



**35th Asia Pacific
Council for Trade
Facilitation &
eBusiness Mid-Term
Meeting**

AFACT Brief Secretariat Report

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Meetings

- **2016 Plenary Meeting**
 - Held in Tokyo, Japan, 2016-11-7~9
 - Participating countries: Chinese Taipei, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand
 - Secretariat representative: Azadeh Bagheri (online participation)
 - UN/ESCAP representative: Yann Duval
 - UNCITRAL representative : Jin Ho Kim
 - UNECE representative: Yuri Saito
 - **WG Chairs:**
 - CSC: Eva Yueh
 - TMC: Hisanao Sugamata
 - BDC: Wanawit Ahkuputra

○ Major Decisions made:

- StC Proposed Plenary to approve Bangladesh as a new AFACT member
- StC proposed Plenary to approve amendment of Bylaw
- Plenary endorsed StC of proper negotiation with ECE secretariat with regard to signing a MoU between UNECE and AFACT
- Plenary support StC's decision to nominate Mr.Wanawit Ahkuputra as the rapporteur at the first priority
- Plenary resolved termination of eCO W/G
- Plenary approved Chinese Taipei to be 2017 host
- The token was handed by AFACT2016 host to AFACT2017 hosting secretariat

- **AFACT online meetings**
 - **3 Tel-conferences since last Plenary meeting arranged by 2017 host secretariat:**
 1. 04 Jan. 2017
 2. 08 Feb. 2017
 3. 07 March 2017

AFACT Structure



AFACT Chair
Elected HoD of Taiwan
Executive Vice
President, Institute for
Information Industry



AFACT Vice Chair
HoD of Japan
Director, Japan Association for
Simplification of International
Trade Procedures (JASTPRO)



New UN/CEFACT
Rapporteur for Asia and the
Pacific



HoD of I.R.Iran
President of Iran Center for
eCommerce Development,
Ministry of Industry, Mine
and Trade, I. R.Iran



Mr. Jung- gu Lee
Elected HoD of Korea



Dr Ambreesh
Elected HoD of India
Dy. Director General, NIC,
Department of Commerce,
Ministry of Commerce and
Industry



UN/CEFACT Vice Chair &
Controller of Certifying
Authorities,
Ministry of
Communications and
Information Technology



Chairman of Business
Domain Committee,
Deputy Director of ETDA
Electronic Transactions
Development Agency



AFACT Structure (cont.)



Chairman of Community Support Committee,
Deputy Director General,
IDEAS Institute, III



Chairman of Technology and Methodology Committee,
Supply Chain Information Platform Study Group



UNESCAP Representative
Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit - Trade and Investment Division



General Secretariat of
AFACT

Major Achievements

- **AFACT website:**
 - **8 WMRs were implemented and completed by web master during the period of Mid Nov. 2016 to present**
 - **New web master, Ms. Hatami has joined to AFACT team**

