

UNTP Adoption WG Evening CET Meeting



Meeting summary - Thursday Sep 18, 20:57-22:00



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Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on UNTP adoption discussions with potential partners including Mishla and Michelin, along with discussions about extension registration processes and implementation guidelines. The team reviewed training materials development approaches targeting different business roles and discussed organizational dynamics in vertically integrated businesses. Work package coordination and validation processes were addressed, with plans to improve structure and documentation for future implementation efforts.

Next steps

-  [Michael to prepare and share a proposal document for Michelin regarding UNTP adoption process by Monday.](#)
-  [Michael to set up a separate call with Michelin to explore UNTP implementation similar to the supply chain group approach.](#)
-  [Zachary to complete pending pull requests for adoption in GitLab.](#)
-  [Zachary to create a pull request to add supply side articulation to UNTP documentation.](#)
-  [Michael to designate coordinators for each work package to get them started.](#)
-  [Adrienna to initiate calls for the three work packages she signed up for.](#)
-  [Bart to work on the first draft for the value assessment framework based on Google Drive documents.](#)
-  [Bart to validate the two open issues for the implementation register and document process improvement suggestions as GitLab issues.](#)
-  [Zachary to forward UNECE response to NIST paper to Michael.](#)
-  [Implementer's Working Group to define a validation process for UNTP implementers.](#)

Summary

UNTP Meeting Time Adjustment

The meeting began with participants exchanging greetings and discussing time zone differences. Michael noted that the group meeting was moved to an hour earlier, which Zachary confirmed. The agenda included UNTP updates, but no new introductions were necessary as everyone was familiar with each other. The meeting was set to start, and Michael planned to share the agenda.

Mishla's UNTP Value Chain Exploration

Michael discussed the FAQ document shared by Steve and Matthias, which will be reviewed in detail in a few weeks. He also shared updates about a conversation with Claire Fioratti from Mishla, who is interested in exploring UNTP for two parts of their value chain. Michael and Claire plan to set up regular calls to build the case for UNTP internally at Mishla, with Michael committing to send a proposal to Claire early next week. Zachary inquired about Claire's role, and Michael clarified that she is the Head of Standards at Mishla, leading their Surpass 2 project.

Michelin's UNTP Implementation Strategy

The group discussed Michelin's potential adoption of UNTP standards, focusing on their role as a buyer of rubber and recycled materials. They explored how Michelin's vertical integration and industry-specific needs might influence their approach to implementing UNTP, particularly in tire recycling and supply chain operations. The conversation highlighted the importance of understanding the differences between buy-side and supply-side implementations, and the need to articulate both perspectives in UNTP documentation. They also discussed an ongoing extension collaboration with RBA and BMW, which could provide a model for Michelin's potential involvement in auto manufacturing supply chains.

UNTP Extension Registration Clarification

Bart discussed the process of creating and registering extensions in the UNTP ecosystem, asking if extensions must be registered in a central registry if their context is publicly available. Zachary and Michael clarified that while UNTP-recognized extensions have specific requirements like public availability and non-interference with interoperability, anyone can create and use extensions outside the formal recognition process. They emphasized that the licensing framework is designed to enable extension and adaptation for business purposes, with formal recognition focusing more on complexity and scale rather than strict requirements.

Digital Proof of Origin Review

The team discussed scheduling a call, with Michael suggesting a morning time slot to

accommodate participants from Australia, though this might be challenging for UN and Canadian participants. They reviewed a 147-page Digital Proof of Origin Implementation guide from SCAP, which is open for review until October 3rd, with Michael offering to consolidate comments for Matthias to pass through to SCAP. Zachary mentioned UNECE's response to a NIST paper on supply chain traceability, which he will share with Michael, and reported progress on GitLab, including the implementation of a permanent URL and ongoing work on adoption and pull requests. Bart confirmed having access to GitLab and Google Drive, and announced he would start working on the value assessment framework draft.

UNTP Training for Business Executives

The group discussed training and guidance materials for UNTP adoption, focusing on targeting business executives rather than technical audiences. Zachary outlined eight key roles involved in UNTP adoption, including buyers, regulators, and scheme owners, emphasizing the need for different approaches based on these roles. The team agreed to start with generic, high-level training materials before developing more specific versions, using a five-level maturity model to guide content complexity. Adrienna highlighted the importance of addressing organizational interoperability in all training materials.

Integrating Business Units for Efficiency

The discussion focused on organizational dynamics and product development in vertically integrated businesses, with Zachary explaining how Michelin and Lehigh operate as separate business units despite being integrated. He shared two key stories for suppliers: making it easier for buyers to select high-quality products, and creating operational consistency across teams to efficiently demonstrate product value. Michael and Adrienna contributed to the discussion about procurement and sales interactions, while Zachary emphasized the importance of recognizing these patterns in integrated business structures.

Work Package Coordination and Issues

The team discussed the status of work packages, with Adrienna noting that none had started despite team members being signed up. Michael announced he would designate a coordinator for each work package to help structure the self-organizing teams, as the previous approach was unsuccessful. Bart raised two open issues regarding the implementation register, and Zachary confirmed he planned to address these by creating pull requests later that day.

UNTP Compliance Validation Discussion

The group discussed the validation process for UNTP compliance, with Zachary explaining that currently there's an intent-to-implement commitment with a focus on software product pages rather than consulting services. Bart raised concerns about the lack of a clear

validation process, and Zachary suggested that the implementer's working group should define and assign ownership of validation tasks, while Michael recommended Bart document any issues he encounters during validation for future improvements. The conversation ended with Michael confirming that the group would maintain its current Thursday meeting schedule, with both morning and late calls to accommodate different time zones.