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Submitted by: CTI Chair



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New 2020-2021 CTI Chairman ^{woman}



- More than 15 years of experience in trade and investment matters at the Undersecretary of International Economic Relations of Chile
- Chile's CTI Representative from 2006-2019
- GOS Convenor from 2017-2019
- Chairing the 2019 MRT Statement negotiations



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CTI – 2020 Vision

- More substantive/strategic discussions during CTI meetings, including on new and challenging topics
 - Streamline the extensive CTI agenda
 - CTI Retreats and Policy Dialogues to foster consensus on challenging issues
- More collaboration with the EC, particularly regarding the GRP Conference
- Active stakeholder engagement
- Improve consistency and functioning inside the CTI, including its interaction with CTI subfora
- Deepen traditional CTI work; but also venture into new areas (e.g. inclusive approaches to trade and investment)

New Reporting
and PPT
Templates!!





REI agenda



**Trade Facilitation
and Connectivity**



**Inclusive
Approaches**

**Support for
the MTS**



CTI Priorities for 2020



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CTI Priorities for 2020 – Support for the MTS

- Assessment of Capacity Building Needs on Trade-Related Aspects of E-Commerce
- Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Implementation of the Work Plan for Export Subsidy
- Information-Sharing to Support APEC Economies to Implement the WTO's 2017 Decision to Eliminate Subsidies that Contribute to IUU Fishing (under consideration)



How can the CTI implement the MRT 2019 Statement?

22. [...] We affirm the importance of transparent and non-discriminatory, agreed upon rules in the WTO, which can enhance market predictability, enable business confidence, and allow trade to flow. Recognizing the WTO's role in this regard, we agree that action is necessary to improve its functioning.

23. We task our officials to accelerate practical and concrete areas of work that can advance APEC's support for the WTO's work, including in areas such as capacity building initiatives for transparency and notifications, and the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. In this regard we acknowledge APEC's work on domestic regulation of services, investment facilitation and MSMEs. We acknowledge progress on negotiations in Geneva on electronic commerce and we encourage initiatives in APEC that can contribute to this work.

CTI Priorities for 2020 – Regional Economic Integration



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- Achieving the **Bogor Goals**
 - Final Progress Report on the Bogor Goals (first draft: 25 May 2020)
 - Final Push in Services implementation (GOS)
 - Domestic Services Regulation; APEC Services Index; Talent Mobility; Environmental Services; Manufacturing-related Services
- FTAAP
 - **FTAAP Report to Leaders in 2020**
 - Multiple initiatives stemming from the Lima Declaration on FTAAP (e.g. ROO: Trade Policy Transparency; NTM; etc.)
- Internet and digital economy
- Investment
- Intellectual Property
- MSMEs' Internationalization
- Services
- Global Value Chain Cooperation

**Challenge to
achieve
consensus on
the FTAAP
Report**

CTI Priorities for 2020 – Trade Facilitation and Connectivity



- Trade Facilitation
 - Capacity building in relation to TFA implementation continues to be a strength of CTI
- (Supply Chain) Connectivity
 - Business as usual: SCFAP II; A2C2; APMEN; etc.
 - Many ongoing projects; but also new deliverables from projects endorsed in 2019 (e.g. single window interoperability; smart cities; etc.)
- Regulatory cooperation and convergence
 - SCSC continues to lead this area of APEC work
 - Also a focus of work within CTI's industry dialogues: e.g. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labeling of Chemicals; Vehicle Safety Standards.

CTI Priorities for 2020 – Inclusive Approaches

- 1 initiative under discussion: “Promoting Inclusive Trade and Investment Policy”
- CTI’s support to implement the La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth
 - Policy Dialogue at CTI1 2020: “Women in Trade and Investment”



How can the CTI support inclusive approaches?

How can the CTI contribute to a more balanced approach to REI?

How can the CTI contribute to the implementation of the La Serena Roadmap?

CTI - Opportunities to Collaborate with the EC

- 2020 AEPR theme “Structural reform and women empowerment” and inclusive approaches
 - Possibility of a joint Policy Dialogue
- Work on measuring the services trade restrictiveness (GOS) - EC’s work on structural reform (involve the EC in the ASCR)
- Annual Good Regulatory Practice Conference: align work between the EC and SCSC.
 - Action plan for more SCSC-EC synergies: identify future areas of work on GRPs
 - Communications and coordination at the level of chairs and vice chairs for the development of the next GRP Conferences
 - Send the agenda in advance
 - CTI reports to the EC and vice versa
- EoDB Phase 3
- Digital economy and e-commerce
 - E.g. ODR: useful to CTI’s work on MSMEs

How to create more synergies between the CTI and EC?

Your ideas?

