

ICG meeting Minutes

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2 Monday, 26th of March 2007

2.1 Welcome and opening remarks by the ICG Convener

M. Conroy welcomed everyone to the tenth plenary meeting of the ICG. In particular, a welcome to Dublin and Ireland since this was his home town.

He indicated that there were three key points to be covered during the course of this meeting. These were: The finalization of the Registry implementation Specification; the finalization of the implementation plan and the progression of the UNCL migration.

2.2 Approval of agenda

The agenda as follows was approved:

Monday 2007-03-26 13:30 – 15:00 General

Welcome and opening remarks

Roll call of participants

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes of last meeting

Report on the D.06B UN/EDIFACT directory audit

Review of ICG website

Review of work programme

UN/ECE Recommendations

Final ICG approval for latest versions of:

Rec. 23 - Freight Cost Codes

Rec. 24 - Transport Status Codes

Rec. 28 - Transport Means Codes

Update of:

Rec. 20 – Units of measure

Monday 15:30 – 18h00

Report on the D.06B CCL directory audit

CCL Directory audit rule review

Directory versions

Tuesday 9:00 – 10h30 - UN/CEFACT Registry

Review of UN/CEFACT Registry V1.1 publication.

Tuesday 11:00 – 12:30 - UN/CEFACT Registry

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Registry versioning formalisation

Tuesday 13:30 – 15:00 - UN/CEFACT Registry

Review of implementation plan

Milestones

Tuesday 15:30 – 18:00 - UN/CEFACT Registry

Presentations of proof of concept tests (France, Taiwan, Korea, Canada)

Wednesday 9:00 – 10h30

UNCL migration work

Wednesday 11:00 – 12h30

UNCL migration work

Wednesday 13:30 – 15h00

UNCL migration work

Wednesday 15:30 – 18h00

Joint meeting with TBG17 (In TBG 17 room)

Thursday 9:00 – 10h30

FMG Workflow revision (internal ICG)

Thursday 11:00 – 12h30

Joint meeting schedule TMG

Thursday 13:30 – 15h00

Open meeting UN/CEFACT workflow, BRS and RSM

Thursday 15:30 – 18h00

ICG Resolutions

ICG closing plenary presentation preparation

Friday 09:00 – 10h30 Closing meeting

ICG Action list update

Review draft minutes

AOB

2.3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved after minor editorial changes.

2.4 Action list

M. Conroy presented the action list that were in the previous minutes and noted that there were some of the points that had not managed to be completed. This would put a strain on the work to be carried out during the course of the meeting.

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He also took the occasion to present the work program which was prepared for the UN/CEFACT Plenary as required by the new methodology recently put into place by UN/ECE in order to follow the work carried out by the groups. He noted that the only projects that ICG had currently were the Registry and the UNCL migration. These were over and above the recurring work of the code list maintenance and the audits.

2.5 Report on the D.06B UN/EDIFACT directory audit

M. Conroy reported that the production of the D.06B Edifact directory had been completed without too much effort. He presented the audit statistics and indicated that only two recommendations were developed for action by the ATG.

2.6 Report on the D.06B CCL directory audit

M. Conroy reported that this audit had taken an extremely long time in particular due to the introduction for the first time of the ABIEs. He also reminded everyone that this was only the second time that an audit had been carried out on core components. Consequently the ICG and TBG17 were covering new territory. He presented the twelve recommendations that had been made to TBG17 as a consequence of the audit. He underlined that some of the problems indicated had consequences on the conceptual implementation of the resulting schemas. He explained some of the more salient points. He indicated that a meeting with TBG17 had been organized for Wednesday to go over these recommendations.

He also indicated that a joint meeting with TBG17 and TBG6 had been organized for Tuesday to explain the issues that had arisen concerning the e-tendering project.

2.7 Report on the D.06B Schema audit

M. Conroy presented the problems encountered during the audit of the e-tendering and the Cross Industry Invoice (CII). He noted that the audit was not yet finished and that the focus had been turned to ensure that the CII schema was produced.

