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**29th Chemical Dialogue (“CD29”) AGENDA
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TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2022	
09:00 – 17:05 ITC (UTC+7)	APEC Chemical Dialogue (CD)
09:00-09:55 [55 min]	1. Welcome and Introductions
09:00-09:05 [5 min]	1.1 <u>Welcome note from Thailand</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Krit Chansuwan, Deputy Director General, Office of Industrial Economics Thailand, the host of APEC 2022, will welcome delegates to the 29th Chemical Dialogue
09:05-09:10 [5 min]	1.2 <u>Introduction from Government Co-Chair</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kent Shigetomi, Chemical Dialogue Government Co-Chair The Government Co-Chair will convene the second meeting of the Chemical Dialogue (“Dialogue” or “CD”) in 2022 and provide a brief outline of the objectives and operating procedures for the hybrid meeting.
09:10-09:15 [5 min]	1.3 <u>Welcome from Acting Industry Co-Chair</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jason Bernstein, Chemical Dialogue Acting Industry Co-Chair On behalf of the American Chemistry Council, the Acting Industry Co-Chair will welcome delegates and provide a brief summary of industry specific developments since CD28.
09:15-09:55 [40 min]	1.4 <u>Delegation Introduction and Adoption of Meeting Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kent Shigetomi, Chemical Dialogue Government Co-Chair▪ Jason Bernstein, Chemical Dialogue Acting Industry Co-Chair Each delegation will be asked to indicate: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The economy they are representing2. Whether they are representing government or the private sector3. Indicate if they would like to propose a change to the agenda or adopt it as is4. Priorities for the meeting. For example, GHS, regulatory cooperation, sustainability and marine

	debris etc.
09:55-10:15 [20 min]	2. APEC 2022 Priorities and Management Update <i>(Presenters are encouraged to reserve several minutes for questions following each presentation)</i>
09:55-10:05 [10 min]	<p>2.1 <u>Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) Chair Update (virtual)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Blake Van Velden, CTI Chair <p>Mr. Blake Van Velden will present the latest work on the CTI, as well as CTI’s collaboration with the Chemical Dialogue.</p>
10:05-10:15 [10 min]	<p>2.2 <u>APEC Secretariat Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Uyen Pham, APEC CD Secretariat <p>The APEC CD Secretariat will briefly summarize any relevant administrative developments within APEC and will provide an overview on the APEC project cycle process.</p>
10:15 – 10:30 [15 min]	Coffee Break
10:30-12:30 [100 min]	3. Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence <i>(Presenters are encouraged to reserve several minutes for questions following each presentation)</i>
10:30-11:30 [60 min]	<p>3.1 <u>Regulatory Updates</u></p> <p>Economy interventions (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Canada • China • Indonesia • Japan • Korea • New Zealand • Philippines • Singapore • Chinese Taipei • United States • Viet Nam <p>This session will allow for economies to briefly (5 min per economy) introduce any regulatory updates. Economies may notify the APEC Secretariat if they would like to be added to the list of economy updates. If possible, please table your intervention in advance with the APEC Secretariat.</p>
11:30-11:40 [10 min]	<p>3.2 <u>Virtual Working Group on Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence (VWGRCC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jason Bernstein, VWG on Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence

	A representative from the VWGRCC will provide an update regarding the implementation of the VWG work plan for 2022.
11:40-11:50 [10 min]	<p>3.3 Risk Assessment Workshop Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andy Liu, Chemours <p>A representative from the APEC funded project <i>CD 01 2020T</i> “Facilitating Trade by Improving Risk Assessment Capacity” project will provide an update on 2022 activities.</p>
11:50 – 12:00 [10 min]	<p>3.4 Risk Assessment Compendium Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andy Liu, Chemours <p>One of the proposed outputs of the APEC funded project <i>CD 01 2020T</i> “Facilitating Trade by Improving Risk Assessment Capacity” is the development of a compendium of guidance documents and tools to help economies and stakeholders to develop and conduct risk assessments. Representatives from the Risk Assessment Project will provide a short overview of the resources available to APEC economies and what is summarized in the compendium.</p>
12:00-12:10 [10 min]	<p>3.5 OECD Mutual Acceptance of Data Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jason Bernstein, American Chemistry Council <p>The OECD’s Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) System provides a framework and set of principle tools to harmonize chemical regulation to: reduce and/or eliminate conflicting or duplicative requirements; provide a common basis for governments to work with each other; and reduce non-tariff barriers to trade. This project “Adherence to OECD Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) System Project (<i>CD 02 2022S</i>) aims to provide information about the MAD system to assist APEC economies that are considering joining. A representative from the OECD “Adherence to OECD Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) System Project (<i>CD 02 2022S</i>) will provide an update on the webinar scheduled for September.</p>
12:10-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-14:40 [40 min]	<p>4. Globally Harmonized System for the Labelling and Classification of Chemicals (GHS) <i>(Presenters are encouraged to reserve several minutes for questions following each presentation)</i></p>
14:00-14:10 [10 min]	<p>4.1 Virtual Working Group on GHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fabien Henry, VWG on GHS, Industry Co-Chair <p>An update regarding implementation of the VWG on GHS 2022 work plan, the 2022 survey report, and the GHS convergence proposal will be provided.</p>
14:10-14:20	4.2 Status of the G.R.E.A.T. Project

