

AFACT activities and Cooperation with UNESCAP

AFACT 2013 Chairman
Dr. Nguyen Manh Quyen



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Asia Pacific Council for
Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business





Introduction to AFACT

AFACT is the Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business. It's a non-profit, Non-governmental organization that is open to participation from the representatives of member countries and experts from private sectors within the Asia-Pacific region.

The forerunner of AFACT was ASEB (Asia EDIFACT Board) established in 1990 in response to disseminate EDIFACT (Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport) policies and activities in the Asia-Pacific region. After 8 years' contribution to facilitate international transaction within the region, through the simplification and harmonization of procedures and information flows





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Hoi An Information



Hoi An map

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Hoi An - The Ancient Town

Hoi An is a city on the coast of the South China Sea in the South Central Coast of Vietnam ...

Venue

Video

<http://afact2013.vecita.gov.vn/>

AFACT StC Members in 2013



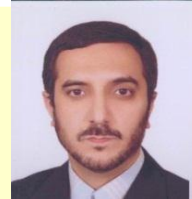
Dr. NGUYEN MANH QUYEN
AFACT Chair
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Wanawit Ahkuputra
AFACT Vice Chair
Thailand



Dr. Mahmood Zargar
AFACT General Secretary
Iran



Dr. Jafar Mahmoodi
HoD & AFACT Vice Chair
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Nominee for UN/CEFACT
Rapporteur for Asia and Pacific -
Elected HoD
Japan



Hisanao Sugamata
Chairman of Technology and
Methodology Committee
Japan



Dr. Reng Weng Gong
Elected HoD
Chinese Taipei



Dr. Eva Yueh
Chairman of community Support
Committee
Chinese Taipei



Seok-Koo Ji
Elected HoD
Korea



Mrs. Jasmine Jang
Chairman of Business Domain
Committee
Korea



Tahseen Ahmed Khan
UN/CEFACT Vice Chair

2013 AFACT Committee Chairs



Dr. Jasmine Jang
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Korea



Mr. Hisanao Sugamata
Technology and Methodology Committee
Japan



Dr. Eva Yueh
Committee Support Committee
Chinese Taipei

Members



AFACT Registration as an NGO

<http://csonet.org/?menu=83>

AFACT started its registration in ECOSOC as an NGO for consultative status. All organizations that apply for registration in ECOSOC should attest that it has been in existence for at least two years as at the date of receipt of the application by the Secretariat and should provide a copy of the registration paper.



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2012 YEAR BOOK

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YEAR BOOK

Annual publication: Structure of AFACT Year Book

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☐ Section III - e-Readiness and e-Application - eGovernment/ eBusiness Related Project Updates

☐ Section IV - Other advanced applications - IT - enabled Service (ITeS)

Hosting Members Update

Hosting Year	Hosting Member
2013 (eASIA Award)	Viet Nam Mid-term meeting: Quang Nam Hoi An Viet Nam , 9-10 May 2013 Plenary meeting: Ho ChiMinh City, 27-29 Nov 2013
2014	Thailand
2015 (eASIA Award)	TBC



Meetings

AFAC organizes a Mid-Term and Plenary Meetings in each year.



2012 Mid - Term Meeting - KISH Island - I. R. Iran



2011 Plenary Meetings - Taipei- Chinese Taipei



2011 Mid - Term Meetings - Kaohsiung - Chinese Taipei

The 2011 meetings and eAsia Awards were held in Chinese Taipei.

eASIA Awards Event

The eASIA Awards is a biennial event. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the great efforts made within AFAC community and to encourage experience sharing under the following four categories:

- Trade Facilitation
- Electronic Business in the Public Sector
- Electronic Business in the Private Sector
- Bridging Digital Divide
- Special Honorary



2011 eAsia Awards - chinese Taipei

Future Meetings

The 2013 AFAC meetings will be held in Vietnam. More information will be uploaded later on AFAC website (<http://www.afac.org>).

EDICOM

EDICOM is the annual international conference and exhibition of AFAC. It features the latest technology and information.



2011 Edicom Conference - Chinese Taipei

Relationship between AFAC and UN/CEFACT

Asia Pacific delegations to UN/CEFACT provide a strong link between AFAC and UN/CEFACT. The UN/CEFACT Rapporteur for Asia and Pacific provides another significant linkage. The Rapporteur is appointed by the Plenary of UN/CEFACT on the recommendation of the AFAC Plenary.