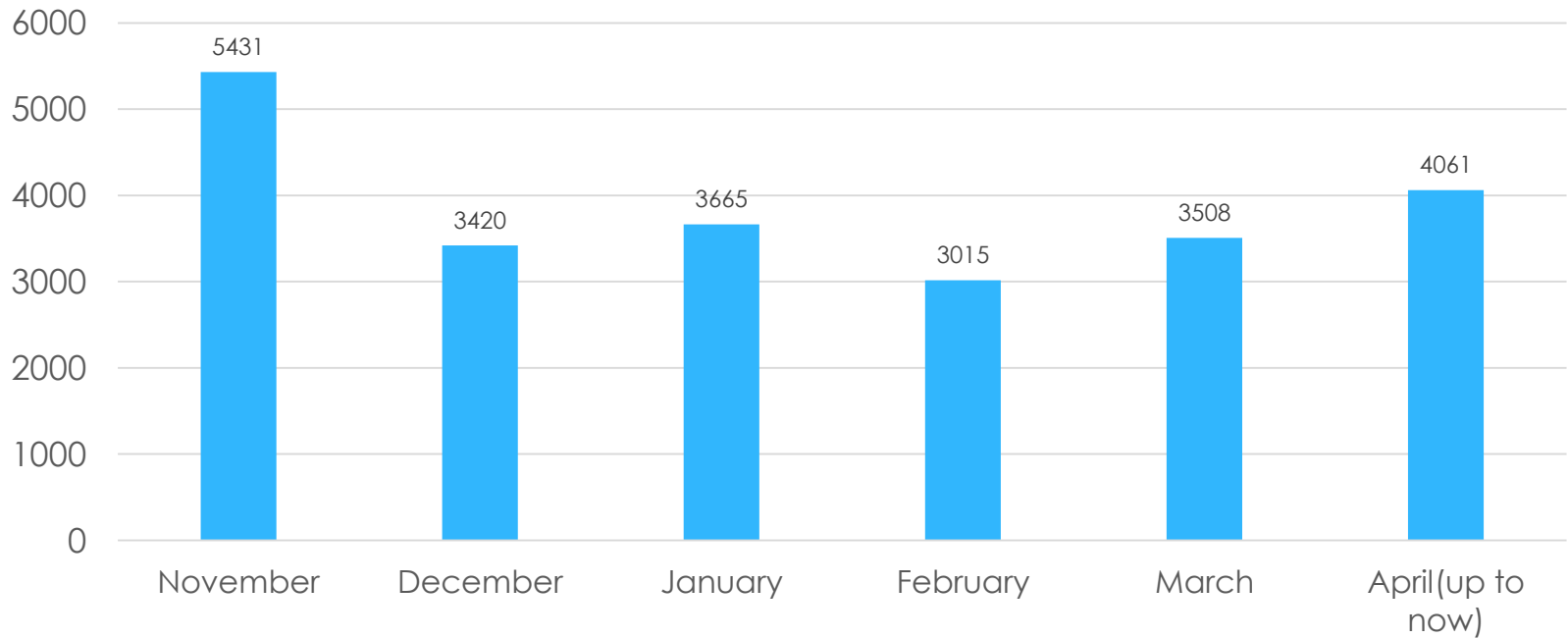
List of completed WMRs

WMR No.	Subject	Issued Date
WMR 0019	To transfer all files on 'Documents' on both AFACT 2016 MID-TERM webpage & Plenary webpage to 'Archives' tab of AFACT Official documents	2016/11/18
WMR 0020	To place 2016 year book to 'Publication' tab.	2016/12/15
WMR 0021	Advertizing 2017 MID-TERM session	1/20/2017
WMR 0022	Adding link to 2017 eASIA Award Guidelines website	2/24/2017
WMR 0023	Add a Marquee	3/2/2017
WMR 0024	Add a Marquee	4/11/2017
WMR 0025	Advertizing MoU ECE and AFACT	4/11/2017
WMR 0026	Advertizing MoU ECE and AFACT	4/11/2017



Visitors of AFACT new website

Afact Website viewer
from November 2016 to April 2017



Major Achievements (cont.)

- **The MoU between AFACT and UNECE was signed on 3 April at UNECE and it is effective:**

<https://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/trade/2017/unece-and-afact-formally-join-hands-for-cutting-red-tape/doc.html>

- **Dr. Urachada Ketprom was approved as Rapporteur for Asia and the Pacific with support from Mr. Khan, VC UN/CEFACT Bureau on UN/CEFACT plenary on 3 April 2017.**

Major Achievements (cont.)

- **Revision and amendment of eAsia Awards 2017 Guidelines with the support of AFACT 2017 Host Secretariat**

<http://2017afact.isso.cool/easia-award/>

Major Challenges

- **2018 AFACT host**
- **Encouraging more membership for AFACT and also encouraging active participation of the AFACT members in the work program of UN/CEFACT and UN/ESCAP**



AFACT in the coming Future

- **Plenary Meeting to be hosted by Chinese Taipei along with WCIT 2017 which will be held by III**
- **eAsia Awards 2017**
- **Submission of Materials for yearbook 2017**

Proposed Timetable for Yearbook 2017 (amended version)

Activity	Responsible	Deadline
StC Approval of the schedule	StC members	13 March
Sending official calls to the members	AFACT Secretariat	20 April
Sending reminding emails to the members	AFACT Secretariat	Monthly from March to June
Submission of the materials	AFACT HoDs	30 June
Preparing/ Sending the draft to members	AFACT Secretariat	15 August
Final Review and confirmation by HoDs	AFACT HoDs	31 August
Final polish and publishing on the website	AFACT Secretariat	10 September



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Thank You!