UN/CEFACT and OASIS/UBL Collaboration

Work Plan for 2009

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Building on the UN/CEFACT and OASIS Cooperation Agreement, this document summarizes the 2009 plan for input from the OASIS UBL Technical Committee (TC) into specific UN/CEFACT projects and deliverables. The objective is to work within the UN/CEFACT Forum groups to build a common set of electronic business document standards. A number of UN/CEFACT member countries and industry associations are providing support to this work.

This work includes, at a minimum, inputs to TBG1, TBG3, TBG6, TBG17, TMG and ATG2 projects. To facilitate progress and broad participation, electronic communications will be used to the greatest extent possible. This work is guided by the principles described in the "Cooperation Agreement between UN/ECE on behalf of UN/CEFACT and OASIS" (May 2005) and the "OASIS / UBL TC and UN/CEFACT Collaboration Statement" (May 2006).

The vice chair of the UN/CEFACT Forum Management Group (currently Anders Grangard) will coordinate the described technical activities by the various UN/CEFACT working groups and ensure effective communications on these activities with the UBL liaison (currently Tim McGrath, vice chair of the UBL TC). The chairs of the relevant UN/CEFACT working groups will ensure effective communications and progress on the individual tasks. The UBL liaison will coordinate the UBL TC input to these activities and ensure effective communications with the FMG vice chair.

TBG1 - Supply Chain
The TBG1 Chair, Coen Janssen, will work to ensure effective project planning, communications and progress on the tasks described in this section. Individuals and companies contributing UBL expertise into the TBG1 projects include: Sven Rasmussen (CEN/ISSS BII, Denmark) and Martin Forsberg (SFTI, Sweden) as the Team Leaders. From UN/CEFACT all members of TBG1 are contributing to this work. The TBG1 participant assigned to lead a task will be documented with each task.

- Task 1: Include relevant UBL 2.0 semantics and documents into new TBG1 Business Requirement Specifications and projects. Documents to be addressed:
    - Invoice (including Credit and Debit Note) version 2: BRS approved by TBG Steering Committee. See Task 3.
    - Ordering messages: BRS approved by TBG Steering Committee
    - Catalogue messages: BRS approved by TBG Steering Committee
  - TBG1 lead: Coen Janssen
  - Status: See attachment 1
  - Target completion date: Finalised

- Task 2: Investigate the need to develop a product/item model.
Develop a product/item component (missing in UN/CEFACT library).

- o TBG1 lead: Coen Janssen
- o Status: BRS approved by TBG Steering.
- o Target completion date: Finalised

- Task 3: Review and recommend improvements for the Cross Industry Invoice BRS and RSM.
  - o TBG1 lead: Klaus Förderer
  - o Status: BRS version 2 approved by TBG Steering
  - o Target completion date: Mid 2009

- Task 4: Investigate proposing new projects
The objective is to review documents included in UBL 2.0 and not covered by existing TBG projects and determine how to include those document and semantics in new projects and suitable Business Requirement Specifications. Documents to be considered include:
  - Despatch advice: BRS approved by TBG Steering
  - Packing List: Not included in convergence plan
  - TBG1 lead: See attachment 1
  - o Status: See attachment 1
  - o Target completion date: October 2009

TBG3 – Transport

The individuals and companies who have contributed UBL expertise into the TBG3 projects include: Tim McGrath (Document Engineering Services, Australia) and Andy Schoka (Standards Consultant, USA), Thomas Lee (CECID, Hong Kong), Ralph Ho (DTTN,Hong Kong), Kamarudin Bin Tambi (CromsonLogic, Singapore), and Juha Ikävalko (TIEKE, Finland).

There are no current work items between UBL and TBG3, as additional requirements from the gap analysis of the UBL TSC against the CCL08B are included in the UBL submission to TBG17 and will be reviewed in the usual harmonization process within TBG17 with the participation of TBG3 representatives.

TBG6 - Architecture, Engineering and Construction
The TBG6 Chair is working to ensure effective project planning, communications and progress on the tasks described in this section (see attachment 3). Individuals and companies contributing UBL expertise into the TBG6 projects include: Peter Borresen (ebConnect, Denmark), Sven Rasmussen (Denmark) and Oriol Bausa (Invinet, Spain) for the UBL TC team.

