Agenda

Submitted by: Chile
AGENDA - APEC Strengthening Transparency and Participation in the Processes of Negotiation of Trade Agreements

Caravelle Saigon Hotel. Room: Opera 1&2
19 – 23 Lam Son Square, District 1.
Ho Chi Minh City.

8:30 – 9:00: Registration

Session 1 (09:00 – 10.20)

09:00 – 09:20: Opening remarks and oral report on survey results.

09:20 – 10:20: “Trade under public scrutiny. The importance of promote a more inclusive and participatory agenda on trade”

In this session, speakers will address different perspectives on the current context of criticism and mistrust regarding trade and its benefits and their possible relationships with the lack of information, engagement instances and the complexity of the technical contents of trade agreements.

Moderator:
Felipe Lopeandía, Head of TPP Department; Head of OECD Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.

Speakers:
Julia Nielson, Head of the Development Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD. (20 min)
Erin Turner, Head of Policy and Campaigns, CHOICE. (20 min)

Questions – remarks (20 min)

10:20 – 10:40
Tea /Coffee Break

Session 2

(10:40 – 11:30) How to improve communications and channels of engagement on trade:
1) Barriers on technical language; 2) Constancy and openness with relevant information for the public interest; 3) Mechanisms and channels for stakeholders engagement.

In this session, expert speakers will share their experiences and proposals to address the challenges for achieving more transparent and participatory trade agreements negotiations and/or implementations processes.
Speakers:

Alexandra Hernadi, Communication Manager, and Nataliya Hulusjö, Communication Strategist. National Board of Trade, Sweden. (30 min)

John Riley. Trade Policy Engagement Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand. (20 min)

Moderator: Pablo Trigo. Adviser. APEC Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.

Questions – remarks (20 min)

Session 3


Speakers:

Felipe Lopeandia. Head of TPP Department; Head of OECD Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile. (15 min)

Todd Mercer, Assistant Secretary in the Free Trade Agreement Division of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (15 min)

Dr. An Baisheng. Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation. Ministry of Commerce, P.R. China (15 min)

Moderator: Enzo Barra. Adviser. APEC Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.

Questions – remarks (15 min)

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12:50 – 14:00 Lunch (participants to make their own arrangements)

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Session 4 (14:00 – 15:45) TPP process [Chile, Australia, New Zealand]: presentation of experiences in transparency and engagement instances in the process of negotiation of TPP.

In this session government officials from Chile, Australia and New Zealand will share their experiences in the negotiation process of this Agreement, for the discussion and commentaries of the expert pannelists and workshop participants.
Speakers:
Felipe Lopeandia. Head of TPP Department; Head of OECD Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile. (15 min)
Todd Mercer, Assistant Secretary in the Free Trade Agreement Division of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (15 min)
John Riley. Trade Policy Engagement Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand. (15 min)

Commentators:
Alexandra Hernadi, Communication Manager, and Nataliya Hulusjö, Communication Strategist. National Board of Trade, Sweden. (15 min)
Erin Turner, Head of Policy and Campaigns, CHOICE. (15 min)

Questions – remarks (30 min)
Moderator: Carolina Ibáñez K. Adviser. OECD Department. Transparency on trade negotiations. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.

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(15:45 – 16:00) Tea /Coffee Break

(16:00 – 16:30)

Closing Remarks
Felipe Lopeandia. Head of TPP Department; Head of OECD Department. DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile. (15 min)

Questionnaire