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## **Introduction to the APEC Second Ease of Doing Business Action Plan**


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### **Introduction to the APEC Second EoDB Action Plan**

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## **Outline**

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## I. Background

- In order to promote sustainable growth and economic integration, APEC members have intensified their efforts to address behind-the-border barriers to trade and investment and to enhance the business environment in the region.
- In 2009 APEC Leaders launched the APEC Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Action Plan (2010-2015).
- In 2015, recognizing the importance of renewing the emphasis on structural reforms to make growth stronger and more inclusive, APEC economies agreed to continue supporting the implementation of EoDB reforms through the Second APEC EoDB Action Plan.

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## II. APEC EoDB Action Plan (2010-2015)

Improve business environment in APEC through regulatory reform

Champion Economies	Priority Areas						
		Starting a Business	Getting Credit	Enforcing Contracts	Trading Across Borders	Dealing with Construction Permits	
		(US & New Zealand)	(Japan)	(Korea)	(Singapore)	(Singapore)	
		<b>APEC EoDB Target</b>					
		<b>25% cheaper, faster, and easier to do business within APEC economies by 2015</b>					





## II. APEC EoDB Action Plan (2010-2015)

- Phase 1: General workshops
- Phase 2: Tailored capacity building activities (diagnostic studies, tailored workshops and guided visits)






- Provide volunteer economies with customized, practical recommendations for EoDB reforms.

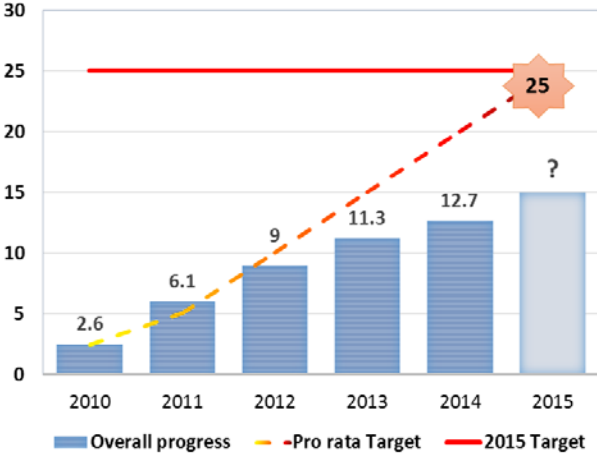
- Stocktake workshops: 2012, 2014




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## II. APEC EoDB Action Plan (2010-2015)



Year	Overall progress	Pro rata Target	2015 Target
2010	2.6		25
2011	6.1		25
2012	9		25
2013	11.3		25
2014	12.7		25
2015	?		25

12.7% improvement shows that APEC economies have implemented reforms and made significant improvements in the EoDB.

But...

We would not be able to achieve the 25% goal in 2015.

There is still room for improvement.

Some reforms are harder and take more time.

Source: Doing Business Database 2014 and 2015  
<http://www.doingbusiness.org/data>

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**III. Second EoDB Action Plan (2016-2018)**

	<b>Starting a business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• US &amp; New Zealand</li></ul>	<p>New commitment to improve business environment in the APEC region</p> <p><b>3</b> year period</p> <p><b>5</b> priority areas</p> <p><b>10%</b> improvement target (2015 baseline)</p>
	<b>Getting credit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mexico &amp; US</li></ul>	
	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Korea &amp; Hong Kong, China</li></ul>	
	<b>Trading across borders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singapore &amp; Malaysia</li></ul>	
	<b>Dealing with permits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singapore</li></ul>	

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### III. Second EoDB Action Plan (2016-2018)

- Capacity building and technical assistance play an important role in supporting APEC economies' efforts to improve the business environment.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> EoDB Action Plan will build off the previous capacity building activities.
- Greater emphasis on the implementation of EoDB reforms.
- Mix of APEC-wide and economy-specific activities.

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### IV. APEC EoDB Implementation Plan (2016-2018)

- Annex to the 2<sup>nd</sup> EoDB Action Plan
- Identify capacity building and technical assistance activities to be undertaken in the next 3 years
- Living document – consultative and inclusive process
- The APEC 2015 EoDB Workshop will serve as initial brainstorming for possible activities to be included in the implementation plan.

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## IV. APEC EoDB Implementation Plan (2016-2018)

Proposed Activity	Priority Area(s)*	Champion Economies/ Co-sponsor Economies	Participating Economies	Other APEC Fora/Organization	Timeframe

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