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UNTDDED – ISO7372

Trade Data Elements Directory (TDED)
Maintenance Agency (MA)

Dr Jyh-Sheng Ke
Chairman, 2011 AFACT
AFACT Secretariat
Teheran, Iran
<mailto:secretariat@afact.org>

Lausanne, 2012-10-27

Dear Dr Ke,

AFACT (Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business) has sent to us, dated 2011-11-07, an application for full membership of our UNTDDED – ISO 7372 Maintenance Agency, in short: TDED MA. With our document TDED 069 and Addendum 1 ^a, we have, the same month, acknowledged receipt of your application, and welcomed the active participation of the AFACT experts to our work. We have also explained that this AFACT application for full membership would be addressed with a Resolution to be taken at our next, face to face Plenary meeting.

This TDED MA Plenary meeting took place earlier this month, on the 2012-10-11, in Concord, CA, US. Ms Mei-Li Chen was your AFACT delegation HoD, and Mr Kenji Itoh, Japan and Dr Jasmine Jang, Korea, were also present. I am very pleased to formally announce to you that the TDED MA, with its *Resolution 20*, has unanimously and warmly accepted and welcomed your application, whose comprehensiveness has been greatly appreciated (see our document TDED 082 ^b).

Resolution 20 (Approved)

The TDED MA formally adopts the AFACT application for full membership of the MA, and welcomes our new member.

We very much look forward to your participation and your active help in supporting the two-ways communication between your Council and our Agency. May I also confirm that I will go on doing my best to facilitate participation of your experts to the work of our Agency and its members.

Sincerely yours,

F. Vuilleumier
TDED MA Secretary



DATE
2012-06-21

REFERENCE NUMBER
ISO/TC 154/N 672

SUPERSEDES DOCUMENT
N/A

ISO/TC 154 - Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration

Title **Result of Resolution 003-2012: Liaison request from AFACT**

Source **Secretariat**

Project **N/A**

Note(s) **The resolution is approved**

Invitation to AFACT StC Membership

- ❖ **ESCAP** received official invitation from the AFACT 2013 Chairman
- ❖ Official response was issue with the expression gratitude from the Director, Trade and Investment Division of the ESCAP
- ❖ Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit of the Trade and Investment Division was nominated to the membership
- ❖ Primary modality for ESCAP participation and contribution would be virtual (tele-conference, video-conference, etc), taking full advantage of ICT application



ESCAP Advisory Services on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as part of its long-standing programme on trade facilitation technical assistance, provides advisory services to developing countries in the region, with a special focus on least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), and small island developing states (SIDSs). Advisory services are provided in collaboration with the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific (<http://www.unescap.org/unnext/>).

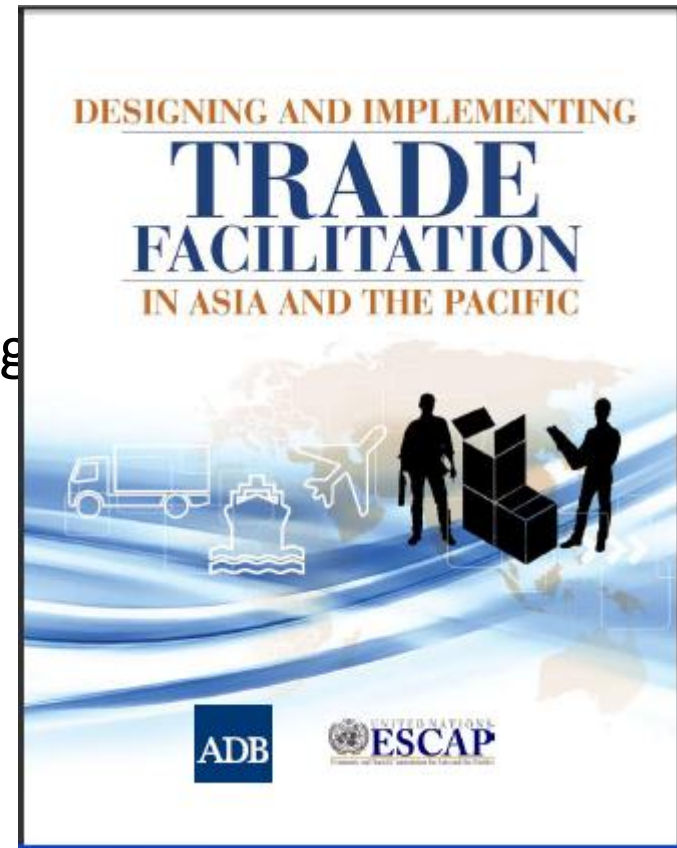
The services consist in providing highly qualified/expert human resources to support Governments to implement trade facilitation and paperless trade (TF/PT) programmes and projects. The advisory services would include feasibility studies for TF/PT projects, identifying alternative ways/options to address a specific trade facilitation issue, or implementing an on-going TF/PT programme or project, including provision of independent advice or review of progress made.

