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Advancing EC objectives: Friends of the Chair (FOTC) on Regulatory Reform

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The FotC Group on Regulatory Reform is committed to promoting the use of good regulatory practices and the implementation of the domestic policies and initiatives aimed to consolidate the Regulatory Reform in our economies, and, thereby, contribute to achieving the APEC's main objective of accomplishing the structural reform

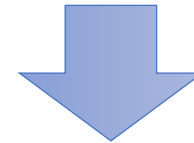
Background: FOTC on Regulatory Reform

Members:

1. Indonesia
2. Korea
3. Malaysia
4. Mexico
5. New Zealand
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Thailand
8. United States
9. Viet Nam



The initiatives and projects implemented by the FOTC Members and by the EC members are aimed at accomplishing the APEC's vision 2016-2020 included in the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR) *



APEC's RAASR 2016-2020 three pillars:

1. more open, well-functioning, transparent and competitive markets;
2. deeper participation in those markets by all segments of society, including MSMEs, women, youth, older workers and people with disabilities;
3. sustainable social policies that promote the above-mentioned objectives, enhance economic resiliency, and are well-targeted, effective and non-discriminatory.

* Agreed in “2015 Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting” (Cebu, The Philippines, September 8th 2015)

Work plan of FOTC on Regulatory Reform

The FOTC work plan has the following seven objectives:



1. Develop capacities and support the development of manuals and guidelines about the good practices on Regulation and Digital Economy, in order to stimulate the adoption of new technologies, and eliminate unnecessary regulatory burdens.
2. Support initiatives to measure and compare regulatory frameworks among APEC economies, with the aim of identifying those economies that are at the forefront in good practices for regulating the Digital Economy and take advantage of their experiences
3. Developing efforts in International Regulatory Cooperation (IRC) in order to create common standards and regulations in areas such as Digital Economy. This includes facilitating the exchange of information to reduce the regulatory divergence.
4. Increase the use of emerging information technologies in the implementation and design of better regulation policies
5. Strengthening the implementation of the Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs)
6. Promoting Inclusive Growth (IG)
7. Promoting efforts on simplifying regulatory burdens by increasing the participation of the business community

Suggested activities for accomplishing the FOTC work plan

- 1. Encourage the use of innovative approaches in regulatory frameworks, such as regulatory sandboxes, adaptive regulations, temporary regulations, outcome-based regulations.
- 2. Increase the use of the information technologies to develop computer systems for strengthening the processes of design (ex-ante evaluations), implementation, enforce and review (ex-post evaluations) of regulations.
- 3. Strengthen the skills in oversight institutions to diagnose and assess regulatory outcomes by including the new approaches of regulatory evaluation such as the use of data analysis.
- 4. Develop toolkits about the principles of regulatory frameworks for the digital economy.
- 5. Participate in APEC's initiatives on comparing and measuring the status of the regulatory governance in the region.
- 6. Strengthen the institutional and legal capacities of the Oversight Bodies in order to increase the implementation of the better regulation policy.
- 7. Develop policies and approaches on GRPs in the matter of International Regulatory Cooperation (IRC) aimed to reduce the regulatory divergences in the region.

Sunset clause of FOTC

2016-2020

- The sunset clause of the FotC work plan is linked to the RAASR implementation period of 2016-2020.

RAASR

- The members of the FOTC and the Economic Committee must outline the new priorities and common objectives in matter of economic policy and regulatory reform in a post 2020 vision.



We will monitor the results of the discussions made in the margins of the RAASR Action Team (led by Viet Nam) in order to identify the new priorities related to the Regulatory Reform which could be incorporated as part of the new APEC's Structural Reform Program

Activities related to FOTC priorities

The following activities were implemented in 2019 or proposed for being implemented in 2020 in the margins of EC and were related to some of the objectives included in the current FOTC Work Plan:

Economy	Project / Activity / Policy Discussions / Workshops
Chinese Taipei	Applying Emerging Technologies for Better Governance and Regulation of the Digital Economy
New Zealand	Structural Reform and Inclusive Growth
Thailand	Digital Government
Australia	Digital Economy: Measurement, Regulation and Inclusion
Mexico	Competition Policy for Regulating Online Platforms in the APEC Region
Russia	Analysis of Perspectives and Barriers for Effective Implementation of Public e-Services
Malaysia	Workshop on Innovative Regulatory Policy Development: APEC Economies' Approaches on Sharing Economy
Malaysia	Public-Private Dialogue Understanding Digital Market Mechanism and Possible Competition Issues in Digital Economy in APEC Region
New Zealand	Developing a Practical APEC-OECD Resource on International Regulatory Cooperation
Russia	FinTech Regulatory Sandboxes Capacity Building

Invitation to participate in the FOTC on Regulatory Reform

We invite all members of the EC to share with the FOTC your contributions or comments about the policies and priorities in the matter of GRP tools and Better Regulation policies aimed to consolidate the Regulatory Reform among our economies.



Thank you



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