progress during the week.

2. The discussion items will better be taken in AFAC'T Teheran meeting in June, where technical experts on cloud and mobile technology could be present.

3. Discussed with the chair on the cooperative activity with relevant members in European, American and African countries, especially on SLH projects and could get productive suggestions, etc.

4. Started talking with the African representatives during this forum on the working in the domain projects and got a very progressive answer for the near future.

5. The following slides are mainly for the opening plenary.
Utilities

“Reutilization of Data from Utility Management Systems” Project weekly progression

Utility members confirmed completing BRS internal review.

The project had internal review period from February to April 2015

The project initiates public review of BRS

The draft BRS can get from confluence site

BRS-Documentation_EN_Part1.doc
Methodology and Technology Programme Development Area

Vice Chair: Anders GRANGÅRD

- Specification Domain
  - Christian HEUMER
- Syntax Domain
  - Gait BOXMAN
- Library Maintenance Domain
  - Mary Kay BLANTZ
- Validation Domain
  - Hidekazu ENJO
Future of Core Component Technical Specification (CCTS)

• 17 participants from all PDAs

• Initial agreement:
  - CEEFACT CCL and XML schemas production work will continue to use CCTS 2.01, NDR 2.1 and CCBDA
  - Keep V3 specifications as valid published specifications but they are not used for the production within CEEFACT

• Next steps
  - Evaluate the findings from v3 projects
  - Identify potential enhancements of v2 or the implementation rules
  - If required, launch a new project
Conformance Project

• The project finished its work 24 April
• Document sent to the Bureau for consideration and approval
• 2 projects proposed
  • Review and update clear conformance clauses for every standard and technical specification (e.g. BRS and RSM as well as XML and NDR)
  • Establish, possibly in cooperation with other organizations, a conformance registry where users, software developers, and SDOs can make their self-declaration of conformance visible
• Outreach to other organisation via the MoU MG
Library Review Project

- Discussions on the results of the questionnaire
- Library 2020 includes artefacts maintained by UN/CEFACT:
  - CCs
  - BIEs
  - BDAs (effective asap)
  - Data Types
  - EDIFACT Messages and parts thereof
  - XSDs (if desired by the project)
Library Review Project

• More discussions needed on links to artefacts created by other bodies and not submitted for quality assurance to UN/CEFACT

• Publication Format:
  – One machine-processable format, e.g. XML4CCTS (leading format)
  – One human readable format, e.g. HTML (derived from the leading one)
Library Maintenance

UN/EDIFACT

D15A DMRs
Reviewed/resolved all 25 submitted DMRs

Approved as submitted 14
Approved with corrections 10
Postponed 1

Total 25
Library Maintenance

Core Component Library

Continued harmonization

- Agriculture - Animal Traceability
  (All other submissions previously harmonized)

Next steps

- Complete harmonization of Animal Traceability
- Update repository with completed submissions
  - Insurance, Transport, Agriculture
- Produce CCL 15A spreadsheet
- Extreme QA CCL 15A
- Validate
- Produce schema
- Validate
Library Maintenance

Core Component Library

Will resume regular Tuesday 3-hour calls on

May 5
Lunch and Learn Sessions

• Library Review, Christian Huemer

• MoUs, the UNECE and UN/CEFACT, Tom Butterly

• WTO-TFA and UN/CEFACT, Tom Butterly

• WCO Data Model, Tejo Kusuma & Michael Dill
Open Bureau Meetings

• In depth discussion with each domain on all of their project development

• Permitted to further the dialogue between the Bureau and Domains
  • In order to know of any concerns the groups are facing
  • In order to communicate on any eventual problems they may face
  • In order to bring the Bureau up to date on any pertinent evolutions within the domain’s activities

• Very positive feedback
Domains

• The Bureau has approved a version of the Terms of Reference which take into account many of the feedback which was received.

• Next steps:
  • Domain Coordinators
  • Gap analysis of procedures and process within each domain
  • Creating “How to” guides for key standard deliverables

• All projects requested to keep their Confluence website up-to-date
Parallel Events

• Global Facilitation Partnership in Trade and Transport (GFP-TT) Conference on WTO and the private sector
  • Wednesday, April 22nd

• UN/LOCODE Focal Point Conference
  • Friday, April 24th
Next Forums – save the dates

• FRANCE, Marseille FORUM
  • November 2-6, 2015

• SWITZERLAND, Geneva FORUM
  • March 14-18, 2016

• SWITZERLAND, Geneva PLENARY
  • March 10 & 11, 2016
Thank you