Example of possible advisory services:

- National single window master plan development or/and review
- Strengthening of institutional mechanisms for inter-agency and public-private sector collaboration for trade facilitation
- Legal/Technical/Human resource gap analysis related to the implementation of specific trade facilitation measures
- In-country training on business process analysis, data harmonization, electronic message design, ICT Application (E-Commerce), development of aligned set of national trade documents, and other trade facilitation measures
- Assessment of capacity building and technical assistance needs (e.g., in relation to the draft WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation)
- Preparation of a national trade facilitation action plan / project (for submission to donors)
- Review of on-going trade facilitation programme or activities
- Awareness building activities and briefing for senior officials on best practices/experiences of implementation of specific trade facilitation measures (e.g. on standards, logistics, trade finance)
- Others...

UNESCAP support and cooperation: current and future

- Organized joint events
 - Integration experts networks
 - Capacity building and trainings
 - UN Publications and information sharing
- such as
- Website
 - Databases
 - Recommendations
 - Guidelines
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Regional Preparatory Meeting for
the Sixth Asian and Pacific
Population Conference

8 May 2013 to 10 May 2013
Bangkok, Thailand

Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Regional Connectivity through Trade and Investment: Towards Regional Arrangements for the Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade

Date: 13 Mar 2013 to 14 Mar 2013

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Event URL: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/regconnect.asp>



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30-31 October 2012
Colombo, Sri Lanka



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (APTFF) 2012

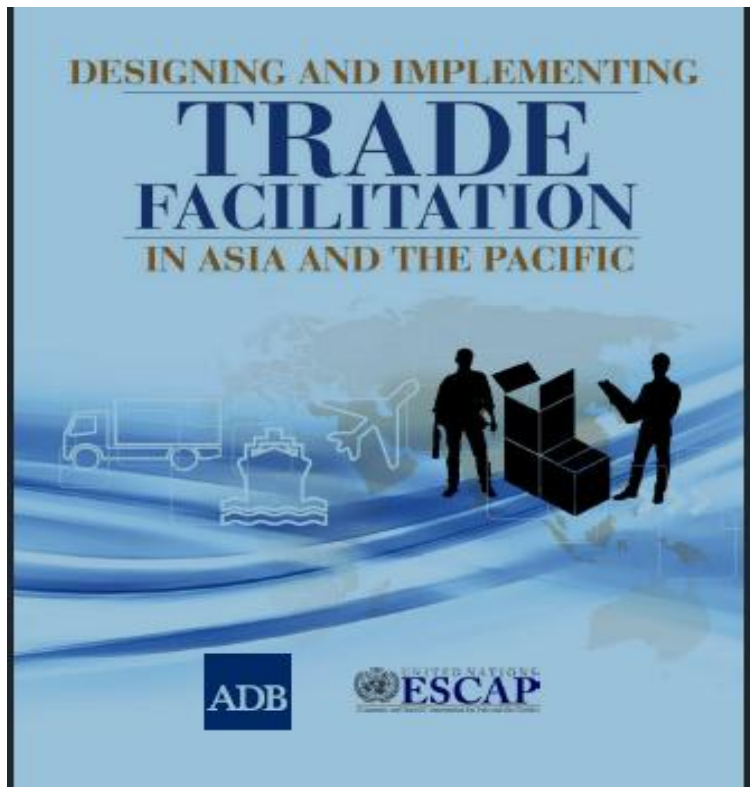
*"Enhancing public-private collaboration for trade facilitation, paperless trade
and cross-border connectivity"*



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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation
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Recommendation and Guidelines on establishing a Single Window

*to enhance the efficient exchange of information
between trade and government*

Recommendation No. 33



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