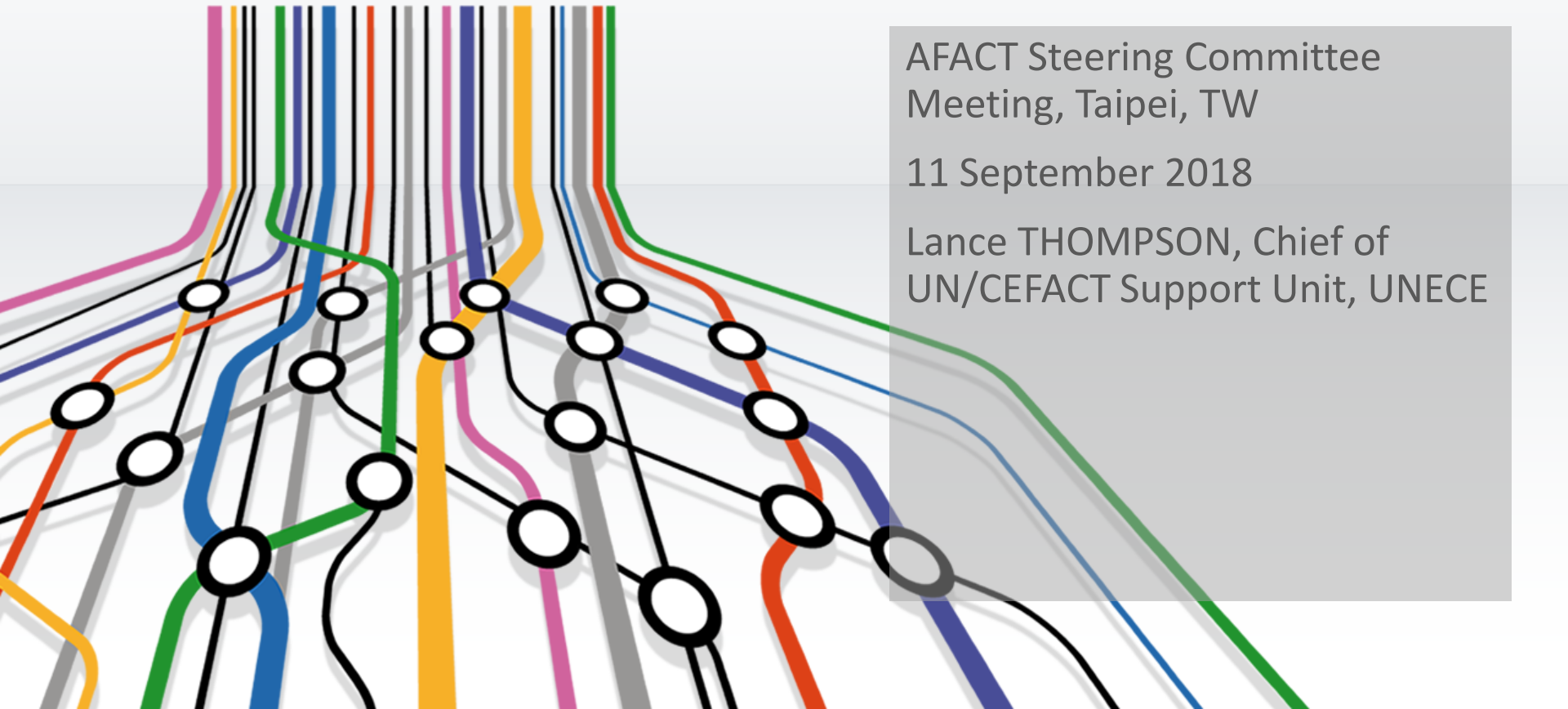


Update on UN/CEFACT

AFACT Steering Committee
Meeting, Taipei, TW

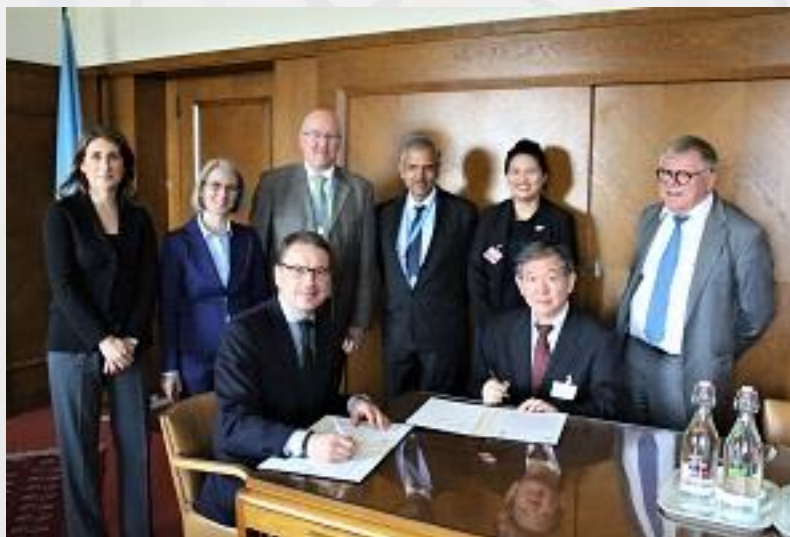
11 September 2018

Lance THOMPSON, Chief of
UN/CEFACT Support Unit, UNECE



MoU between UNECE and AFACT

- Excellent Initiative
- Recognizes
 - the long standing support that AFACT brings to UN/CEFACT's work and
 - the implementation of UN/CEFACT standards on a national level by AFACT members



Recent Evolutions within UN/CEFACT

- Election of two additional Vice Chairs and creation of two new PDAs
 - Harmonization
 - Communication
- Chair stepping down
 - Rotating chairmanship; the rotation will be as follows:
 - 1 July – 18 September: VC Grangår
 - 19 September – 16 October: VC Fantetti
 - 17 October – 11 December: VC Igwe
 - 12 December – 22 January: VC Probert
 - 23 January – 25 February: VC Laughlan
 - 26 February – 16 March: VC Watt
 - 17 March – 30 April: VC Khan
- New UNECE Secretariat staff
 - Lance, Helen, Thomas. (Markus returning end 2017)

Currently active projects include the following

- Women in Trade Facilitation (White Paper)
- Paperless Trade (White Paper)
- Core principles of Single Window
- Single Submission Portal (instigated by Alibaba)
- Cross Industry Invoice Repository
- Cross Industry Scheduling (Public Review)
- Extension of Cross Industry deliverables (aligning to SC-RDM – Public Review)
