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Meeting summary for UNTP Adoption Group - Morning CET Meeting (07/10/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting introduced participants from various backgrounds in circular economy, digital product passports, and standards, discussing their work and interests in these areas. The group explored the UN/CEFACT Adoption Group's operations, including the use of GitHub for tracking issues and the process for non-registered experts to join. Discussions also covered resource allocation, volunteer efforts, and funding for the UNTP adoption effort, as well as the need for developing a conformity testing framework and tailoring the approach to different countries and industries.

Next steps

- Michael to send out the updated work package groupings document to the mailing list.
- All participants to join the Adoption Working Group Slack channel if not already members.
- All participants to review the work package groupings and express interest in specific areas to Michael or via the Slack channel.
- Matthias to continue fundraising efforts to support UNTP development and uptake.
- Adoption Working Group to consider developing a piloting methodology for UNTP extensions.
- Adoption Working Group to explore creating a register of pilots and a space to share findings.
- UNTP team to develop a standardized test suite for conformance to UNTP.
- Virginia to correct the spelling of "assessment" on the UNTP website.
- Adoption Working Group to develop strategies for bridging existing DPP implementers with UNTP.
- All participants not registered as UNCEFACT experts to complete the registration process.

Summary

Circular Economy Cost-Benefit Analysis

The meeting introduced Viola, who explained her work with the Right Group, focusing on cost-benefit analysis and minimal viable ecosystems for circular economy products. Viola detailed an ongoing European Horizon project on recovering neodymium magnets, highlighting the need to consider economic feasibility and various stakeholders. She mentioned cooperation with a university on DPP implementation and noted her involvement in an Austrian digital product passport project but clarified she is not directly involved in any lighthouse projects in Surpass. Technical difficulties with audio were experienced, but the meeting continued after resolving the issues.

UN/CEFACT Working Group Meeting

The meeting was the second call for a working group, with Michael Shea, the chair, welcoming attendees and emphasizing the importance of adhering to UN/CEFACT regulations, particularly for contributors. Michael requested official language guidelines from Zach or Matthias to ensure consistency. The group discussed the lack of new participants and planned to introduce themselves and share their areas of interest to align with work packages. Michael also mentioned assigning a task

items into work packages and planned to provide updates on the plenary and extenders meeting, which Matthias and Zach attended.

Circular Economy and Digital Passports

The meeting introduced several participants with backgrounds in built environment, circular economy, and digital product passports. Alex discussed his experience in conformity assessment and upcoming role at UCAS, while Adrienna shared her expertise in Asian food regulations and transition to circular economy, focusing on material passports. Viola highlighted her work on circular economy projects, particularly in the furniture industry, and emphasized the need for economic motivation in data gathering for digital product passports. Matthias represented UN/CEFACT and discussed their efforts to develop a framework for onboarding new extension owners in sectors like construction and agriculture, with plans to expand into critical raw materials.

Digital Trust and Standards Collaboration

The meeting introduced several participants who shared their backgrounds and interests in digital trust, blockchain, supply chain, and standards related to item identifiers and digital product passports. Eric Drury, an independent advisor based in France and the UK, discussed his work in digital identity and supply chain projects, particularly in gemstone production, and his interest in leveraging EU and UNTP technologies for adoption in the UK. Christophe, an independent consultant in France, highlighted his experience in preparing training materials and tutorials to promote the adoption of UNTP. Lucia, from the style industry, expressed her interest in sustainability and digital projects, while Albertus, based in Brisbane and Germany, focused on standards for vehicle license plates and item identifiers, including digital signatures. Virginia, based in Barcelona and Geneva, emphasized her work with UNCE and UNCTAD on electronic business standards, particularly virtual credentials for economic development and inclusive implementation of DPPs.

UN/CEFACT Adoption Group Operations

The meeting focused on the UN/CEFACT Adoption Group's operations and processes. Michael explained the group's use of GitHub for tracking issues and changes, noting that many members may not be GitHub experts. He outlined the group's roles, with himself as group lead and Zach as technical editor. Matthias described the process for non-registered experts to join the group, which involves submitting personal information for endorsement by their country's delegation in Geneva. The group discussed the need for feedback on the terms of reference, which Michael had already made some edits to since the last call. The conversation ended with Alex volunteering to ask high-level questions about the terms of reference.

Volunteer Efforts in Standards Adoption

The group discussed resource allocation and volunteer efforts in supporting standards processes, with Michael noting that while there are some industry representatives who can dedicate time, it remains a voluntary effort. Adrienna provided insights on the Asian context, explaining that adoption of DPPs would vary significantly between countries like Singapore and Malaysia, and emphasized the importance of tailoring the sales pitch to each country's specific industry sectors and economic interests. The discussion highlighted challenges in building a business case without economists in the group, and Adrienna suggested focusing on industry-specific benefits rather than presenting it as an administrative burden.

UNTP Adoption Resources and Funding

The group discussed resources and funding for the UNTP adoption effort, with Matthias explaining that while some tasks can be supported by volunteers, additional funding from the European Commission project (running until 2028) is available for pilots and consultant support. Eric suggested getting representatives from existing pilots to share their experiences and main points to help formulate a

representatives from existing pilots to share their experiences and pain points to help formulate a stronger narrative, which Michael confirmed was possible through the community activation program. The group also discussed the need to develop a conformity testing framework for UNTP compliance, with Michael mentioning plans for a standardized test suite similar to OpenID certification.

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