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APEC SOM Dialogue on RTAs/ FTAs

2 September 2015
9:00 – 5:30 pm, Radisson Blu Hotel
Cebu City, Philippines

As of 31 August 2015

| Time | Programme |
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| 8:45 – 9:00 | Arrival/ Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | Welcome Remarks (10 minutes) <i>Assistant Secretary Ceferino S. Rodolfo Department of Trade and Industry APEC Senior Official for Trade</i> |
| 9:10 – 9:35 | Introduction/ Overview of the Dialogue <i>Moderator: Mr. Eduardo Pedrosa, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council</i> <i>The PSU will present the outcomes of the “PSU Annual Report on Trends and Developments in FTA/RTA Provisions and Outcomes Concluded by APEC Economies”.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Carlos Kuriyama, APEC Policy Support Unit (10 minutes)</i> <i>The CTI Chair will provide a summary/report of the CTI Trade Policy Dialogue on FTAs/RTAs, highlighting discussions on WTO-plus measures and new developments in FTAs/RTAs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. John Larkin, Chair of the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment (10 minutes)</i> Discussion/Q&A (5 minutes) |
| 9:35 – 10:30 | Session 1: Rationale and main features of RTAs/FTAs <i>Part 1 of this session will look at the offensive and defensive economic, commercial and geo-political motivations that propel governments to pursue these negotiations.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research institute perspective: Prof. Shujiro Urata, Waseda University, Senior Research Advisor to the Executive Director of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). (15 minutes)</i>• <i>Government perspective:</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Chile: Ms. Paulina Nazal, APEC Senior Official, Chile (10 minutes)</i>2. <i>China – Korea: Mr. Han Yi, Ministry of Commerce, People’s Republic of China (10 minutes)</i>3. <i>Russia: Ambassador Valery Sorokin, APEC Senior Official, Russia (10 minutes)</i> Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |

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| <p>10:45 – 11:40</p> | <p>Session 1: Rationale and main features of RTAs/FTAs (continuation)</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this session will discuss the WTO-plus elements of FTAs/RTAs, the impediments economies encounter when engaging in such agreements, and “new generation” trade and investment areas and topics, being covered in these RTAs/FTAs to complement the traditional elements and help bring about greater integration of markets.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Research institute perspective: Dr. Caesar Cororaton, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (15 minutes)</i> • <i>Government perspective:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>ASEAN: Mr. Angelo Salvador Benedictos, ASEAN Senior Economic Official, Philippines (10 minutes)</i> 2. <i>Malaysia-Australia: Datin Che Mazni Che Wook, APEC Senior Official, Malaysia (10 minutes)</i> 3. <i>New Zealand-Korea: Ambassador Alison Mann, APEC Senior Official, New Zealand (10 minutes)</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes)</p> |
| <p>11:40 – 13:00</p> | <p>Lunch</p> |
| <p>13:00 – 15:20</p> | <p>Session 2: Exploring the Impact of Mega-Regionalism</p> <p><i>The first part of this session will focus on GVCS and the Multilateral Trading System and beyond.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A research institute perspective: Dr. Bernard Hoekman, European University Institute (15 minutes)</i> <p><i>Reactor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Rohini Acharya, World Trade Organization (10 minutes)</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes)</p> <p><i>The second part of this session will discuss the impact of the mega FTAs on the APEC region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Research institute perspective: Dr. Chul Chung, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy(15 minutes)</i> • <i>Ms. Rohini Acharya, World Trade Organization (15 minutes)</i> • <i>Dr. Jayant Menon, Asian Development Bank (15 minutes)</i> <p><i>The session will then consider responses and views from the academe, member economies and business.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Research institute perspective:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Professor Javier Illescas, Applied Sciences University, Lima-Peru (10 minutes)</i> 2. <i>Dr. Soo Yeon Kim, National University of Singapore (10 minutes)</i> • <i>Private Sector perspective: Mr. Antonio I. Basilio, ABAC (10 minutes)</i> • <i>Government perspective: Representative from</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>TPP: Ms. Tan Lay Lin, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore (10 minutes)</i> 2. <i>RCEP: Mr. Tan Jian, APEC Senior Official, People’s Republic of China (10 minutes)</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes)</p> |
| <p>15:20 – 15:35</p> | <p>Coffee Break</p> |

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| <p>15:35 – 16:45</p> | <p>Session 3: Information Sharing and Transparency</p> <p><i>This session will look at existing venues and mechanisms for information- and knowledge-sharing on different aspects of RTAs/FTAs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from international organizations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ms. Rohini Acharya, World Trade Organization (15 minutes)</i> 2. <i>Dr. Jayant Menon, Asian Development Bank (15 minutes)</i> 3. <i>Dr. Mia Mikic, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia Pacific (15 minutes)</i> 4. <i>Mr. Sebastien Miroudot, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (15 minutes)</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes)</p> |
| <p>16:45 – 17:50</p> | <p>Session 4: Next Steps for APEC</p> <p><i>Speakers to identify areas where action and/or capacity-building could be undertaken to encourage better practice and approaches and leverage on RTAs/FTAs to deepen and broaden economic integration.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Dr. Caesar Cororaton, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (5 minutes)</i> 2. <i>Dr. Soo Yeon Kim, National University of Singapore (5 minutes)</i> 3. <i>Professor Javier Illescas, Applied Sciences University, Lima-Peru (5 minutes)</i> 4. <i>Prof. Shujiro Urata, Waseda University, Senior Research Advisor to the Executive Director of the ERIA (5 minutes)</i> 5. <i>Dr. Mia Mikic, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia Pacific (5 minutes)</i> 6. <i>Mr. Sebastien Miroudot, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (5 minutes)</i> 7. <i>Dr. Chul Chung, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (5 minutes)</i> 8. <i>Mr. Antonio I. Basilio, ABAC (5 minutes)</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (10 minutes)</p> <p>Summary and Wrap-up (15 minutes)</p> |
| <p>17:50 – 18:00</p> | <p>Closing Remarks (10 minutes)</p> <p><i>Assistant Secretary Ceferino S. Rodolfo Department of Trade and Industry APEC Senior Official for Trade</i></p> |
| <p>18:00</p> | <p>End</p> |