M. Conroy presented in particular the problems encountered with the e-tendering schemas and explained that these would cause implementation problems. He benefited from the presence of M. Enjo who had also worked on the e-tendering project. A long discussion took place on the for and against of the implementation choices. This helped in the preparation of the joint meeting with TBG17 and TBG6 since it brought to light more clearly the issues to be addressed.

M. Dobbing explained the particular case of the problems encountered concerning the use of the code lists and the qualified datatypes. He explained that ATG had developed code lists for the validation of some of the key UN/CEFACT or other organization code lists and that a large number of these were either using the incorrect version or were using incorrect codes.

M. Conroy explained that we were currently unable to completely audit these schemas since they did not currently comply with the NDR consequently they would be issued a temporary status called “candidate release”.

M. Dobbing recalled that one of our immediate tasks would be to finalise the validation of the CII schema before the end of the week. He explained that this meant that would ensure that the schema in question could be used.

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2.8 Review of the ICG Website

M. Dobbing explained that in view of the constraints in time it would be better for everyone to examine the new ICG website and if they had any comments to forward them to him by e-mail.

2.9 UN/ECE Recommendations

M. Dobbing passed in review the codes that had been requested for update in the following recommendations:

Rec. 20 – Units of measure

Rec. 23 - Freight Cost Codes

Rec. 24 - Transport Status Codes

Rec. 28 – Types of Means of Transport Codes

He presented the requested codes and after discussion they were approved.

2.10 Directory versions

M. Bourge led the discussion on directory versions and in particular in the context of the Registry. M. Yeh also gave his insights into the question. A discussion took place which was not completed before the end of the day.

The meeting broke up at 17h00.

3 Tuesday, 27th of March 2007

3.1 Continuation of Directory versions

A large part of the morning was spent in the continuation of the discussion on versioning. This discussion would be used to enable the versioning text currently in the Registry Specification to be finalized.

3.2 UN/CEFACT Registry specification finalization

M. Bourge presented all the changes that had been made as a consequence of the ODP 5 review. He also indicated some of the improvements that had been made during the specification revision.

M. Buchinski raised an issue concerning the use of the LID (Local identifier) in the Registry and questioned whether or not it was correctly being employed. After some discussion on the subject it was determined that the way it was employed in the registry was correct.

The finalisation of the text of the Registry specification went on during the course of the day.

3.3 Joint meeting with TBG17 and TBG6

M. Conroy reported that he had made a presentation to TBG6 concerning the issues that had been raised and in particular the use of 0 to unbounded. He felt that the implications of such a choice had been understood and in particular the necessity to either create specific qualified datatypes to cover the obligation to use one of the supplementary components or to change the structure. A discussion concerning the use of the binary object helped provide TBG6 with an understanding of the need to create a specific ABIE to handle such attachments.

To a question from the TBG6 convenor, M. Conroy explained what a “candidate release” meant.

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3.4 Registry versioning formalisation

M. Bourge took the lead in finalizing the formalization of versioning in the Registry. This concerned essentially formalizing with the help of the group the information from the previous discussion on the subject.

The Meeting broke up at 17:00.

4 Wednesday, 28th of March 2007

4.1 Finalisation of the Registry specification

The initial part of the morning was spent finalizing the Registry specification.

4.2 Review of the implementation plan

M. Conroy indicated that the implementation plan required that some additional text would be required in order to provide an indication of where the Registry fit into the UN/CEFACT Forum workflow. Since a discussion on the Registry specification text had focused for a while on the Registry areas, he suggested using this diagram as the way to provide an indication of where the Registry fit in. M. Yeh indicated that he had prepared a presentation on the subject and it was agreed that this would be given during the course of the day.

The area diagram was worked on and refined and a version indicating the work group interactions was developed.

M. Buchinski intervened to explain the requirements that were developing in relation to the establishment of business requirements for the capture of business process information in the Registry. He indicated that TBG14 had not yet concluded on the subject. A long discussion took place on the subject which ended up with the decision to wait for the requirements from TBG14.