- eCMR (part is in Public review)
- MMT-RDM
- Pipeline
- Block Chain (White Papers)
- Trusted Transboundary Environment
- Traceability Framework
- Traceability of Plant, Animal and bi-products
- Code Management
- Library Publication Formats
- Head/Envelope Document Exchange Project

Upcoming UN/CEFACT events

- UN/CEFACT 30th Forum, Rome Italy 2-6 October
 - Sustainable Textile mini-conf
 - Blockchain mini-conf
 - Celebration of 30 years of UN/EDIFACT
- 3rd UNECE Single Window Symposium, Geneva CH, 30-31 October
- 1st UN/LOCODE Advisory Group Meeting, Geneva CH, 30 Nov & 1 Dec
- UN/CEFACT 31st Forum, Geneva CH, 23-27 April 2018
- UN/CEFACT Plenary, Geneva CH, 30 April & 1st May 2018

Some current issues

- Active HoDs (approving expert nominations and supporting new project)
- Questionnaire on the use of our standards (deadline is end of the month)
- Will be circulating an update for SW repository
- UNECE budget restraints
 - Almost no travel will be possible on regular budget
 - Brainstorming for ways of financing
- Tomorrow's roundtable
 - Would be good to have a few questions from this group in order to showcase UN/CEFACT work

More information on UN/CEFACT

- All UNECE and UN/CEFACT Recommendations, codes, standards and publications are available for free on our website at:
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