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Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
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APEC SOM Dialogue on RTAs/FTAs

Time and date: 9:00 AM - 5:25 PM, 27 August 2017

Venue: Ballroom 2, Sheraton Sai Gon hotel and towers, Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam

Time	Schedule
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:10	Opening Remarks H.E. Mr Bui Thanh Son, Permanent Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam – APEC 2017 SOM Chair
09:10 - 10:00	<p>Session 1: Introduction/ Overview of the Dialogue</p> <p>During this Session, participants will be briefed on the outcomes of the “PSU Annual Report on Trends and Developments in RTA/RTA Provisions and Outcomes Concluded by APEC Economies” and a report of the CTI Trade Policy Dialogue on WTO-plus Elements of RTAs/FTAs, held at CTI 2 in Ha Noi (May 2017).</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jeff Schott, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, United States</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Carlos Kuriyama, Senior Analyst, APEC Policy Support Unit; • Ms Marie Sherylyn D Aquia, CTI Chair, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines. <p>Discussion (Question and Answer): 15 minutes</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break
10:30 - 12:00	<p>Session 2: Trade in Services and Investment in RTAs/FTAs</p> <p>This Session will provide an in-depth look on the WTO-plus elements of trade in services and investments in RTAs/FTAs within and outside the APEC region, the impediments that economies encounter when concluding such negotiations and the consequent contribution to greater integration of markets.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Krasna Bobenrieth, GOS Convenor - and Legal Advisor, APEC Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Simon Newnham, Senior Official, Australia; • Dr Mia Mikic, Director of Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP; • Mr Chin Leng Lim, Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China; • Mr Jonathan Kallmer, Senior Vice President, Information Technology Industry Council; • Mr Tony Irawan, Professor, Department of Economics, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia. <p>Discussion (Question and Answer): 30 minutes</p>
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	<p>Session 3: Stakeholder Engagement in RTAs/FTAs</p> <p>During this Session, speakers will share valuable experience on how economies engage with stakeholders during the process of RTA/FTA negotiations. Additionally, participants may be briefed on WTO/OECD/ADB’s work on making the case for trade.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alison Mann, Senior Official, New Zealand; • Ms Datin Che Mazni Che Wook, Senior Official, Malaysia; • Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Trang, Director of the Center for WTO and Economic Integration/ Director of the Legal Department, Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. <p>Discussion (Question and Answer): 30 minutes</p>
14:45 – 16:00	<p>Session 4: Lessons Learnt from RTAs/FTAs and Impact Assessments</p> <p>During this Session, speakers will provide insights on outcomes and lessons that have been withdrawn from ratified RTAs/FTAs of APEC member economies. Speakers may also share case studies on the impact assessments that economies have conducted on the effects of measures to liberalize trade through RTAs/FTAs.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chin Leng Lim, Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Marcela Otero, Senior Official, Chile; • Dr Kenichi Kawasaki, Professor and Senior Fellow, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan. <p>Discussion (Question and Answer): 30 minutes</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 – 17:15	<p>Session 5: Continued Work for APEC</p> <p>This Session is expected on continued work that APEC should focus, including work program to implement the Lima Declaration on FTAAP. Invited speakers will provide their views to facilitate discussion among APEC Senior Officials later on about how APEC Committees/Sub-fora can best take forward the outcomes of APEC's RTAs/FTAs related work and on-going activities, especially capacity building, ahead to deepen and broaden economic integration.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Justin Allen, Senior Policy Officer - APEC, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC); • Mr Motomu Takahashi, ABAC Regional Economic Integration Working Group Co-Chair, ABAC; • Mr Robert Holleyman, CEO, Crowell and Moring International; • Mr Jeff Schott, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, United States. <p>APEC Senior Officials to discuss: 30 minutes</p>
17:15 – 17:25	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Mr Luong Hoang Thai, Director General, Multilateral Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam – Viet Nam's Senior Official to APEC</p>
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