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**2023/SOM3/CTI/001**

Agenda Item: II

## **Agenda**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: APEC Secretariat



**Third Committee on Trade and  
Investment Meeting  
Seattle, United States  
13-14 August 2023**

**THIRD MEETING OF THE  
APEC COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI3)  
13-14 AUGUST 2023  
SEATTLE CONVENTION CENTER, SUMMIT BUILDING, FLEX C3  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES**

**Draft Agenda**

<b>Indicative timing</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
0830hrs	<b>I. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</b>	For information
	<b>II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	For endorsement
	<b>III. BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS</b> <i>(update by host economy)</i>	For information
	<b>IV. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING</b>	For information
0855 to 0940	<b>V. PRESENTATION BY PECC &amp; PANEL DISCUSSION ON ITS <a href="#">REPORT</a>: "STATE OF THE REGION" (2023-2024) (PECC)</b>  <i>PECC and guests of CTI meeting</i>	For discussion
0940 to 1040	<b>VI. INFORMATION SHARING MECHANISM: POLICY DIALOGUE ON WTO-PLUS ASPECTS OF FTAS/RTAS</b>  Topic: Institutional provisions in FTAs/RTAs  <i>(led by Australia)</i>	For discussion
1100	<b>VII. UPDATE BY THE APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (ABAC)</b>  ABAC will update members on outcomes of the ABAC3 meeting as well as preparations on the ABAC Report to Leaders	For discussion
1115 to 1200	<b>VIII. GUESTS</b>  a. World Economic Forum (WEF)  - Updates recent WEF trade and investment initiatives and outputs, including on Indigenous trade;	For information and discussion

	<p>Guidebook to Facilitate Climate FDI; Action on Climate and Trade (ACT) with the WTO and World Bank Group, and supporting ASEAN's plans on a Digital Economy Framework Agreement</p> <p>b. Dr Peter Lovelock, Head, Fair Tech Policy, Asia - AI for trade and regulatory options</p> <p>c. Johannes Fritz, CEO, St Gallen Endowment for Prosperity Through Trade</p> <p>d. Alain Borghijs, Deputy Representative, North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank</p>	
	<p><b>IX. UPDATE ON THE BAY AREA AGENDA</b></p> <p><i>United States</i></p>	For discussion
0900 / 14 Aug	<p><b>X. SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM (MTS)</b></p>	
	<p>a. Information Sharing (<i>by members</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Members' acceptance of the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement (<i>APEC Secretariat on behalf of members</i>)</li> <li>ii. Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) (<i>Canada</i>)</li> <li>iii. Informal Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP) (<i>China</i>)</li> <li>iv. Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR) (<i>New Zealand</i>)</li> <li>v. Summary of the Presentation on the WTO Joint Statement Initiative (JSI) on E-Commerce at DESG2 (<i>Singapore on behalf of the co-convenors of the JSI (Australia, Japan and Singapore)</i>)</li> <li>vi. JSI on Investment Facilitation for Development (<i>China</i>)</li> </ul>	For information
0915 / 14 Feb	<p>b. Discussion on members' priorities in APEC to support the MTS, including ahead of MC13.</p>	For discussion

	<i>Andrea Durkin, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs</i>	
	Members' interventions	
	<b>XI. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE REGION INITIATIVES</b>	
	a. The FTAAP agenda Work Plan	For discussion
1200hrs/ 13 Aug	b. Update on the PECC FTAAP project Australian Committee for PECC (AusPECC)	For information
	<i>Members' interventions</i>	
	c. Update on RCEP ( <i>Indonesia</i> )	For information
	d. Update on CPTPP ( <i>New Zealand</i> )	For information
	e. Update on the Digital Economic Partnership Agreement ( <i>Chile</i> )	For information
	f. Update on the Inclusive Trade Action Group (ITAG) and the Global Trade and Gender Arrangement (GTAGA) ( <i>New Zealand</i> )	For information
	<del>g. Update on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) (<i>United States</i>)</del>	<del>For information</del>
	<i>Members' interventions</i>	
	h. Update on the initiative, "A New Look at the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP)" ( <i>Peru &amp; PSU</i> )	For information
	i. Update on the "CTI Dialogues on A New Look at the FTAAP: How to Advance the FTAAP Agenda" ( <i>Peru</i> )	For information

