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Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: CTI Chair



**Third Committee on Trade and Investment
Meeting
24-26 August 2021**

**VIRTUAL THIRD MEETING OF THE
APEC COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI3)
24, 25, & 26 AUGUST 2021
1400HRS NZDT / 1000HRS SGT**

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	AGENDA ITEM	Purpose
Day 1 (24 August)		
14:00 – 14:10	I. CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS, BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY PHOTO	
14:10 – 14:12	II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	For endorsement
14:12 - 14:13	III. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING	For information
14:13 15:00	IV. INFORMATION SHARING MECHANISM: POLICY DIALOGUE ON WTO-PLUS ASPECTS OF FTAS/RTAS Topic: Development and Economic Cooperation in FTA Chapters a. Introduction (<i>Australia</i>) b. Experience in Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus (PACER Plus) (<i>Lachlan Parsons, DFAT, Australia</i>) c. Experience in RCEP (<i>FOO Cher How, MTI, Singapore</i>) d. Experience in AANZFTA (<i>Nguyen Van DUC, MOIT, Viet Nam</i>)	For discussion
15:00	V. SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM (MTS) MTS INITIATIVES	
15:05	a. Supporting discussions in the WTO: Workshop on the application of non-discriminatory internal taxes to electronic transmissions (CTI 06 2021S) (<i>New Zealand</i>)	For information
15:10	b. Update on Environmental Goods initiative (<i>New Zealand & MAG Convenor</i>)	For information
15:15	c. Update on policy discussions at MAG on trade-related policies to promote trade in environmental products and technologies, including regulatory issues (<i>Japan</i>)	For information

15:20	d. Update on Scoping study on new and emerging environmental goods at MAG (<i>Australia</i>)	For information
15:25	e. Update on “Study and Trade Policy Dialogue on Potential Options for a Voluntary Standstill on Inefficient Fossil Fuel Subsidies” (CTI 08 2021S) (<i>New Zealand</i>)	For information
15:30	f. Presentation by Hinrich Foundation on Sustainability Trade Index (<i>Hinrich Foundation</i>)	For information/ discussion
15:40	Economies’ interventions for Agenda Items V	
Day 2 (25 August)		
14:00 – 14:45	VI. ENDORSEMENT OF CTI SUB-FORA CONVENORS/ CHAIRS REPORTS i. BMG vi. SCCP xi. DESG ii. IEG vii. SCSC (<i>written</i> iii. IPEG viii. AD <i>report</i> iv. GOS ix. CD <i>only</i>) v. MAG x. LSIF	For endorsement
	VII. RENEWAL OF CTI SUBFORA a. Sub-fora Assessment Reports (<i>APEC Secretariat</i>) b. CTI recommendations to Senior Officials on renewal of subfora (<i>CTI Chair</i>) <i>*Observers and guests are kindly requested to leave the meeting at this point. The Secretariat will invite them back when we have completed this agenda item</i>	For information For discussion/ endorsement
	VIII. REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION REI INITIATIVES	
	a. 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
	b. FTAAP Work Program addressing State-owned and Controlled Enterprises (SOEs) (<i>United States & Japan</i>)	For endorsement

	c. Update on the Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD) on Understanding Non-Tariff Measures on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sectors to Enhance Trade to Improve Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Asia Pacific Region (<i>Indonesia</i>)	For information
	d. Update on the Study on Tariffs – Analysis of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Tariff Liberalisation Schedules (<i>Hong Kong, China & PSU</i>)	For information
	Interventions by members on Agenda VIII	
	IX. TRADE FACILITATION AND CONNECTIVITY	
	a. Implementation of the Peer Review and Capacity Building for APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment (<i>Japan, Papua New Guinea & PSU</i>)	For information
	b. Update on the Final Review on Phase II of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (<i>Singapore & PSU</i>)	For information
	c. Updates on Asia-Pacific Model E-port Network (APMEN) (<i>China</i>)	For information
	d. Update on Promoting Smart Cities through Quality Infrastructure Investment in Rapidly Urbanizing APEC Region (<i>Japan</i>)	For information
	Interventions by Economies covering VII	
Day 3 (26 August)		
	X. Inclusion Issues	
	a. 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
	b. Updates on Advancing Economic Inclusion through Trade and Investment in Asia-Pacific Region (CTI 03 2021S) (<i>China</i>)	For information
	XI. 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. Promoting Trade by Utilizing Digital Technology (CTI 07 2021S) (<i>Chinese Taipei</i>)	For information
	c. Update on APEC Pathfinders (<i>United States</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathfinder on the APEC Technology Choice Principles • Pathfinder to Enhance Supply Chain Connectivity by Establishing a Baseline De Minimis Value • Pathfinder on Permanent Customs Duty Moratorium on Electronic Transmissions, Including Content Transmitted Electronically • Pathfinder on Building Blocks for Facilitating Digital Trade 	For information
	Interventions by Economies covering X & XI	
	XII. UPDATE ON COVID-19 CTI REPORT BACK TO APEC MINISTERIAL MEETING (AMM) (<i>New Zealand</i>)	For information /discussion
	XIII. UPDATES FROM ABAC & OBSERVERS	For information
	XIV. SECRETARIAT UPDATE	
	a. Update on APEC CTI website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEC FTA Database 	For information
	b. Project updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of Project Session 2/2021 	For information
	c. Update on selection of the next CTI Chair (2022-23)	TBC
	d. “Items for Noting” document	For endorsement
	e. Document classification	For information
	XV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)	
	XVI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION	For information