For the last decade, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) has been refining its business process and collaboration models to reflect the ever-increasing importance of embedding sophisticated business, legal, and accounting semantics within standardized e-commerce models. These efforts were reflected in the joint efforts (with OASIS) that culminated in 2001 with the publication of ebXML technical specifications and reports, and more recently in the efforts of the CEFACT Business Process Working Group to develop a methodology, a framework, and a semantic meta-model for e-business collaborations. The Unified Business Agreements and Contracts (UBAC) project of CEFACT is designed to build upon all of these efforts, and extend the support for executable digital business relationships through agreements and contracts.

The Stockholm Workshop on Unified Business Agreements and Contracts (UBAC-2003) is intended to expose this nascent project and requirements specification to the rigorous scrutiny of international academic experts in the fields of e-commerce, law, deontic logic, and accounting. We have assembled a group of international experts in these areas, and we invite the informed participation of other academics who are interested. The workshop is open to all areas of e-commerce expertise. The workshop is not an official UN/CEFACT meeting, however several UBAC team members will be present at the workshop.

The one-day schedule (see accompanying description) will begin with a series of presentations in the morning. These presentations are intended to focus on the generalized e-contracting expertise of the speakers. The afternoon sessions will leverage the speakers' ideas with those of other participants, first of all in individual group sessions aimed at specific contracting subtopics and then subsequently in a forum session where all of the workshop ideas and principles will be aired. The workshop goal is to accumulate a reservoir of conceptual expertise which can then be leveraged in the short and the long term.
WORKSHOP AGENDA

Saturday 6 December 2003

8:00 -- Greetings - Paul Johannesson
8:30 -- UBAC Project Overview - Anders W. Tell
9:00 -- Presentation - Ron Lee
9:30 -- Presentation - Johannes Chiang
10:00 -- Break
10:30 -- Presentation - Marek Sergot
11:00 -- Presentation - William E. McCarthy
11:30 -- Presentation - Hans Weigand

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch

13:00 - 13:30 - Overview of UBAC Specification and open issues - Anders W. Tell
13:30 - 15:00 - Individual group discussions of open UBAC issues
15:00 - 15:30 - Break
15:30 - 17:00 - Individual reports of groups
17:00 - 18:00 - Synthesis and meeting of minds - McCarthy and Tell

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