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Stock-taking of Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI) Programs

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What is the CBNI?

- The Capacity Building Needs Initiatives (CBNI) program, as proposed by Korea, was first launched in 2012.
- For the last 4 years, over 600 government officials in the region participated in 19 capacity building workshops/seminars under the CBNI.

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Background of the CBNI

- **The importance of exploring possible pathways** to the realization of FTAAP has been repeatedly emphasized by the APEC Economic Leaders.
 - Given that FTAAP is a long-held vision of APEC

- CBNI was recognized as an important tool to **narrow the widening gaps of FTA negotiating capabilities** among APEC economies.
 - To deal with one of the biggest challenges to the realization of FTAAP

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Objectives of the CBNI

- **To enhance the understanding/skills** of government officials/trade negotiators of APEC economies in negotiating areas

- **To share best practices and difficulties** encountered by APEC economies and provide hands-on experiences on negotiations/implementation

- **To analyse the recent trends/implications** in provisions of FTAs/RTAs in the region

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CBNI (1) : 2012~2014

- **13** workshops/seminars organized by **7** economies (Korea, China, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, US and Vietnam).

Negotiating Area (10)			Other related Issues (3)
Trade in Goods (3)	Trade in Services/ Investment (1)	Other Rules (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparations for FTA Negotiations - FTA Implementation - FTA Utilization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules of Origin - Safeguard - SPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-confirming Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-commerce - Government Procurement - Labor - Environment - Dispute Settlement - IPR 	

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CBNI (2) : 2015~2017

- In total, **6** workshops held by **3** economies (Korea, Peru, and Vietnam).

Negotiating Area (6)		
Trade in Goods (2)	Trade in Services/Investment (3)	Other Rules (1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ROO/Trade Facilitation - TBT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Investment Agreement(IIA) - Services Chapters - Scheduling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment (phase2)

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Room for Improvement

- **Organizers** : More economies need to participate.
 - Number of organizing economies: 7(1st) → 3(2nd)
 - 3 new economies(Chile, China and Japan) applied for APEC project funding to hold CBNI workshops in 2017.
- **Topics** : Exploring new topics is necessary, but, revisiting the topics already covered is also welcome with value-added programs.
 - Revisited areas: Environment, ROO, Scheduling in Services trade, etc.
- **Ways to better preserve institutional knowledge** obtained from the workshops need to be further explored.

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Suggested Topics of CBNI

- **Recently concluded RTAs/FTAs** :
 - TPP(Trans Pacific Partnership), PA(Pacific Alliance), EAEU(Eurasian Economic Union), ASEAN Economic Integration
- **Newly emerging issues** :
 - State Owned Enterprises, Development, SMEs, Regulatory coherence, etc.
- **Sectoral negotiating areas** :
 - Trade in Services → Financial services, Telecomm services, Temporary entry of business persons

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Way forward

- APEC needs to discuss next year **whether to extend the CBNI programs** after 2017. If the CBNI is extended, could new formats be explored?
 - *Possibly, utilizing the existing trade policy training programs (e.g. WTO Regional Capacity Building Workshops) as part of the CBNI could be considered.*
- Korea will prepare **a report on the progress** made in implementing the CBNI in 2017 and consult with member economies on a **way forward**.

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