UNTP Adoption Group - Morning CET Meeting

Quick recap

The meeting began with Matthias explaining the group's structure and updates on various work packages, including communications and impact assessment efforts. The group discussed several initiatives related to UN partnerships and textile standards, including potential collaborations with various UN entities and the need for clear communication about UNTP specifications. The conversation ended with introductions to new team members and discussions about aligning messaging across different groups, while noting the absence of several key working group leads.

Next steps

- 📑 Alison: Work with Harley on adopting UNTP specifications for the textile sector
- 📑 UNECE_Matthias: Connect Alison with Letizia Montero from UNEP regarding circular textiles work
- 📑 UNECE_Matthias: Share Letizia Montero's email in the chat for Alison
- 📑 Alison: Meet with someone from the impact assessment group to discuss challenges and reporting aspects for the textile pilot
- 📑 Peter: Review the Q&A document on the specifications website and provide questions that are commonly asked about UNTP
- 📑 Peter: Consider participating in the communications subgroup led by Ariana

Summary

Group Progress and Volunteer Opportunities

The meeting began with Matthias explaining that he was not the group leader and waiting for Michael or Zach to join, as they were absent due to time zone differences. Alison joined the meeting while en route from another event and agreed to stay quiet. Peter, who had been absent for many weeks, expressed his eagerness to catch up and potentially volunteer for work packages. Matthias provided updates on the group's progress, highlighting Adiana's active work in communications and training, as

well as initial efforts on a global impact assessment for the UNTP. He noted that some work packages were still dormant and offered opportunities for involvement.

Australian Textiles Impact Assessment Discussion

Alison suggested nominating a project related to Australian violence against textiles, and proposed meeting with someone from impact assessment to identify potential challenges and reporting issues.

Adapting UNTP for Textile Sector

UNECE_Matthias recommended working with Harley to adapt UNTP digital product passport specifications for the textile sector, as he is closest to real application use cases. Alison inquired about UN ECE's connection to UN Partnerships, which Matthias clarified is not an official UN entity, though there is a UN Office for Partnerships. Alison mentioned her work in India and Brazil, and expressed interest in connecting with the UN textile initiative for a feasibility study.

UNEP's Role in Circular Textiles

The group discussed the United Nations' involvement in circular textiles, with UNECE_Matthias mentioning UNEP's active role and introducing Laetitia Montero, who works in this area. Alison expressed interest in connecting with Laetitia and received her email address through the chat. The group also mentioned Alice Paisley Carruthers' presentation of her textile platform to Yale University, which was well received. UNECE_Matthias noted that the group currently lacks a meeting lead, with Michael Shea absent and Zach unable to attend due to time zone differences.

Advancing Recommendation 49 Awareness

The group discussed the progress of intergovernmental communication regarding Recommendation 49 and UNTP, noting low awareness among Australian government agencies. Peter inquired about useful assets, such as PowerPoint presentations or storytelling tools, to aid in driving this initiative forward. Matthias mentioned a general presentation on the GitLab specifications website and a recently developed question-and-answers document related to the group's work. Both resources were shared for Peter's reference, and Matthias encouraged the group to contribute questions to further develop the Q&A document.

UNTP Communication Strategy Review

The group discussed the need for clear and accessible communication about the

UNTP, particularly in preparation for its public review and potential approval as an international standard. UNECE_Matthias emphasized the importance of making technical information understandable to non-experts, while Virginia suggested that Peter might contribute to the communications subgroup led by Ariana, which meets every two weeks. The team acknowledged that while improvements have been made to the specifications website, more work is needed to ensure effective communication with both technical and non-technical audiences.

Communications Integration and UN Alignment

The meeting focused on introducing Emmanuela, who works on communications for the Secretariat, and discussing the integration of communications work between the Secretariat and the Adoption group. Virginia and UNECE_Matthias emphasized the importance of aligning messaging and respecting UN guidelines when discussing UN standards or CFACT activities. The group agreed to keep other points for the next meeting and closed the session in the absence of the working group leads.