- Task 1: Include relevant CEN/BII WS semantics and documents into new versions of TBG6 Business Requirement Specifications and projects. Documents to be addressed by CEN/BII WS:
  - eTendering messages DMRs (done for a first set);
  - Security profile for XML messages
  - o TBG6 lead: Bernard Longhi
  - o Status: Gap Requirements from CEN/BII WS received.
  - o Target completion date: Mid July -09

TBG17 - Harmonisation
The TBG17 Chair will work to ensure effective communications and progress.

Individuals and companies contributing UBL expertise into the TBG17 projects include: Sven Rasmussen (CEN/ISSS BII, Denmark), Andy Schoka (Standards Consultant, USA), Martin Forsberg (SFTI, Sweden) and Tim McGrath (Document Engineering Services, Australia) as the UBL team leader.

- o Task 1: UBL map CCL08B core components to UBL 2.0 BIEs
- o Status: Being undertaken by BII workshop (for procurement) and UBL Transportation subcommittee (for transportation).
- o Target completion date: Finalised

  Task 2: UBL to submit required additional Core Components to TBG17.
- o Status: Submitted during Rome Forum
- o Target completion date: Finalised
- o UBL and TBG17 met together during the Rome Forum and reached agreement on the process to be used to align their core component libraries.
- Task 3: UBL experts to work with TBG17 to harmonize the UBL required additional Core Components for inclusion in the next CCL.
  - o Status: Awaiting UBL submission (task 2)
  - o Target completion date: within 2 months of receipt (depending on number of required Core Components submitted), earliest would be July 2009
- Task 4: TBG17 to update CCL to include UBL BIE implementation names
  - o CCL to contain references to UBL BIEs implementing relevant Core Components.
  - o Status: Awaiting harmonization (task 3)
  - o Target completion date: TBD

TMG – Techniques and Methodologies Group
- Task 1: Investigate how to use UBL results as a resource for implementation verification of next version of CCTS (ver. 3.0).
  - o Task completed: members of UBL have submitted comments on CCTS 3.0 draft specification that have been disposed of.

ATG2 - XML Naming and Design Rules
The ATG2 Chair will work to ensure effective project planning, communications and progress. Individuals and companies have contributed UBL expertise into the ATG2 projects include: Mavis Cournane (Cognitran, UK), and Mike Grimley (Dept of Navy, USA) as the team leader. Additional individuals and companies contributing to this work include: Tony Coates (Londata , UK) and Jostein Frømyr (EDISYS, Norway).

Task 1: Develop and submit recommendations to the ATG2 project for the next version of the UN/CEFACT NDRs
- o Status: Concluded the work with an agreement that UBL requirements would be satisfactory covered in the CEFACT NDR version 3
- o Completion date: Finalised pending resolution of UDT use.

Attachment 1
Subject: RE: UBL update TBG1

Looking at the original plan of 2007, this means we have experienced some delays. However, we have also made quite some progress, and have add people representing UBL / NES involved in all relevant projects. This has lead to our BRS and CCL components to cover the UBL requirements as reported by these representatives.
A more detailed look at the relevant projects from a UBL convergence perspective:

Project	UBL convergence	BRS Status	CCL status
Common Supply Chain Requirements TBG1 Project Lead: Coen Janssen	Generic components to be used in all messages. Covers a lot of UBL requirements. Also covers Task 2: Product / item model	Finalized, sent for approval to TBG Steering	D.08B
CI Ordering TBG1 Project Lead: Martin Forsberg	Task 1: Ordering messages	Approved by TBG Steering	D.09B
CI Despatch & Receive TBG1 Project Lead: Edmund Gray	Task 4: Despatch Advice, Receiving Advice	Approved by TBG Steering (Despatch Advice only).	D.09B
CI Invoice Version 2 TBG1 Project Lead: Klaus Förderer	Task 1: Invoice Task 3: Invoice	Finalized	Included in draft D.09A
Catalogue TBG1 Project Lead: Karina Duvinger	Task 1: Catalogue	Approved by TBG Steering	D.09B
CI Quotation TBG1 Project Lead: Gilles Brandel	Task 1: Quotation	Approved by TBG Steering	D.09B