



**Asia-Pacific  
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**2020/SOM1/EC/001**

Agenda Item: 3

## **Draft Agenda**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: EC Chair



**First Economic Committee Meeting  
Putrajaya, Malaysia  
16-17 February 2020**

**APEC Economic Committee – First Plenary Meeting 2020**

**16-17 February 2020, Putrajaya, Malaysia**

***Key Objectives of EC1 Plenary***

- **Advance RAASR Implementation**
- **Agree process for 2020 AEPR on Structural Reform and Women’s Empowerment, endorse ToR and Individual Economy Report Questionnaire**
- **Align the work of EC with the APEC themes and priorities of 2020 and contribute to SRMM**
- **Endorse EC’s role as the responsible APEC forum for the SELI Sub-fund and the Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines governing the SELI Sub-fund**

**Day Prior – 15 February**

SELI FOTC Meeting

**Day 1 – 16 February**

0830

1. Friends of the Chair (FOTC) Group Meetings
  - a. 0830- 0900 – Ease of Doing Business (EoDB, United States) and Corporate Law and Governance (CLG, Viet Nam)
  - b. 0900- 0930 – Regulatory Reform (RR, Mexico) and Public Sector Governance (PSG, New Zealand)
2. Chair’s Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 minutes)
3. Adoption of the EC 1 2020 Plenary Agenda (5 minutes)
4. Presentation on Malaysia’s 2020 Theme and Priorities – Malaysia (10 minutes)
5. Advancing EC Objectives - Updates from relevant events held prior to EC Plenary, CPLG and FOTC Contributions (60 minutes, 10 minutes each)
  - a. CPLG – Malaysia
    - i. Review of CPLG and extension of CPLG mandate – APEC Secretariat
  - b. SELI – Japan
  - c. EODB – United States
  - d. CLG – Viet Nam
  - e. RR – Mexico
  - f. PSG – New Zealand

***Family Photo; Coffee break 1050 – 1115***

6. Presentation by CTI Chair (15 minutes)
7. Regional Economic Outlook – PSU (90 minutes)
  - a. APEC Regional Trends Analysis (ARTA): Slower Growth, Bigger Challenges – Dr Denis Hew, Director, APEC Policy Support Unit (PSU)
  - b. The Economic Outlook and Structural Drivers of Future Growth: Education in the Digital Era – Ms Prasiwi Ibrahim, Deputy Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre

- c. ASEAN Economic Integration: Progress and Challenges - Dr Muhamed Zulkhibri, Assistant Director/Head of Analysis and Monitoring on Finance & Socioeconomic Division, ASEAN Secretariat
- d. Digital Platforms for Inclusive Growth – Mr James Villafuerte, Senior Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB
- e. Q&A with speakers

**Lunch 1300 – 1430**

*Note: There will be a working lunch for the EC Governance Group consisting of EC Chair, EC Vice-Chairs, CPLG Chair, FotC Convenors, Host Economy (Malaysia), Next Host Economy (New Zealand), AEPR Core Team Leads (Australia and Canada) and APEC Secretariat. Please note that the available seating will be limited. The agenda will be provided separately.*

- 8. Policy Dialogue: Structural Reform for 2021-2025 – Viet Nam (120 minutes)
  - a. Introduction – EC Chair
  - b. RAASR Final Review: Preliminary Insights – Andre Wirjo, PSU
  - c. Structural reform: Still more to gain from regional integration – Australia
  - d. Japan’s Effort for Inclusive Growth and Structural Reform – Japan
  - e. Leveraging Structural Reform for Improved Labour Productivity, Wellbeing and Sustainable Growth in APEC – Malaysia (TBC)
  - f. Next Phase of Ease of Doing Business and Importance of EoDB to Economies’ Structural Reform – United States
  - g. Supporting APEC’s 2021-2025 Structural Reform Agenda: The Going for Growth Framework – OECD
  - h. Roadmap to SRMM – Viet Nam
  - i. Discussion
  - j. Conclusions and Instructions – EC Chair

**Coffee Break 1630 - 1645**

- 9. Structural Reform and Gender (30 minutes)
  - a. La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth (2019-2030) – Chile
  - b. APEC Women@Work brief – United States
  - c. APEC Economic Policy Report on Structural Reform and Women’s Empowerment
    - i. Progress update, proposed process, endorsement of ToR and Individual Economy Report Questionnaire – Australia and Canada
  - d. Discussion
- 10. Discussion on potential topics for 2021 AEPR (10 Minutes)

