



## 41<sup>st</sup> AFACT Mid-Term Meeting Report

### 11 July 2023 Attendees

Country	Name	Organization	Position in AFACT	Participation
Australia	Ian Watt	NeXTRADE World Pty. Ltd.		Online
Bangladesh	Pabitra Mistry			Online
Chinese Taipei	Cheng-Hong Cho	III	HoD Chinese Taipei	Physical
Chinese Taipei	Vivian Huang	III	General Secretary of AFACT Permanent Secretariat	Physical
Chinese Taipei	Wendy Yang	III	Staff of AFACT Permanent Secretariat	Physical
Chinese Taipei	Tracy Lin	III		Physical
Chinese Taipei	Jen-Ran Chen	DTA		Physical
Chinese Taipei	Long Chan	III		Physical
Chinese Taipei	Anthony Chien	CDRI	Deputy General Secretary / TT&L WG Chair	Physical
Chinese Taipei	John Ning	III	AFACT Liaison (ISO/TC154)	Online
Chinese Taipei	Louis Chen	III	Staff of AFACT Permanent Secretariat	Online
Chinese Taipei	Joanna Wang	III	Staff of AFACT Permanent Secretariat	Online
Chinese Taipei	Blaire Yu	III	Staff of AFACT Permanent Secretariat	Online
Chinese Taipei	Chia-Kai Liu	DSP		Online
Chinese Taipei	Alicia Say	Trade-Van Information Services Co.		Online
Chinese Taipei	Eric Wang	III		Online
Chinese Taipei	Jeff Kao	III		Online
Chinese Taipei	Dora Yen	YC Holdings Inc.		Online
Chinese Taipei	Jose Cheng	III		Online
Chinese Taipei	Min-Lun Hsu	Transportation Bureau, Kaohsiung City Government		Online
Japan	Hisanao Sugamata	SIPS	TMC Chair	Physical
Japan	Kokichi Watanabe	JASTPRO		Physical
Japan	Daizo Kiyotomo	JASTPRO	Acting HoD Japan	Physical
Japan	Masayoshi Toku	JASTPRO		Physical
Japan	Scarlett Ho	JASTPRO		Physical
Japan	Chiho Okuyama	JASTPRO		Physical
Japan	Akio Suzuki	JTREC		Online
Japan	Kazuyoshi Itagaki	JTREC		Online
Singapore	Sin-Yong Loh	Infocomm Media Development Authority		Online
South Korea	Yong-Kon Lee	Polytechnic University		Online
South Korea	Wonkyung Woo	KISA		Online
Thailand	Thong Tangsririkul	Digital Councils in Thailand		Online



## Agenda of 41<sup>st</sup> AFACT Mid-term Meeting on 11 July 2023

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<b>1</b> Roll Call	
<b>2</b> Opening remarks	Dr. Cheng-Hong Cho
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<b>5</b> Steering Committee	
➤ Bylaw Revision	Mr. M. Toku
➤ 2024 Host Country	Mr. H. Sugamata
<b>6</b> Secretariat's Report	
➤ Introductory Statement & Schedule (Plenary and eAsia Awards)	Ms. V. Huang
➤ AFACT Homepage	Ms. W. Yang
➤ eAsia Awards Manual and Plan	Ms. W. Yang
➤ National Contact Points Review	Ms. W. Yang
<b>7</b> UN/CEFACT 40 <sup>th</sup> Forum Feedback	
➤ Trade Finance	Mr. H. Sugamata
➤ New Projects	Mr. M. Toku
➤ TTL New Projects	Mr. A. Chien
<b>8</b> UN/CEFACT SWAM (Single Window Assessment Method) and Regional SW	Mr. K. Watanabe
<b>9</b> Committee & WG	
9.1 BDC (Business Domain Committee)	
9.1.1 Trade Facilitation WG: Data Pipeline Study Project	Mr. H. Sugamata
9.1.2 Travel & Tourism, Leisure Progress Report	Mr. A. Chien
9.1.3 Sustainable Development & Circular Economy WG	Ms. V. Huang (Section Host)
➤ Carbon Footprint Verification & Tax Project	Mr. J. Kao, Ms. D. Yen
➤ Agriculture ESG Project	Mr. J. Cheng
➤ MaaS Project	Mr. M. Hsu
9.2 TMC (Technology and Methodology Committee)	
➤ TC154	Mr. H. Sugamata
<b>10</b> Announcement of Upcoming Events	Mr. D. Kiyotomo
➤ 41st UN/CEFACT Forum, Bangkok, 2-6 Oct. 2023	
➤ 29th UN/CEFACT Plenary Session, Geneva, 9-10 Nov. 2023	
➤ 42nd ISO TC154 Plenary meeting, Hong Kong, 24-27 Oct. 2023	
<b>11</b> Any other business	



