



34th UN/CEFACT Forum

Enhancing Transparency and Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector

Draft Annotated Agenda

30 - 31 October 2019 | 9:00 – 17:30

IMO, Albert Embankment, London

■ About the meeting

This meeting is being held under the UNECE project 'Enhancing Transparency and Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector' (jointly implemented with the ITC and ILO with EU support) during the 34th UN/CEFACT Forum. It follows-up on the UNECE meeting in Geneva at the United Nations on 4th of April, and in Paris at the OECD on 11th of September, which convened key industry actors, policymakers and technology solutions providers to discuss the project scope and activities. Following the signature of the funding agreement with the European Union in July, UNECE has started implementing the project, and this meeting will be a milestone to advance the work on project outputs.

■ Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Morning session

1. Opening of the Meeting and update on project progress

- Brief overview on UN/CEFACT rules and procedures for project governance and implementation, and on expert' groups' composition and working modalities, update on key project milestones.
- Experts' groups composition
 - SG1. Policy recommendation
 - SG2. Technical standards for textile
 - SG3. Technical standards for leather
 - SG4. Pilots, communication and awareness-raising
- *Reference documents:* project document, group of experts' ToRs, UN/CEFACT rules of procedures

2. The policy recommendation on transparency and traceability for sustainable value chains

- Discussion of the key elements of the policy recommendation: definitions of traceability, transparency and sustainability in the context of the project, vision and objectives of transparency and traceability, suggested implementation phases, the use of business process analysis; distribution of the costs and benefits of sustainability among stakeholders, rules for collaboration, rules for data exchange and confidentiality, (including for data on

sustainability risks), data exchange standards; measurement of performance and other elements.

- *Reference document:* draft policy recommendation (advanced draft based on input from April meeting)

Day 1 – Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Afternoon session

3. The value chain model for the traceability standard for sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear sector

- Review of the elements of the value chain model in the garment and footwear sector for textile (e.g. cotton, wool, man-made, synthetic fibers) and for leather, mapping and describing the industry value chain, the traceability processes for raw materials, products, parts and components, during farming/extraction/processing/assembling/finishing/transport/ retail within a country and across borders, as well as locations and responsible parties, and the sustainability hot-spots at key nodes along the value chain.
- *Reference document:* Draft Business Requirements Specification (BRS) document for traceability of textile and leather value chains (zero draft)

Day 2 Thursday, 31 October 2019

Morning session

4. The Data Model for due diligence in garment and footwear value chains

- Review of the elements/key information entities of the data model, including business information entities and sustainability information entities, and related KPIs, code lists, standards and certifications for party, farm, facility, product and process, storage and transport.
- Review of how value chain parties maintain their information system related to key information entities (process, process and party information), registers used, means of information exchange with partners, XML schemas, code lists, identifiers, certification.
- *Reference document:* Draft Business Requirements Specification (BRS) document for traceability of textile and leather value chains (zero draft)

Day 2 – Thursday, 31 October 2019

Afternoon session

5. The blockchain pilot for traceability and sustainability in cotton value chains

- Following the meeting in Paris (11 September 2019, OECD) which assessed the potential of a blockchain application to foster due diligence in the garment and footwear value chains, a project document has been prepared laying out the Terms of Reference for a pilot to test the application of the traceability standard, developed under the project, in a blockchain system. The project document will detail the situation analysis, the scope, the partners to be involved, the outputs, the key activities (definition of the value chain model, data model and technology model), the timeframe, budget and experts to be involved.

- *Reference document:* Project document for a pilot on blockchain for traceability and due diligence in the cotton value chain (zero draft)

6. Next project milestones

- Review of the project implementation and communication plan, key project milestones, and proposed agenda of next project meetings
- *Reference document:* updated project implementation plan and schedule of project meetings (advanced draft based on input from April meeting)

■ Practical Information

Date 30-31 October 2019 (in connection with the 34th UN/CEFACT Forum)

Time 9:00 to 17:30

Address 4 Albert Embankment, Lambeth, London SE1 7SR, United-Kingdom

Room TBC

Background documents Reference/background documents to be shared ahead of the meeting and to be uploaded on the UNECE UN/CEFACT project CUE space

Registration The meeting is conducted during the 34th UN/CEFACT Forum. Registration as an UN/CEFACT expert below (conditional upon approval by the Head of Delegation):

<http://www.unece.org/tradewelcome/un-centre-for-trade-facilitation-and-e-business-uncefact/meetings-and-events/uncefact/uncefact-forums/2019/34th-uncefact-forum/uncefact34thuncefactforum.html>

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