[10 min]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Jowitt, SAHTECH, Chinese Taipei <p>Chinese Taipei will deliver a short update on the GHS Reference Exchange and Tool (“G.R.E.A.T.”) project and website.</p>
14:20-14:30 [10 min]	<p>4.3 Preparation Checklist and Guidance on How to Upgrade to Higher GHS Version Concept Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Raditya Eka Permana, National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention, Directorate for Upstream Chemical Industry, Ministry of Industry, Indonesia <p>This project is proposed to develop a guidance for economies to be able to easily adapt when there is a new revision to GHS being introduced by the U.N. As a result, the Project team hopes that the “Preparation Checklists and Guidance” will assist economies in applying new GHS editions.</p>
14:30-14:40 [10 min]	<p>4.4 Capacity Building on GHS Implementation Convergence Concept Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fabien Henry, Singapore Industry CD Representative <p>With a focus on promoting convergence of GHS implementing regulations, this project proposes a series of webinars for regulators and industry to address needs identified in the past APEC CD surveys on GHS implementation convergence and initiate exchanges on possible ways forward. This project will continue past work of the CD on GHS and support current efforts to promote trade facilitation through good practices for GHS implementation convergence.</p>
14:40-14:55 [15 min]	<p>5. Data Exchange</p>
14:40-14:55 [15 min]	<p>5.1 Virtual Working Group on Data Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natalia Druzhinina, CIS Center, Russia ▪ Cissie Yeung, Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC) <p>An update regarding implementation of the VWG on Data Exchange work plan including an update on the proposed series of informational webinars will be provided.</p>
14:55 – 15:20 [25 min]	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:20-16:50 [90 min]	<p>6. Marine Debris and Sustainability</p>
15:20-15:30 [10 min]	<p>6.1 Bio-Circular Green Economy: Plastics Waste Management by Public Private Partnership for Sustainable Plastic and Waste Management (PPP Plastics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kongsak Dokbua, Plastics Institute of Thailand <p>Operation of PPP Plastics for plastic waste management by the cooperation of the public, private and non-profit organizations in solving problems at the national level. This is to be carried out in</p>

	line with the BCG policy and for the country's economic and social development towards sustainability.
15:30-15:40 [10 min]	<p>6.2 <u>Bio-Circular Green: Responsible care Multi-stakeholder Engagement in Thailand</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Siriporn Piya-arksornsak, Chemical Industry Club, Federation of Thai Industry <p>Responsible care Thailand operated a global chemical industry's voluntary initiative to drive continuous improvement in safe chemicals management and achieve excellence in environmental, health, safety and security performance.</p>
15:40-15:50 [10 min]	<p>6.3 <u>Services that Support the Clean-Up of Maritime Debris Project (GOS 04 2022S)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Hildegunn Kyvik Nordås, Senior Associate, the Council on Economic Policy <p>This project aims to increase knowledge on the role of trade in services in cleaning up marine debris, and to understand the economic and environmental impact of any barriers to services trade in cleaning up marine debris in the APEC region</p>
15:50-16:00 [10 min]	<p>6.4 <u>Green Chemistry Concept Note Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashley Nelsen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency <p>A U.S. regulatory representative will provide an overview of the new project on green chemistry and sound chemicals management. The objective of this project is to promote knowledge sharing and raise awareness within APEC member economies on innovations, practices and policies among regulators, industry, and supply chain stakeholders to extend the application of sustainable chemistry principles and implementation of source reduction practices to advance the sound management of chemicals.</p>
16:00-16:10 [10 min]	<p>6.5 <u>UNEA Global Agreement on Plastics Resolution - End Plastic Pollution: Towards a Legally Binding Instrument</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Larke Williams, U.S. Department of State <p>A representative from the UN Environment Assembly will provide an update on the outcome of the UNEA5 virtual meeting held this past March as well as provide insight on the upcoming November negotiations that have the possibility to lead to a global agreement on plastics. The March 2022 resolution titled, 'End Plastic Pollution: Towards an internationally legally binding instrument,' agreed to establish an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to draft a legally binding agreement by 2024. The agreement is expected to address the full lifecycle of plastics, including production, design, and disposal, as well as the design of reusable and recyclable products and materials.</p>
16:10-16:20 [10 min]	<p>6.6 <u>Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Olivia Hernandez, Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris <p>The coordinator for the Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris will present on APEC's recent</p>

	work on marine debris, including related work taking place in the CTI, OFWG, PPSTI, ABAC and other fora.
16:20-16:30 [10 min]	<p>6.7 APEC Chemical Recycling Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jason Bernstein, American Chemistry Council (ACC) <p>This session will provide an update on the July chemical recycling webinar hosted by industry titled “Introducing Advanced Recycling in the Asia-Pacific” (CD 01 2022S) and next steps.</p>
16:30-16:40 [10 min]	<p>6.8 Rebound Plastic Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doug Woodring, Lead Expert, Rebound Plastic Exchange <p>Rebound Plastic Exchange is a global quality-assured platform for the trade of plastic feedstock for recycling, based in the UAE. This presentation will provide an update on Rebound Plastic Exchange activities and any major next steps.</p>
16:40-17:05 [25 min]	7. Meeting Summary and Next Steps
16:40 -16:55 [15 min]	<p>7.1 Meeting Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Olivia Burzynska-Hernandez, Asia Pacific Chemical Industry Coalition (APCIC) <p>A representative from the APCIC will summarize the day’s discussions and read the list of agreed upon action items for revision and endorsement by delegates.</p>
16:55-17:00 [5 min]	<p>7.2 Document Classification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Uyen Pham, APEC CD Secretariat <p>The APEC CD Secretariat will review the Document Classification List and ask delegates to endorse any revisions within the next two weeks.</p>
17:00-17:05 [5 min]	<p>7.3 Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kent Shigetomi, Chemical Dialogue Government Co-Chair <p>The Government Co-Chair will provide closing remarks for the Chemical Dialogue.</p>
END OF 29TH CHEMICAL DIALOGUE	