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Submitted by: CTI Chair



**First Committee on Trade and Investment
Meeting
3-4 March 2021**

**VIRTUAL FIRST MEETING OF THE
APEC COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI1)
3 & 4 MARCH 2021
2359HRS NZDT / 1859HRS SGT**

Draft Agenda

| | AGENDA ITEM | Purpose |
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| | Day 1 (3 March) | |
| 23:59 – 00:08 | I. CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS, BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY PHOTO | For information |
| 00:08 – 00:10 | II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA | For endorsement |
| | III. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING | For information |
| | IV. SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM (MTS) | |
| <p>To take place after discussion on V.1. DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC (FTAAP) AGENDA</p> | <p>i. Discussion on APEC’s support for the MTS</p> <p><i>Last year, Leaders reaffirmed “support for agreed-upon rules of the WTO in promoting the stability and predictability of international trade flows (and noted) the call of ABAC for APEC to continue supporting the multilateral trading system”. The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) is expected to take place later this year. Members may wish to share views on how APEC can help the WTO achieve positive outcomes at MC12.</i></p> <p>a. The APEC Secretariat’s Communications and Public Affairs Unit (CPAU) will share a summary of the results of an online survey that was conducted in partnership with the Asia Foundation. This includes perceptions on multilateral cooperation in the context of the digital age and the backdrop of a pandemic.</p> <p>b. Presentation on the final report of the study Assessment of Capacity Building Needs to Support WTO Negotiation on Trade Related Aspects of E-commerce (<i>PSU & Japan</i>)</p> <p><i>Members may wish to (i) speak on their WTO-related initiatives at APEC*; (ii) provide comments on these initiatives, and/or (iii) provide general comments</i></p> | For discussion |

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| | <p><i>*The following initiatives will be mentioned by the lead economies during their invention under this agenda item (details are in Items for Noting).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Virtual Preparatory Meeting for Symposium on APEC Supporting the WTO Negotiations on Trade related Aspects of E-Commerce (China)</i> b. <i>Workshop APEC Best Practice in Addressing Subsidies that Contribute to IUU Fishing (New Zealand)</i> c. <i>Workshop on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade (Russia)</i> | |
| 02:30 – 03:00 | V. REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION | |
| To take place Immediately after "Matters Arising" | <p>1. DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC (FTAAP) AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) will deliver a 20-minute presentation on ABAC's view on the FTAAP (Mr Ho Meng Kit (Senior Advisor, Singapore Business Federation, Chair of ABAC Regional Economic Integration Working Group) and Mr Motomu "Matt" Takahashi, Counselor, Mitsui & Co., Ltd, Convenor of the FTAAP Taskforce) - Economies may wish to comment on ABAC's presentation - <i>FTAAP has been a central idea for ABAC and has been included in every ABAC Report to Leaders. In the 2020 report, ABAC called for FTAAP to be "at the heart" of the Putrajaya Vision</i> - <i>In addition, ABAC noted that "developing and realizing FTAAP in a post COVID-19 world had taken on greater significance as a priority for APEC..."</i> - <i>With the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership in November 2020, and implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and other regional trade agreements such as the Pacific Alliance, CTI members will hear the business community's wish and the possible next steps for APEC.</i> | For discussion |
| To take place after agenda item III Support for MTS | 2. INITIATIVES | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on "Building Resilient Supply Chains 2020: Survey and Analysis" (<i>Australia</i>) | For information |

