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25-27 May 2021**

**VIRTUAL SECOND MEETING OF THE
APEC COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI2)
25, 26 & 27 MAY 2021
2300HRS NZDT / 1900HRS SGT**

Draft Agenda

	AGENDA ITEM	Purpose
	Day 1 (25 May)	
23:00 – 23:10	I. CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS, BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY PHOTO	For information
23:10 – 23:12	II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	For endorsement
23:12 - 23:13	III. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING	For information
23:13 - 00:15 Up to 60 mins	<p>IV. SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM (MTS)</p> <p>POLICY DIALOGUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MRT OUTCOMES</p> <p>Topic I: Trade and sustainability</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of topic and speakers by CTI Chair (2min) - Two speakers will speak (8 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tom Harley, Managing Director, Dragoman Pty Ltd (ABAC Australia) • Mr. Jeremy Stewart, Project Fellow, Climate Trade, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum - CTI Chair’s response and reflections (2 mins) - Discussions, Q&A by economies (40 mins) <p><u>Background</u></p> <p><i>As APEC members seek to recover from the impact of COVID-19, we have the opportunity to promote a green recovery, both individually and collectively.</i></p> <p><i>Policies targeted towards a sustainable recovery will reduce the likelihood of future economic shocks, increase the region’s resilience to the impacts of climate change, and accelerate the transition to a low-emissions economy.</i></p>	For discussion

	<p><i>As an economic forum, APEC is well placed to consider the policy settings and economic incentives that can drive decarbonisation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lead to more sustainable practices.</i></p> <p><i>This CTI2 policy dialogue aims to deepen discussions in APEC on the trade and sustainability agenda. Potential areas for discussion include the reform of subsidies that incentivise unsustainable consumption and production, the liberalisation and facilitation of trade in environmental goods and services, the role of trade policy in supporting the uptake of renewable energy, and support for emerging green industries and technologies.</i></p>	
	<< Suggested 5 minute break >>	
	MTS INITIATIVES	
00:15 – 00:20	a. Update on Symposium on APEC Supporting the WTO Negotiations on Trade Related Aspects of E-Commerce (<i>China</i>)	For information
00:20 – 00:25	b. Update on Environmental Goods non-paper/initiative (<i>New Zealand</i>)	For information
00:25 – 00:30	c. Proposal on policy discussions on trade-related policies to promote trade in environmental products and technologies, including regulatory issues (<i>Japan</i>)	For endorsement
00:30 – 00:35	d. Scoping study on new and emerging environmental goods (MAG) (<i>Australia</i>)	For information
00:35 – 00:45	e. Non-paper on a standstill on new fossil fuel subsidies (<i>New Zealand</i>)	For information/discussion
00:45 – 02:00	Economies' interventions for Agenda Items IV (a) to (e)	
	Day 2 (26 May)	
	V. REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION	
	1. REI INITIATIVES	

23:00 – 23:10	a. Update on “Toward Building Resilient Supply Chains - A Possible Role of Investment Policy” (CTI 08 2020T) <i>(Japan)</i>	For information
23:10 – 23:12	b. 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
23:12 – 23:15	c. Work Program related to FTAAP addressing State-owned and Controlled Enterprises (SOEs) <i>(United States & Japan)</i>	For endorsement
23:15 – 23:20	Interventions by members on Agenda V (a) to (c)	
23:20 – 23:30	VI. UPDATES FROM SUB-FORA CONVENOR / CHAIR <i>(if any requests from sub-fora convenors)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCP Chair • AD Chair 	For information
	VII. TRADE FACILITATION AND CONNECTIVITY	
23:30 – 00:30 Up to 60 mins	a. Policy Discussion Topic II: Trade policy responses to COVID-19 <u>Agenda</u> - Introduction of topic and speakers by CTI Chair (2min) - Two speakers will speak (8 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Nielson, Deputy Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD • Carlos Kuriyama, Senior Analyst, APEC Policy Support Unit - CTI Chair’s response and reflections (2 mins) - Discussions, Q&A by economies (40 mins) <u>Background</u> <i>Tackling COVID-19 is the top priority for every economy. Currently, the region’s focus is on ensuring our people have access to safe and effective vaccines. Trade plays an essential role in this, including through export restrictions, non-tariff measures, trade facilitation, and tariffs.</i>	For discussion

	<p><i>APEC has already shown it can be responsive and relevant. The 2020 MRT Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods is an example.</i></p> <p><i>We also want to ensure our trade policies and cooperation are focused to the fullest extent possible on supporting, as rapidly as possible, a recovery from the economic and health impacts of COVID-19.</i></p> <p><i>This CTI2 policy dialogue aims to continue CTI's discussions on our collective response to COVID-19. Potential areas for discussion include supply chain resilience, trade facilitation, and essential goods and services.</i></p>	
00:30 – 00:35	b. 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
00:35 – 00:45	c. Implementation of the Peer Review and Capacity Building for APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment (<i>Japan, Papua New Guinea & PSU</i>)	For information
00:45 – 00:55	d. Update on initiative to Review Measures Facilitating Essential Movement of People Across Borders (<i>Korea & PSU</i>)	For information
01:05 – 01:10	e. Update on “Enhancing Trade Policy Transparency in APEC: Tariff Policies” (<i>Russia</i>)	For information
01:10 – 01:20	f. Update on the Final Review on Phase II of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (<i>Singapore & PSU</i>)	For information
01:20 – 01:30	g. Interim Review of the 2020 Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods (<i>Malaysia; New Zealand & Singapore</i>)	For endorsement
01:30 – 02:00	Interventions by Economies covering VII (b) to (g)	
	Day 3 (27 May)	
23:00 -	VIII. Inclusion Issues	

	a. APEC Seminar on Advancing Economic Inclusion through Trade and Investment in the Asia Pacific Region (CTI 03 2021S) (<i>China</i>)	For Information
	b. Update on APEC Cross Border E-commerce Training (CBET) Workshop II “Accelerating Digital Transformation toward Inclusive Growth – the COVID-19 Impact” (CTI 02 2021S) (<i>China</i>)	For information
	IX. UPDATE ON OTHER CTI INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS	
	a. Update on “The role of government procurement in responding to COVID-19” (<i>Canada & Chile</i>)	For information
	b. Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Promoting Consumer Protection in the Dispute Resolution and Redress Mechanisms in E-Commerce (CTI 09 2019T) (<i>Peru</i>)	For information
	c. Promoting Trade by Utilizing Digital Technology (<i>Chinese Taipei</i>)	For information
	d. Progress on “Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade” (CTI 02 2019) (<i>Russia</i>)	For information
	Interventions by Economies covering VII & IX (a) to (d)	
	X. UPDATES FROM ABAC & OBSERVERS	For information
	XI. ENDORSEMENT OF CTI SUB-FORA CONVENORS/ CHAIRS REPORTS	For endorsement
	XII. SECRETARIAT UPDATE	For information
	a. Project updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of Project Session 1/2021 • Administrative issues for Project Sessions 1/2021 and 2/2021 	For information
	b. CTI Sub-fora Assessment	For information
	c. Update on selection of the next CTI Chair (2022-23)	For information
	d. “Items for Noting” document	For endorsement
	e. Document classification	For information
	XIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)	
	XIV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION	For information