4.3 Joint meeting with TBG17

M. Conroy gave a presentation to TBG17 which used as a basis for discussion the ICG audit report on the CCL. This led to a fruitful discussion between the two groups.

The meeting broke up at 17h00.

5 Thursday, 29th of March 2007

5.1 Presentation by M. Yeh

M. Yeh gave a very interesting presentation on the development carried out concerning the interface connectors required for the Registry. He explained in particular the development concerning the CC interface. Such an interface could be used for the Registry. He also gave an indication of information that could be introduced into the implementation plan.

Following his presentation it was agreed that he should finalise the development taking into consideration the D.06B CCL and the ICG would then try to standardize the interface.

5.2 Finalisation of the implementation plan

M. Bourge, M. Yeh and M. Lim finalized the work on the implementation plan.

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5.3 Proof of concept strategy

M. Bourge, M. Yeh and M. Lim revised the strategy concerning the proof of concept. In addition they discussed performance issues such as the use of slots.

5.4 Joint meeting with TMG

M. Stuhec introduced the motivation for the meeting by explaining that TMG were looking for a more formal template for the BRS which would cover all the requirements for the introduction of UMM. M. Conroy explained that the idea behind the BRS was to provide a more general coverage thus permitting the TBG groups to learn the use of modeling before moving to a complete set of UMM. He did not favour at this time the use of a formal template in the BRS requiring the full use of UMM. M. Dobbing concurred explaining that this would more than likely discourage the user population from moving to modeling.

After a long discussion it was agreed that a project from TBG13 would be used to introduce the full UMM requirements. This could then be used as an example for the other groups to aim at. M. Conroy also indicated that user groups, such as TBG6, were already using a more complete version of UMM in the BRS and he suggested that they also look at the work carried out concerning e-tendering. He felt that many groups were using UMM more or less but that there was still a problem of training that had to be resolved.

5.5 Forum workflow and the BRS/RSM

A open meeting took place led by the Forum vice chair, M. Grangard, concerning the Forum workflow and the use of the BRS and RSM. The meeting was very well attended. It went over all the remarks that had been submitted and also covered questions on the new version of the ODP and a proposal by the Bureau member M. Palmer concerning a more informative manner to depict the requirements placed upon the groups as a project passed through the different stages of the workflow. M. Dobbing also suggested that a document on project proposals that had originally been written for the FCT be reviewed.

M. Grangard and M. Dobbing will carry out the necessary amendments to the workflow document for review.

5.6 Finalisation of the implementation plan

The group finalized the work on the implementation plan.

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6 Friday, 30th of March 2007

6.1 UNCL migration work

Due to time constraints it was agreed to progress this work between Forum meetings and to present the findings at the next meeting. M. Conroy indicated that he would provide the group with the latest draft of the model.

6.2 Review of minutes.

The minutes were reviewed and agreed.

6.3 ICG action list update

1	XMI profile development	M. Conroy, E. Buchinski, S. Lim	Ongoing
2	UNCL migration	D. Dobbing	Ongoing
3	UN/CEFACT Registry	F Berthomieu, F. Bourge, Y. Yeh, I. Bedini, S. Lim, D. Dobbing, M. Conroy, E. Buchinski	Begin the formalization of the Registry connectors ensuring that their development was product independent. September 2007
4	Registry proof of concept plan	F. Bourge YM; Yeh, S. Lim E. Buchinski	Finalisation for September 2007
5	Registry proof of concept	F. Bourge YM; Yeh, S. Lim E. Buchinski	Test completion March 2007
6	EDIFACT D.07A directory audit (1 st of June to 30 th of June 2007)	M. Conroy A. Dechamps	Release for July 2007
7	CCL and schema directory audit	M. Conroy D. Dobbing	Release for July 2007

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		YM Yeh S. Lim F. Bourge I. Bedini	
8	Recommendation 20, 23 updates and ODP	D. Dobbing	July 2007
9	worked example for RSM	D. Dobbing	Preparation for next meeting

6.4 Closing presentation preparation

The closing plenary presentation was reviewed and agreed.

7 AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting closed at 10:30.