

MINUTES OF THE DSI INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING #14

Date 19 February 2025
Time 13:30 CET / 08:30 EDT / 20:30 SGT
Place Virtual

Present	DSI Industry Advisory Board Members	ICC DSI
	Stephan Wolf (Chair) Robert Beideman (Vice Chair) Avanee Gokhale (Vice Chair) Tony Wringe (DCSA) Grant Hunter (BIMCO) John Bottega (EDM Council) Merlin Dowse (JP Morgan) Tom Shinya (IUMI) Richard Wulff (ICISA) Mayk Nieto Pérez (Inditex) Chan Hui Ling (BHP) Alexandre Kech (GLEIF) Stéphane Graber (FIATA) Huang Songhua (China Merchants Port Holdings) Troy McNamara (Rio Tinto)	Pamela Mar (Managing Director) Hannah Nguyen (Director, Digital Ecosystems) Tianmi Stilphen (Lead, Legal Reform & Regulatory Affairs) Wai Yee Wong (Programme Coordinator)
Absent		IAB Observers / Others
	Venkatraman Panchapakesan (HSBC) Nico De Cauwer (IPCSA) Bertrand Chen (GSBN) Sarajit Jha (Tata Steel) Zaiyue Xu (CIPS)	Gerard Hartsink (Emeritus Chair) Henri Barthel (GS1 Global Office) Oswald Kuyler (ADB) Laura Mathew (ISO) Kamola Khusnutdinova (UNECE-UN/CEFACT) Yoshida Kazuhiro (Toyota Tsusho) Asuka Sawada (Toyota Tsusho) Weiwei Shen (CIPS)

Minutes

ACTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Members to indicate interest in nominating technical experts to review draft KTDDE Interoperability Guides (KIG).
- Members to provide comments on “DSI Roadmap to Digital Trade” on the shared Teams Document.

1. Welcome by Stephan Wolf and Pamela Mar

- The Chair welcomed incoming Vice Chair/Avanee Gokhale and Huang Songhua, General Manager of China Merchants Port Holdings, succeeding Vincent Lu, and Zaiyue Xu, CEO of CIPS, as a new member.
- Meeting #13 Notes were approved without any comments or questions from Members.

2. Update on KTDDE 2.0 by Henri Barthel and Oswald Kuyler

- Pamela Mar shared that KTDDE case studies have been translated into Spanish (via ICC Colombia), with Chinese and other languages in progress. DSI continues ongoing work to ensure industry adoption of digital trade standards. Henri Barthel updated that KTDDE deliverables are being refreshed with inputs from Document leads since last November to ensure alignment with evolving standards. The plan is to enhance the Key Trade Data Glossary with the 3 SPS certificates (food safety, animal health, and plant health standards).

- b. Oswald Kuyler presented the draft framework to streamline data exchange between Trade import/export document creators and consumers via a KTDDE Interoperability Guide (KIG) series. The objective is to provide ERP systems (SAP, Oracle, Microsoft, QuickBooks, etc.) and software vendors - which provide services to 163 mil businesses - with clarity on how to produce and share trade records based on standards, benefiting their customers and companies receiving trade documents from their customers. This activity will help resolve the complexity in misaligned data formats, enabling providers to produce trade documents in alignment to the KTDDE, enabling over 60,000 trade enabling organisations globally to have consistency in how these fields are interpreted. An event will be organised in Geneva in May/June under the convening power of the DSI Governance Board to get key ERP providers to buy in the concept and agree in principle on adoption strategies to integrate KTDDE with corporate IT systems. In parallel, the draft Guides will be reviewed by technical end-users and relevant standards bodies to ensure relevance and accuracy.
- c. Members discussed the need to align the guides with the maintenance schedule of standards development organisations and how financial institutions have limited leverage over the data formats that they receive from corporates, therefore necessitating engagement with major IT infrastructure providers who enable end customers (especially SMEs) to generate these trade documents.

3. Update on New Working Groups – Composition & Metrics by Avanee Gokhale and Grant Hunter

- a. Avanee Gokhale and Grant Hunter shared that monthly meetings have been set up for each respective group, both of which aim to update the IAB with their recommendations at the next IAB Meeting in May. Stephan Wolf and Robert Beideman expressed confidence in the working groups' leadership and thank all members for their contributions.

4. Guide to launch a Paperless Trade Corridor pilot by Hannah Nguyen

- a. Hannah Nguyen shared the objective is to help digital trade advocates from the ICC network, especially National Committees, get started with designing paperless trade experiments in an accessible and scalable way. While not meant to be exhaustive, the guide suggests a 6-step process and provides practical tools for project managers to navigate the process, in collaboration with IMDA Singapore's TradeTrust team to incorporate best practices from previous pilots.
- b. A member volunteered to contribute experience from the Metals & Mining community to further enrich and customize the contents and discussions to continue offline.

5. Report on the Dubai Meeting & Banking Commission Update by Pamela Mar and Merlin Dowse

- a. Pamela Mar updated that the DSI Network workshop in Dubai went well. Participants shared valuable perspectives and insights on the KTDDE implementation guides, legal reform programmes, and especially the "what's next" for digital trust. 3 platforms have been issued Statements of Verification since the Reliability Assessment Framework was launched, with another on the way. The latest [Notification of "deemed approval" process](#) from the IGP&I Clubs is a welcome development that recognises the value of this Reliability Assessment Framework. The DSI MoU with DP World, which operates 60+ ports globally and has strong interests in Africa, will focus on global interoperability and customs integration.
- b. Merlin Dowse gave a brief update on the launch of the Bank Defined Data Set (BDDS) – the result of a 2- year effort by the Validation WG comprising over 30 bankers – at the ICC Global Banking Commission meeting. This has been well received by the banking community, and next steps include (i) determine how these resources can be best shared with the wider community, (ii) investigate how banks can automate the ingestion of such data and (iii) work with the KTDDE WG to implement suggested improvements. Members discussed the potential of similar exercises in the future to assess how the KTDDE framework can streamline customs processing and Scope 3 carbon accounting.

6. DSI Roadmap to Digital Trade by Pamela Mar

- a. Members agree to contribute feedback in writing through a shared version of the Roadmap document.

7. Open Discussion and AOB

- a. Stephan Wolf shared news about the launch of Verifiable Trade Foundation, a new Swiss-based not-for-profit initiative that he chairs with the objective of creating open-source protocol – similar to those used for web browsing or email – that can retrieve, standardise and exchange trade-related data without users having to join platforms or set up new systems. ([see GTR article](#)).