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| | b. Update on Dispute Settlement Mechanisms (DSM) in Trade Agreements (<i>Chile</i>) | For information |
| | c. Progress update on “Toward Building Resilient Supply Chains - A Possible Role of Investment Policy” (<i>Japan</i>) | For information |
| | d. Update for APEC Non-Tariff Measures on Essential Goods During COVID-19: Lessons for the Future (<i>New Zealand</i>) (10 mins presentation) | For information & discussion |
| | e. Environmental Goods paper (<i>New Zealand</i>) | For information |
| | f. FTAAP Work Program on Labor-related Provisions in FTAs/RTAs, including information-sharing on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building provisions (<i>United States</i>) | For endorsement |
| | g. Work Program related to FTAAP addressing State-owned and Controlled Enterprises (SOEs) (<i>United States & Japan</i>) | For endorsement |
| | Day 2 (4 March) | |
| 23:59 – 00:10 | VI. UPDATES FROM SUB-FORA CONVENOR / CHAIR (if any requests from sub-fora convenors) <i>Confirmed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCP • IEG | For information |
| 00:10 – 00:40 <i>(timing to be adjusted based on number of items)</i> | VII. TRADE FACILITATION AND CONNECTIVITY | |
| | a. Progress/Update on APEC Single Window Interoperability Action Plan (<i>Chile</i>) | For information |
| | b. Asia Pacific Model E-ports Network (APMEN) (<i>China</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APMEN Annual Work Plan 2021 ii. Concept Note: APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to Pandemic | For information For consideration |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. APEC Green Supply Chain Network (GSCNET) (<i>China</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2021 GSCNET Annual Work Plan ii. GSCNET Terms of Reference | <p>For consideration</p> <p>For consideration</p> |
| | d. Update on “APEC Webinar on Stabilizing Supply Chain to Support Trade and Economic Recovery during/after the COVID-19 Pandemic” (<i>China</i>) | For information |
| | e. Progress of "Utilizing digital technology in the field of trade facilitation under the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond" (<i>Japan</i>) | For information |
| | f. Implementation of the Peer Review and Capacity Building for APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment (<i>Japan, Papua New Guinea & PSU</i>) | For information |
| | g. Update on initiative to Review Measures Facilitating Essential Movement of People Across Borders (<i>Korea & PSU</i>) | For information |
| | h. Update on “Enhancing Trade Policy Transparency in APEC: Tariff Policies” (<i>Russia</i>) | For information |
| | i. Next steps on the Final Review on Phase II of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (<i>Singapore & PSU</i>) | For information |
| 00:40 – 01:00 | VIII. Inclusion Issues | |
| | a. Update on 'Proposal for Promoting Inclusive Trade and Investment in Asia Pacific Region' (<i>China</i>) | For Information |
| | b. Project on APEC Cross Border E-commerce Training (CBET) Workshop II “Accelerating Digital Transformation toward Inclusive Growth – the COVID-19 Impact” (<i>China</i>) | For consideration |
| 01:00 – 02:20 <i>(timing to be adjusted based on number of items)</i> | IX. UPDATE ON OTHER CTI INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS | |
| | a. Initiative on the Progress of the APEC Cross Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measure (2020/CTI2/IS07) (<i>Peru</i>) | For information |

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| | <p>b. Initiative on Promoting Transparency of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) World Trade Organization (WTO) Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information (2020/CTI2/IS06) (<i>Peru</i>)</p> <p>i. Terms of Reference for the study;</p> <p>ii. Concept note for an APEC-funded Public Private Dialogue</p> | <p>For consideration</p> <p>For consideration</p> |
| | <p>c. Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Promoting Consumer Protection in the Dispute Resolution and Redress Mechanisms in E-Commerce (CTI 09 2019T) (<i>Peru</i>)</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>d. Update on (i) the Final Review of the Boracay Action Agenda to Globalize MSME: Study Report and (ii) APEC Global MSME Forum (<i>Philippines</i>)</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>e. 2021 Digital Trade Policy Dialogues (<i>United States</i>)</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>f. Update on “The role of government procurement in responding to COVID-19” (<i>Canada & Chile</i>)</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| 02:20 – 02:30 | <p>X. UPDATES FROM ABAC & OBSERVERS</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| 02:30 – 02:35 | <p>XI. ENDORSEMENT OF CTI SUB-FORA CONVENORS/ CHAIRS REPORTS</p> | <p>For endorsement</p> |
| 02:35 02:40 | <p>XII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)</p> | |
| 02:40 – 02:50 | <p>XIII. SECRETARIAT UPDATE</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>a. Project updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of Project Session 2/2020 • Administrative issues for Project Session 1/2021 | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>b. CTI Sub-fora Assessment</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>c. Process for the selection of the next CTI Chair (2022-23)</p> | <p>For information</p> |
| | <p>d. “Items for Noting” document</p> | <p>For endorsement</p> |
| | <p>e. Document classification</p> | <p>For information</p> |

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| 02:50 – 03:00 | XIV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION | For information |
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