	j. <del>Update on the 10 Aug “FTAAP Work Program: Workshop on Inclusion in Trade Agreements and Trade Policy” (United States)</del> <b>Item removed</b>	For information
	k. “FTAAP Work Program on Labour-related Provisions in FTAs/RTAs, including information-sharing on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building provisions” ( <a href="#">2023/SOM1/CTI/008</a> )(United States)	For endorsement
	l. “FTAAP Work Program on State-owned Enterprises (SOEs)” ( <i>Japan and United States</i> )	For endorsement
	k. Action Plan Framework for the 4th Regional Economic Integration Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI) ( <i>Korea</i> )	For endorsement
	l. APEC Workshops for Capacity Building in Self-Declaration of Origin for FTAs/RTAs (SCCP 02 2022T)( <i>Japan</i> )	For information
	<i>Members’ interventions</i>	
	<b>XII. TRADE FACILITATION, CONNECTIVITY, DIGITALISATION AND INNOVATION</b>	
	a. Updates on Asia-Pacific Model E-port Network (APMEN) ( <i>China</i> )  i. Terms of Reference (ToR) for 2023-2026  ii. Annual Work Plan;	For endorsement  For endorsement
	b. Research on how economies can help utilize digital trade platform in post-COVID 19 era ( <i>Japan</i> )	For [endorsement information]
	c. Updates on Peer Review and Capacity Building on APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment ( <i>Japan</i> )	For information
	d. Updates on the Supply Chain Framework Action Plan III (2022-2026) ( <i>Singapore</i> )	For information

	e. <del>Trade Policy Dialogue on Digital Trade at SOM3 (United States)</del> <b>Item removed</b>	For information
	f. Self-funded proposal for a Workshop on Implementing the APEC Pathfinder on Building Blocks for Facilitating Digital Trade (United States)	For <b>information</b>
	g. Update on the 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) and renewal for the ToR 2024-2027 (United States)	For information & endorsement
	h. Proposal “Literature review on methods of greenhouse gas footprint measurement to better understand green and sustainable supply chains among APEC economies” (China)	For information
	i. Update on the 13 July “Impacts of the Moratorium on Customs duties on electronic transmissions on business sector” (New Zealand)	For information
	j. APEC Seminar on Cross-Border Telework (Japan)	For information
	k. Sharing best trade policy practices to enhance synergies between trade and innovation (Japan)	For information
	l. Study on the Impact of Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and future of ICT trade (MAG 01 2022T) (Japan)	For information
	m. Proposal “Literature review on cooperation of data flows and cross border payments to support digitalized supply chains among APEC economies” (China)	For information
	n. Update on the initiative on “Open Government Data” (United States)	For information
	o. Update on the APEC Harmonization Center (AHC) (Korea)	For information
	p. Update on the Regulatory Harmonization Steering Committee (RHSC) (United States)	For information

	Q. Update on the project “Measuring the Economic Impact of Trade Facilitation Policies on Trade” (Chile)	For information
	<i>Members’ interventions</i>	
	<b>XIII. INCLUSION &amp; SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES</b>	
	a. Updates on APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain ( <i>China</i> )  Terms of Reference for 2023-2026	For endorsement
	<del>b. Update on “Research on Key Areas and Implementation Paths for Deepening APEC Inclusive Trade and Investment Cooperation” (<i>China</i>)</del> [Item removed]	For information
	b. “Circular Economy Approaches to Promote E-waste Recovery in the Asia Pacific Region” ( <i>United States</i> )	For endorsement
	c. Update on the 11 August CTI workshop “Increasing Access to the Benefits of Trade for Indigenous Businesses and Entrepreneurs” ( <i>Australia</i> )	For information
	d. Next steps in support of identifying practical ways to integrate inclusion and sustainability into trade policy by the end of this host year, as called for in the 2023 MRT statement ( <i>United States</i> )	For discussion
	e. Update on the Structural Reform for Sustainable Green Growth Sub-Fund ( <i>New Zealand</i> )	For information
	<i>Members’ interventions</i>	
	<b>XIV. UPDATE ON OTHER CTI INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS</b>	
	a. Update on APEC Pathfinders ( <i>United States</i> ):  i. Pathfinder on the APEC Technology Choice Principles;	For information

