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# UN/CEFACT – UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business

## Objectives

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

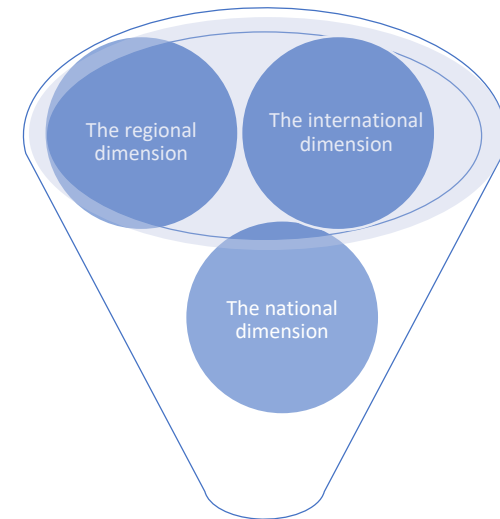
## Key tools

- 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



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Welcome to the **Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide**  
A tool for simplifying cross-border trade



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# 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
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# Cooperation / Collaboration



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# 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

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## Where to find documents

### www.unece.org/cefact



#### ▼ Outputs

List of Trade Facilitation Recommendations

#### ▼ Standards

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Business Requirement Specifications (BRS)

Core Components Library (UN/CCL)

ISO/TC 154

Requirements Specification Mappings (RSM)

#### ► UN/EDIFACT

UN/EDIFACT-ISO9735

#### ► UNTDDED-ISO7372

XML Schemas

UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM)

#### ▼ Technical Specifications

Core Components Data Type Catalogue

Core Component Technical Specification

Core Components Business Document Assembly

UML Profile for Core Components



UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM)

XML Naming and Design Rules

Procedures For Reference Data Model (RDM) & Associated Artefacts Publication

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*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.*

### About CEFACT

Within the United Nations framework of the 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, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) was established, as a subsidiary, intergovernmental body of the UNECE Committee on Trade, mandated to develop a programme of work of global relevance to achieve improved worldwide coordination and cooperation in these areas.



### Recent News

**18 April 2018:** UN/CEFACT is pleased to launch a call for participation for the new project entitled "IMO FAL Electronic Compendium Mapping" Project. The current project aims to create the mappings and updated guides to satisfy the request to complete the UN/CEFACT annex to the IMO FAL Compendium. If you are interested in joining this project, please contact the project lead, Mr. Nico De Cauwer. [Read more...](#)

**5 April 2018:** UN/CEFACT is pleased to launch a call for participation for the project "Revision of Recommendation 16 - UN/LOCODE". This cornerstone recommendation has helped many industries to facilitate international trade and transport, as well as extended to

### Upcoming Events

**Block-chain for Trade Facilitation**  
20 April 2018

**31st UN/CEFACT Forum**  
23 to 27 April 2018

**UN/CEFACT Conference on Single Window: From Border-Crossing Supporting Documents to legally significant data exchange**  
23 April 2018

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### ACTIVE PROJECTS BY PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AREA

International Trade Procedures Buy/Pay Ship Regulatory Sectoral Methodology and Technology  
Harmonization (Archived)

- Core Principles for the Operation of SW
- ISMIT - Integrated Services for MSMEs in International Trade
- Revision of Recommendation 33
- Single Submission Portal

### ACTIVE PROJECTS BY DOMAIN



# 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)

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Thank you

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