



UN/LOCODE AG 2024 Taskforce Report





Introduction

1. During the course of the Maintenance meetings , many subjects related with complex situations are raised impacting countries, ports, special zones, etc that can cause conflicts and therefore leading to discussion with the aim of reaching a consensus on those matters.
2. The objective of the Task Force is to support the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group in addressing the issues raised and discussed at the 2023 Meeting of the UN/LOCODE Advisory Group and to report on its findings and recommendations at the 2024 Meeting.
3. During the 2023 UN/LOCODE Advisory Group many issues have been raised, but unfortunately under the impossibility of covering all of them, an identification of the most impacting ones has been done resulting on four main subjects selected.

Scope

The Task Force established four Subgroups:

- ✓ **Subgroup 1:** Identification of small fishery ports in the FAO Global Record.
- ✓ **Subgroup 2:** Feasibility study to fast-track the UN/LOCODE as an ISO standard.
- ✓ **Subgroup 3:** Address the co-existence of UN/LOCODEs assigned to locations (areas) and sub-locations (points).
- ✓ **Subgroup 4:** Testing of the new re-engineered online data maintenance request (DMR) application.





Organizing and coordination

- The role of the Task Force will focus on research and analysis activities, including providing a forum for discussion, information sharing and drafting the report to submit to the Group for decision.
- The Task Force is open to any interested members of the Group for participation on voluntary basis.
- Selected experts, representatives of related international organizations, and other entities may participate upon invitation.
- Each subgroup is lead by an expert on the matter raised.
- Kick-off meeting was held on 28th of September 2023 moderated by the Vice-Chair of the AG.

During this meeting a brief presentation of each of the four subgroup was made by the leaders:

- ✓ Presentation by Mr. Kevin Bishop (UNECE) of the System front-end to be redeveloped.
- ✓ Presentation by Mr. Wenfeng Sun (CNIS) on potential UNLOCODE sublocations.
- ✓ Presentation by Mr. Yu Shi (Chair of ISO TC/154) on the relevant ISO Standard.
- ✓ Presentation by Mr. Giuliano Carrara (NFIFP) on the FAO Global record.

The four initial presentations can be found on the website following the link: [UN/LOCODE Task Force: Kick-Off Meeting | UNECE](#)

At the end of the kickoff meeting a call for experts to join each leader of each subgroup was made.

A final list of volunteers' experts was built as well as a commitment on conducting several meetings to discuss about the specific subjects in order to produce a recommendation.

Due to some inconveniences only Subgroup 3 and Subgroup 4 have been developed.

Several meetings have been conducted during this time for both subgroups 3 and 4.





REPORTS:

❖ Report from Subgroup 3

Mr. Wengfen Sun

The issues to be addressed:

- Clean-up of co-existence of UN/LOCODEs assigned to locations (areas) with legacy UN/LOCODEs assigned to sub-locations (points).
- Presentation and outcomes from the meetings conducted.

❖ Report from Subgroup 4

Mr. Kevin Bishop

The issues to be addressed:

- Testing of the new web-based online Data Maintenance Request system.
- Presentation and outcomes from the meetings conducted.





WAY FORWARD_DISCUSSION

After the presentations of each SubGroup Report a discussion on the way forward should take place.

Some suggested questions such as :

- Should we keep moving forward with the subgroup project?
- Do we need extra help to move forward with the projects?
- Do we have enough resources ?
- Should we create another subgroup for fundraising project?
- Do we have capacity and resources to start with the other subgroups 1 and 2 ,created at the beginning of the Task Force initiative?
- Should we have a strong follow up , for instance creating a scheduled calendar meeting?
- Should we have a deadline to present the final white paper?
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THANK YOU