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Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action
Opening Remarks	Dr. Cheng-Hong Cho thanked member states of AFACT for joining the AFACT International Forum held in Chinese Taipei this March, and expressed his appreciations towards member states' for their support on establishing the Sustainable Development & Circular Economy Working Group. He believed that as a regional apex organization promoting trade facilitation and electronic businesses, AFACT should take the lead in elaborating on topics related to sustainable development and providing necessary advice and assistance to guide industries on their transformation in line with the latest global trends.	For Info.
Agenda Approval	Explanation of Agenda items of 41 <sup>st</sup> Mid-term meeting by Mr. Kiyotomo. (Refer to ANNEX 3)	Approved.
Previous meeting minutes Review	Minutes of 40 <sup>th</sup> AFACT Plenary meeting review by Mr. Kiyotomo. (Refer to ANNEX 4)	Approved.
Steering Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bylaw Revision was introduced by Mr. Toku. Amendments made in 2018 was not reflected in 2021. (Refer to ANNEX 5.1)</li> <li>2. The discussion for Potential candidate for 2024 AFACT meeting host was led by Mr. H. Sugamata. Singapore and South Korea showed interest and requested for further information. (Refer to ANNEX 5.2)</li> </ol>	For info and discussion.
Secretariat's Report	<p>Ms. Huang and Ms. Yang presented the secretariat's report, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming schedule for Plenary meeting and eAsia Award ceremony</li> <li>- Past activities organized and participated by Chinese Taipei</li> <li>- Updated version of AFACT homepage</li> <li>- eAsia Awards 2023 details</li> <li>- Review of national contact points</li> </ul> <p>(Refer to ANNEX 6)</p>	For Info.
UN/CEFACT 40 <sup>th</sup> Forum feedback	<p>Reported by Mr. Sugamata, Mr. Toku and Mr. Chien regarding the below projects in CEFACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trade Finance (Refer to ANNEX 7.1)</li> <li>- Buy/Ship/Pay Data Exchange Structures for Trade Finance Facilitation</li> </ul>	For Info.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Critical Minerals Traceability and Sustainability</li> <li>- Geofencing Facilities</li> <li>- Methodology to Subset RDM Messages</li> <li>- Transparency at Scale: Digital for Trust, Resilience, and Sustainability – Verifiable Credentials in Supply Chains (For the above projects, refer to ANNEX 7.2)</li> <li>- Business Standards for Sustainable Tourism</li> <li>- API Transformation of Eps Technical Artefacts with Sustainability Claims</li> <li>- Travel Agency and DMC &amp; DMO Package Tour Project (For the above projects, refer to ANNEX 7.3)</li> </ul>	
UN/CEFACT SWAM (Single Window Assessment Method) and Regional SW	<p>Reported by Mr. Watanabe regarding mainly the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current issues of Single Window</li> <li>- Assessment methodology for Single Window (Refer to ANNEX 8)</li> </ul>	For Info.
Committee & WG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BDC (Business Domain Committee) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Trade Facilitation WG: Data Pipeline Project <p>Mr. Sugamata explained the concept of data pipeline and its application in trade facilitation, and presented the project schedule (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.1).</p> </li> <li>1.2 Travel &amp; Tourism, Leisure Progress Report <p>Mr. Chien presented three projects within the working group, respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business Standards for Sustainable Tourism</li> <li>- API Transformation of Eps Technical Artefacts with Sustainability Claims</li> <li>- Travel Agency and DMC &amp; DMO Package Tour Project (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>1.3 Sustainable Development &amp; Circular Economy WG Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carbon Footprint Verification &amp; Tax Project <p>Mr. Kao presented Digital Trust Decarbonization Platform project which aims to provide a trustworthy, secure and transparent data ecosystem that enables the exchange of carbon verification data. (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.3.1 (1) )</p> </li> <li>- Ms. Yen presented AI Carbon Risk Management System developed by YC Holdings which is a carbon</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	For info.



	<p>calculation and report generation solution. (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.3.1 (2) )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriculture ESG Project <p>Mr. Cheng presented Agriculture ESG Digital Platform project developed with two private sectors, in which the platform combines with GRI13 standard. Thus they were seeking collaboration with AFACT members to construct Agricultural Sustainable Digital Ecosystem &amp; Standard under the said standard. (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.3.2)</p> </li> <li>- MaaS Project <p>Mr. Hsu presented MeN-Go as a facilitation in MaaS global cooperation in Kaohsiung. Men-Go is an integration of multiple transportation system in the form of phone application, provides one-stop solution for passengers, and measures carbon emission reduction in user’s travel. It also collaborates with a Japanese railway company and Japanese airline company for sharing experience, service and membership. (Refer to ANNEX 9.1.3.3)</p> </li> </ul> <p>2. TMC (Technology and Methodology Committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ISO TC154 <p>Mr. Sugamata introduced ISO TC154, in terms of its working groups, projects, and its upcoming Plenary meeting in October. (Refer to ANNEX 9.2)</p> </li> </ul>	
<p>Announcement of Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Mr. Kiyotomo announced the below events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 41st UN/CEFACT Forum, Bangkok, 2-6 Oct. 2023</li> <li>- 29th UN/CEFACT Plenary Session, Geneva, 9-10 Nov. 2023</li> <li>- 42nd ISO TC154 Plenary meeting, Hong Kong, 24-27 Oct. 2023</li> </ul>	<p>For Info.</p>
<p>Any other business</p>	<p>Mr. Watt expressed his impression in the projects being presented, and shared his positive view on matching up pipelines and data supply chain.</p>	

(Q) Mr. Sugamata: Is there any update for Chinese Taipei’s Sports Data project?

(A) Ms. Huang: It is still under process. We are currently conducting the Sports Data platform, but the standard is still under formulation. We see it important to comply, or cooperate, or follow the international standard, so now we are looking for relevant international firms or



institutes for help in ensuring privacy and security during data collection.

**Q&A**