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Objectives
- Simple, transparent and effective processes for global business
- Efficient and automated exchange of information

Key tools
- Global trade facilitation recommendations
- eBusiness standards
- Guidelines

Means
- Public-Private Partnership – over 500 experts
- Meet virtually practically every weeks

Trade facilitation is discussed at three levels: all complementary
Trade Facilitation

• Implementation of the WTO TFA (Feb 2017)
• UN/CEFACT, facilitating trade up to and beyond the measures of the WTO TFA
• The importance of all actors on the supply chain

Simplification: Process of eliminating all unnecessary elements and duplications in formalities, processes and procedures.

Harmonization: Alignment of national procedures, operations and documents with international conventions, standards and practices.

Standardization: Process of developing internationally agreed formats for practices and procedures, documents and information.
Welcome to the Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide
A tool for simplifying cross-border trade

Introduction to Trade Facilitation

Domains  Itineraries  Instruments  Organizations
Sustainable Development Goals

• UN/CEFACT’s work touches on a number of SDGs, but particular attention is being given to:
  • SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth
  • SDG 10 on reduced inequalities
  • SDG 12 on responsible production and consumption
  • SDG 14 on life below water
  • SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals
Activities planned for 2018

- New Programme of Work 2019-2020
- Semantic Hub
- Blockchain project
- Internet of Things
- Support assistance to MSMEs
- Traceability
- Sustainable Procurement
- Sustainable Tourism – Experience Programmes
- TFIG updates
Cooperation / Collaboration

UNECE

UNCTAD

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

ECLAC

United Nations ESCAP

ESCWA

United Nations UNCITRAL

UNIDO

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
International Business

UNOPS

UNDP

IMO

UPU

MOVE

TAXUD

MARE

Eurasian Economic Community

ISO

IEC

ITU

UN / CEFACCT
Upcoming events

- Hangzhou Forum, 14-19 October, China
- UN/LOCODE Advisory Group, (During Hangzhou Forum), China
- Single Window Conference (in partnership with IPCSA and Moroccan Customs), 12-13 November, Morocco (tbc)
- Team of Specialist in Sustainable Fisheries, 22-23 November, Geneva (tbc)
- 33rd UN/CEFACT Forum, April 2019
Where to find documents

www.unece.org/cefact
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https://uncefact.unece.org
Point for approval

- Programme of work 2018-2019 of the Team of Specialists in the area of Sustainable Fisheries
  - (document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2018/22)
Thank you

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