**End of Day 1 - 1725**

**Day 2 – 17 February**

0900

- 11. Policy Dialogue: Structural Reform and Beyond GDP – Malaysia (90 minutes)
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Beyond GDP: Measuring What Counts for Economic and Social Performance – OECD
  - c. Presentation of economy experiences:
    - i. Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 – Malaysia

- ii. The Living Standards Framework and the Wellbeing Approach – New Zealand
  - iii. Canadian Index of Wellbeing – Canada
  - iv. Incorporating Inclusive Dimension in Russia's Strategic Projects – Russia
  - v. Inclusive Development Index – Indonesia
- d. Q&A

<b><i>Coffee Break 1030 - 1045</i></b>
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12. Policy Dialogue: APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR – SELI (120 minutes)
- a. Welcome remarks and Introduction - EC Chair & SELI Convenor
  - b. Presentation on the challenges small businesses face in dispute resolution in APEC and how the APEC ODR Collaborative Framework brings a much-needed solution to improve justice and boost trade - Mr Mike Dennis, International Consultant, United States
  - c. Panel Discussion: the needs and challenges ODR providers face as they seek to provide their services to businesses across the region - Prof Yoshihisa Hayakawa, SELI Convenor
    - i. Mr Daniel Lam – Hong Kong, China
    - ii. Ms Yuki Sawada and Ms Tomoko Deguchi – Japan
    - iii. Mr Rhys West – New Zealand
  - d. Panel Discussion: the way forward and the need for collaboration if the APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR is going to be successful
    - i. Ms Angie Raymond – United States
    - ii. Prof Zhao Yun – Hong Kong, China
    - iii. Mr Hiroki Habuka – Japan
    - iv. Mr Andrew Nisson – United States
  - e. Open Discussion (including providing economies opportunity to opt-in to the APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR)
  - f. Conclusion – SELI Convenor

<b><i>Lunch 1245 - 1430</i></b>
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13. Update from the Informal Roadmap Group – United States (15 minutes)

14. APEC Projects (45 minutes)

- a. APEC Secretariat Update
- b. Existing project reports
  - i. EC 02 2019 – Indigenous Women’s Participation in Local Economies: Discussing Institutional Involvement to Promote Capacity – Chile
  - ii. EC 01 2019 – Workshop on Innovative Regulatory Policy Development: APEC Economies’ approaches on Sharing Economy – Malaysia
  - iii. EC 04 2019A – Workshop on Crowdfunding: An Alternative Economic Tool to Promote Innovation in the Digital Era for Inclusive Growth – Malaysia
  - iv. EC 04 2018A – Comprehensive Review of Potentially Anti-Competitive Laws and Regulations – The Philippines
  - v. EC 03 2019A – Analysis of Perspectives and Barriers for Effective Implementation of Public e-Services – Russia
  - vi. EC 06 2019A – Building Capacity for Competition Policy to Support Digital Economy Development in Viet Nam – Viet Nam
  - vii. EC 03 2019S – Report on Protecting Minority Investors in Privately Held Companies in APEC – United States
- c. New project proposals

- i. Capacity building workshop on digital economy measurement – Australia
  - ii. Governance Innovation - How to Redesign our Governance Model in the Digital Economy? – Japan
  - iii. CTI-EC FTAAP Policy Dialogue on Competition Related Provisions from a Business Perspective – Japan
  - iv. Developing a Practical APEC-OECD Resource on International Regulatory Cooperation – New Zealand
  - v. FinTech Regulatory Sandboxes Capacity Building – Russia
15. Proposal to establish SELI capacity building sub-fund – Hong Kong, China (15 minutes)
- a. Endorsement of EC's role as the responsible APEC forum for the SELI Sub-fund and the Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines governing the SELI Sub-fund
16. EC Governance – EC Chair (5 minutes)
- a. CLG FOTC Convenor
17. Future Meetings (10 minutes)
- a. SRMM and Preparatory Meeting – Malaysia
  - b. EC 2
    - i. Proposals for Policy Dialogues – Economies
    - ii. 13<sup>th</sup> Good Regulatory Practices Conference – Malaysia and Mexico
18. Classification of Documents – APEC Secretariat
19. Closing Remarks – EC Chair

***End of Day 2 - 1600***