UBL TC Meeting (Closing Plenary)

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Closing SC reports

- NDRSC (Mark Crawford)

- LCSC (Tim McGrath)

- TTSC (Gunther Stuhec)

- FPSC (G. Ken Holman)

- CSC (Mark Crawford)

- ASC (Jon Bosak)

- UN/CEFACT Negotiating Team (Jon Bosak)

- LSC (Jon Bosak)

- SODSC (Lisa Seaburg)

[Copies of the SC reports, when provided, will be found on the respective subcommittee pages.]

ASC (administrative)

- We have recently pruned the TC voting membership and will do so again after this meeting

- It appears that we need to have some regular meetings of the code list team in order to work out the adjunct schema proposal

  - Meeting schedule: 8 a.m. Thursdays starting 14 August

  - Use LC mail list, mark messages with [code] slug

  - We will invite other members of the TC to participate and then formally constitute the team

- The LCSC QA/packaging team will start meeting again (Fridays at the usual time: 8 a.m. California time starting 15 August)

- Post-beta-release:

  - LC will process implementer input and issue patches

  - Anne Hendry will capture answers and write a FAQ

UBL status

1. Naming and Design Rules
   - Near completion; we are reordering and restructuring the NDR document for accuracy, readability, and consistency
   - Release as candidate UBL TC committee specification expected in conjunction with release of UBL 1.0 beta
   - The NDR document is accompanied by a separate proposal for distributed code list publication

2. Basic business documents (order, invoice, etc.) and library of reusable data components
   - Release of UBL 1.0 Beta expected in late October; will include normative schemas, data models, UML class diagrams, ASN.1 binding, formatting specifications, example instances, etc.

3. Context Methodology
   - Extension guidelines are in preparation
   - Automatic CM belongs to a second phase of the effort

UBL 1.0 Timeline

- August 2003: Draft 1.0 models, start building skeleton package

- September 2003: Finalize 1.0 models and produce 1.0 beta schemas

- October 2003: Create documentation, sample instances, formatting specifications, ASN.1 specifications, etc.

- End of October 2003: release UBL 1.0 beta for implementation testing and generate publicity around this event

- November 2003: meet to begin work on UBL 2.0 (context methodology, additional data models)

- November 2003 – January 2004: UBL 1.0 beta implementation, beta-to-FCS change logging, UBL 2.0 work

- February 2004 OASIS Board Meeting: submit UBL 1.0 for OASIS standardization

UN/CEFACT report (1)

- Our objective: to create an environment in UN/CEFACT that will allow us to connect with the international business community while maintaining our document-centric focus

- Problem: not everyone in UN/CEFACT agrees with our goals

UN/CEFACT report (2)

- Outcome of meetings held this week:
  - UBL must be the preferred standard syntax for UN/CEFACT XML trade documents intended to be used in lieu of paper, fax, and EDI messages in XML-based trading environments.
  - UN UBL must be instituted under terms of reference that will allow it to continue to evolve its data models and schemas in support of traditional, document-centered commercial practices in partnership with UN/CEFACT members pursuing a process-centric approach.
  - Our plan is to prepare a response to CEFACT stating these points and proposing the creation of a new group, ATG3, with detailed terms of reference for UBL.

LSC: Next TC meeting

- We have been reserving the week of 3-7 November for a meeting in Menlo Park (or San Francisco). Purpose:
  - To maintain momentum and identity
  - To prepare for the beta implementation phase
  - To get started on UBL 2.0
- We recommend adoption of this meeting to the TC
- We suggest a change to the charter that would allow us to meet anywhere; this should be included in pending proposed charter revision

LSC: Future TC meetings

- If we hold a January meeting, we might want to hold it back-to-back with UN/CEFACT ATG in Sydney. Tim has offered to host a meeting in Fremantle.

- If we don't actually meet in January, we can send a delegation (including Tim and others) to represent UBL at the ATG meeting in Sydney.

- As usual, we will be meeting in Europe in the spring. The two most likely venues are
  - A meeting at the UN/CEFACT Forum meeting proposed for 15-19 March in Barcelona
  - A March 2004 meeting in Copenhagen or Walldorf the week before or after the UN/CEFACT Forum meeting in Barcelona

Attendance 1 August 2003

Present in person:

Jon Bosak
Mavis Cournane
Mark Crawford
Stephen Green
Anne Hendry
G. Ken Holman
Sung-Hyuk Kim
Dong-Soo Kim
Stig Korsgaard
Tim McGrath
Bill Meadows
Garret Minakawa
Sue Probert
Marion Royal
Lisa Seaburg
Alan Stitzer
Gunther Stuhec

Attending by phone:

Bill Burcham
Michael Grimley
Ken Holman
John Larmouth
Monica Martin
Kumar Sivaraman

The meeting did not achieve quorum.