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SOM Dialogue on RTAs/FTAs [Venue: Lima 2 – First Floor - LCC]

(Co-sponsor economies: Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Viet Nam)

August 25th 2016

9:00 – 18:00hrs

Lima, Peru

(As of August 12th)

Time	Programme
8:45 – 9:00	Arrival/ Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome Remarks (10 minutes) <i>Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism of Peru.</i>
9:10 – 9:50	Introduction/ Overview of the Dialogue <i>PSU will present innovations, trends and developments in provisions and outcomes of recent RTA/FTAs, focusing on WTO-plus issues and/or areas of difficulty or sectors where impediments remain.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>APEC Policy Support Unit (20 minutes)</i> <i>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>Ms. Marie Sherylyn D. AQUIA, Chair of the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment (10 minutes)</i> Discussion/Q&A(10 minutes)
9:50 – 11:20	Session 1: Salient Trends – Mega regional agreements <i>Session 1 will focus on discussing the new trends towards mega regional agreements. In particular, regarding TPP, RCEP and their implications on FTAAP prospects.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <i>Academic perspectives:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>TPP and its implications on FTAAP prospects (15 minutes)</i> <i>Mr. Javier ILLESCAS, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC)</i>– <i>RCEP and its implications on FTAAP prospects (15 minutes)</i> <i>Dr. Song Hong, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)</i>b) <i>FTA negotiator perspectives:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>TPP influence on FTAAP prospects (15 minutes)</i> <i>Ms. Sayuri BAYONA, Vice ministry of Foreign Trade, PERU</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>RCEP influence on FTAAP prospects (15 minutes)</i> <i>Mr. Benjamin TAN, Ministry of Trade & Industry, SINGAPORE</i> <p>Discussion/Q&A (30 minutes)</p>
11:20 – 11:50	Coffee Break
11:50- 12:50	<p>Session 2: Similarities and differences among recent RTAs/FTAs in the APEC Region</p> <p><i>Session 2 will discuss the similarities and differences among recent RTAs/FTAs in the APEC region, based on the key findings made on the Chapter 7 of the Study on FTAAP regarding Convergences and Divergences.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead economy to present general overview and key findings and recommendations of Chapter 7: Convergences and Divergences. (20 minutes)</i> <p><i>Mr. Hung-Lin YUAN, Ministry of Economic Affairs, CHINESE TAIPEI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Academic perspective: to present a general overview on the similarities and differences among RTAs/FTAs in the region and discuss possible ways forward towards the realization of FTAAP (20 minutes)</i> <p><i>Prof. Fernando GONZALEZ VIGIL, Universidad del Pacífico, PERU</i></p> <p>Discussion/Q&A (20 minutes)</p>
12:50 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:15	<p>Session 3: Capacity Building regarding RTAs/FTAs negotiations</p> <p><i>Session 3 will provide an overview of the capacity building initiatives for RTAs/FTAs negotiations that have been realized within APEC and discuss recommendations that may enhance their effectiveness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The lead economy of Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI) will present an overview of the CBNI initiative, and discuss possible chapters/topics to be reinforced and new topics that should be covered. (15 minutes)</i> <p><i>Amb. LEE Tae-Ho, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, KOREA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Academic perspective: to recommend best practices and approaches regarding Capacity Building activities for RTAs/FTAs negotiations (15 minutes)</i> <p><i>Dr. Erlinda MEDALLA, Philippine Institute for Development Studies</i></p>

	Discussion/Q&A (15 minutes)
15:15 - 16:25	<p>Session 4: RTAs/FTAs Utilisation</p> <p><i>This session will discuss and identify best practices regarding initiatives to enhance FTAs/RTAs utilisation in order to facilitate access to the benefits related to trade liberalisation and facilitation, especially for SMEs in APEC economies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead economy to present the key findings and recommendations made in the “APEC PPD Identifying and Addressing Difficulties and Challenges that hinder SMEs from taking trade benefits and advantages of RTAs/FTAs in the region” (15 minutes).</i> <p><i>Mr. VU Duc Dam Quang, Ministry of Industry and Trade, VIET NAM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Academic perspective: to present key experiences from utilisation strategies made by APEC economies. Recommend best practices strategies for policy makers to enhance RTAs/FTAs utilisation, in particular by SMEs in APEC developing economies (15 minutes).</i> <p><i>Dr. Paolo GIORDANO, IDB</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Private perspective: to present the key elements that should be taken into account by policy makers in order to improve the utilisation of RTAs/FTAs by enterprises, especially by SMEs (15 minutes).</i> <p><i>Mr. Francisco RAFFO, ABAC Chair</i></p> <p>Discussion/Q&A (25 minutes)</p>
16:25 – 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 – 18:00	<p>Session 5: Wrap up – SOM Exchange of Views</p> <p><i>SOMs are invited to share their views of the main topics discussed during the Dialogue (45 minutes).</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Julio CHAN, Vice ministry Foreign Trade, PERU</i></p> <p>Discussion/Q&A (20 minutes)</p> <p>Summary and closing remarks (10 minutes)</p> <p><i>Amb. Luis QUESADA, SOM Chair</i></p>