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# Strengthening Capacity Building and Next Steps: APEC EODB

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## Strengthening Capacity Building Activities



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- ❖ How can capacity building be strengthened?
  - Continue with economy level diagnostics, but what else?
- ❖ Individual Economy Reports (IERs) from AEPR 2012 provide insight on common areas of potential collaboration:
  - **Starting a business:** one-stop shops at municipal level; review of company establishment laws; “second chance” express bankruptcy laws
  - **Dealing with construction permits:** review of construction codes; e-systems to approve constructions plans
  - **Getting credit:** best practices on credit reporting systems; setting/improving efficiency of credit information bureaus; systems for collateral registration
  - **Trading across borders:** best practices for single windows; risk management programs
  - **Enforcing contracts:** reform of contract laws; development of arbitration centers; procedural reforms

## Questions – EoDB post 2015



- ❖ Shall APEC continue with the APEC's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiative after 2015?
  - If YES, regarding priority areas:
    - ✓ Shall we focus on the same priority areas?
    - ✓ Shall we add new areas to the existing ones?
    - ✓ Shall we only focus on new areas?
  - On time and targets:
    - ✓ How many years should the extension cover?
    - ✓ Shall we include an improvement target? Any interim targets before the end of the time period?
  - On capacity-building:
    - ✓ Based on previous experiences from current EoDB initiative, what should we keep and what should we change?
    - ✓ Which kind of activities should APEC focus on and assist economies to close the gaps?



## General discussion