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Ease of Doing Business Action Plan (2010-2015)

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**Ease of Doing Business Workshop on Trading
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- First published in 2004
- Annual survey
- 10 indicators built on standardised case scenarios




**Private Sector
Development
Workplan (2007-2011)**

- Launched in 2006
- Championed by New Zealand
- Series of workshops based on "Doing Business" themes
- Best practice guide



**EC Structural
Reform (2008-2009)**


- Aligned with Regulatory Reform
- Study by World Bank on benefits of regulatory reforms
- Identification of priority areas



**Ease of Doing Business
Action Plan (2010-2015)**

- First broached in early 2009
- Officially launched at APEC Leaders' Week (November 2009)
- 5 priority areas endorsed:
 - Starting a Business
 - Getting Credit
 - Enforcing Contracts
 - Trading Across Borders
 - Dealing with Permits
- Quantifiable APEC-wide targets
- Customised capacity building with in-depth diagnostics component
- 6 champion economies: US, NZ, Japan, Korea, HKC, Singapore

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Priority Areas

<p>Starting a Business</p> <p>Dealing with Permits</p> <p>Employing Workers</p> <p>Registering Property</p> <p>Getting Credit</p>	<p>Protecting Investors</p> <p>Paying Taxes</p> <p>Trading Across Borders</p> <p>Enforcing Contracts</p> <p>Closing a Business</p>
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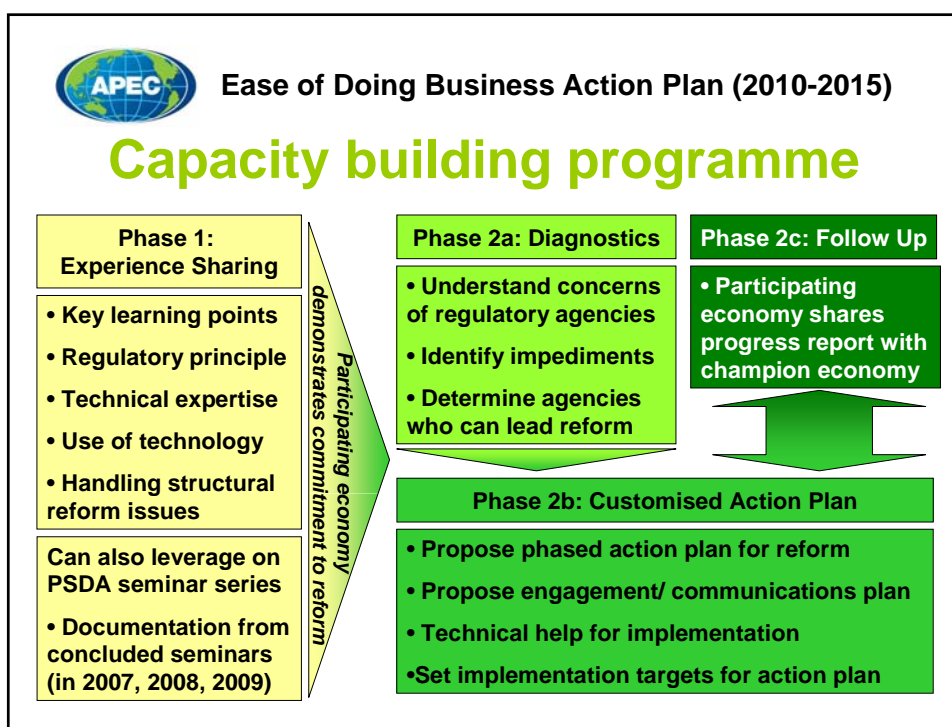


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Targets

<div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHEAPER TO DO BUSINESS</p> <p>25% <i>Less cost involved in regulatory processes</i></p> </div> <div style="background-color: #39546a; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>FASTER TO DO BUSINESS</p> <p>25% <i>Less time to obtain regulatory approval</i></p> </div> <div style="background-color: #8bc34a; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>EASIER TO DO BUSINESS</p> <p>25% <i>Less procedures to deal with</i></p> </div>	<p>Up to \$450 cheaper to import and export a container of goods Up to US\$500 cheaper to start a business</p> <p>1 week faster to start a business 1 week faster to import and export goods 6 weeks faster to obtain a construction permit 3 months faster to resolve a contract dispute</p> <p>Remove 5 procedures to obtain a construction permit Remove 9 procedures to settle a contract dispute</p>
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*Figures on the right are only indicative, in order to illustrate the EoDB Action Plan's potential impact.





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Trading Across Borders (Phase 1)

Workshop objectives

To encourage participants to work toward reforms in their own economies by:

- Emphasising the menu of existing APEC initiatives that economies could draw on in improving their performance in Trading Across Borders.
- Sharing experiences of economies that have implemented successful reforms:
 - Why did economies choose these specific reforms?
 - How did these economies design their chosen solutions?
 - How did they manage the transition towards new systems and processes?
- Providing a forum for economies to offer feedback
 - What key obstacles do you face that are preventing you from embarking on or making progress in reforms?
 - How would your economy like to be helped in Phase 2 of the EoDB capacity building programme?



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EoDB workshops in 2010

Workshop	Champion economy	Venue	Date
Reducing Start-up and Establishment Time of Businesses	US and New Zealand	Hiroshima	1-2 Mar
Enforcing Contracts	Korea	Seoul	21-22 Jun
Trading Across Borders	Singapore and Hong Kong, China	Sendai	18-19 Sep
Getting Credit for Small and Medium Enterprises	Japan	Sendai	21 Sep
APEC Seminar on the First Steps of Successful Reform in Doing Business	--	Taipei	5-6 Oct
Reforming the Regulatory System for Construction Permits	Singapore	Singapore	18-22 Oct



**Ease of Doing Business
Action Plan (2010-2015)**

- **5 Priority Areas**

- Starting a Business*
- Getting Credit*
- Enforcing Contracts*
- Trading Across Borders*
- Dealing with Permits*

- **6 champion economies**

- United States*
- New Zealand*
- Japan*
- Korea*
- Hong Kong, China*
- Singapore*

- **APEC-wide Quantifiable Targets**

- 25% cheaper, faster and easier to do
business in 5 priority areas by 2015
(Interim target of 5% by 2011)*

- **Customised capacity building with
in-depth diagnostics component**

Thank you