Agenda

Submitted by: Russia
**Workshop on Effective Domestic Policymaking for Stimulating Economic Upgrading Through Global Value Chains**

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<td>Welcome Remarks</td>
<td><strong>Ms. Maria Baranova</strong> – Deputy Director, Department for Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development of Russia</td>
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| Session #1: Value chains in a changing world | **Moderator:**

Mr. Vladimir Zuev – Professor, National Research University Higher School of Economics

**Speakers:**

1. Mr. Evgeniy Kanaev – Professor, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia
2. Ms. Yang Cuihong – Professor, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
4. Mr. Christopher Ilagan – Director, Corporate Affairs, Cargill Philippines, Inc., Philippines

| Q&A session with the panel | **15 min** |
| Closing Remarks | **5 min** |
Session #2: Policies to improve the value chain: what needs to be done?

The capacity of firms to meet the requirements of GVCs is affected by the institutional context in which they operate. Benefits of GVCs can also vary considerably depending on whether a country operates at the high or at the low end of the value chain. Here governments play a key role, as they may enact policies that either promote or reduce the capacities of their firms to enhance their competitiveness, attract investment, and insert themselves into GVCs effectively. These include policies in a wide range of areas, such as trade and investment, IPR, competition, infrastructure and logistics, finance, labour market as well as policies for investment in education, skills, technology and strategic infrastructure. While open markets are crucial, GVCs also need to be complemented with appropriate and wide-ranging policy frameworks that allow countries and firms to capitalize on their existing productive capacities and spillover benefits from foreign investment, knowledge, technologies and innovations.

We will discuss the related policies applied by APEC economies concentrating on most effective strategies, both at domestic and international level, that tackle the key barriers to integration and upgrading of the domestic firms, including micro, small and medium ones, in GVCs. We also aim to discover the possible areas for further exploration and exchange of views in the future APEC work.

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Speakers:

1. Mr. Victor Stolzenburg – Research Economist, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO
2. Mr. Quan Zhao – Trade Policy Advisor, Division for Market Development, ITC
3. Ms. Sarah Thorn – Senior Director, Global Government Affairs, Walmart, USA
4. Mr. Luciano Cuervo – Senior Economic Advisor, Global Value Chains Division, Undersecretariat for International Economic Relations, Chile
5. Ms. Alexandra Mochalova – Trade Policy Expert, WTO Expertise Center, Russia

Q&A session with the panel

Closing Remarks