	ii. Pathfinder to Enhance Supply Chain Connectivity by Establishing a Baseline De Minimis Value; iii. Pathfinder on Permanent Customs Duty Moratorium on Electronic Transmissions, Including Content Transmitted Electronically; iv. Pathfinder on Building Blocks for Facilitating Digital Trade	
	b. Update on Concept Notes ( <i>Peru</i> )	For information
	<i>Members' interventions</i>	
	<b>XV. UPDATE FROM OTHER FORA; REPORT BACK BY SUB-FORA CONVENORS &amp; ENDORSEMENT SUB-FORA CONVENORS' REPORTS, INCLUDING UPDATES ON TASKING TO SUBFORA &amp; MINISTERIAL MANDATES</b>	
0830am 14 Aug	(i) Fora Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BMG</b> (representative)</li> <li>• <b>DESG Vice Chair</b></li> <li>• <b>GOS</b> (<i>Confirmed for 13 Aug 0845hrs</i>)</li> <li>• <b>IEG</b> (representative)</li> <li>• <b>IPEG</b> (representative)</li> <li>• <b>MAG</b> (representative)</li> <li>• <b>SCCP</b> (representative)</li> <li>• <b>SCSC</b></li> <li>• <b>CD</b></li> </ul> <p>*Bold indicates confirmed attendance</p>	For endorsement
	(ii) Taskings: <p>(a) Environmental Goods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. HS Transposition (<i>MAG Convenor</i>);</li> <li>ii. Ministerial instruction to begin work to develop a Framework of Discussions for Producing a voluntary, non-binding APEC Reference List of Environmental Goods (<i>Australia</i>)</li> </ol> <p>(b) Environmental Services (<i>GOS Convenor</i>):</p>	For discussion  For information   For information

	<p>First review of the <a href="#">2021 Reference List</a> of Environmental &amp; Environmentally Related Services;</p> <p>(c) Non-Binding Guidelines on Logistics-related Services that Support the Movement of Essential Goods in Periods of Crisis</p> <p>(d) Inefficient Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (<i>New Zealand</i>)</p>	<p>For information</p> <p>For information</p>
	<p>(iii) Other Fora</p> <p>a. EC Chair (14 Aug; 1400hrs)</p> <p>b. PPWE Chair (14 Aug; 1400hrs)</p>	<p>For information</p>
	<p><i>Members' interventions</i></p>	
	<p><b>XVI. IMPLEMENTING THE PUTRAJAYA VISION, INCLUDING THROUGH THE AOTEAROA PLAN OF ACTION</b></p> <p>(a) Highlighting individual actions:</p> <p>(i) The Philippines</p> <p>(ii) Japan</p> <p>(iii) Chile</p> <p>(iv) New Zealand</p> <p>(v) Papua New Guinea</p> <p>(vi) Brunei Darussalam</p> <p><i>Seeking volunteer economies</i></p> <p>(b) Evaluating progress (<i>CTI Chair &amp; PSU</i>)</p>	<p>For discussion</p> <p>For discussion</p>
	<p><i>Members' interventions</i></p>	
	<p><b>XVII. SECRETARIAT UPDATE</b></p>	
	<p>a. Project updates</p>	<p>For information</p>
	<p>b. "Items for Noting"</p>	<p>For endorsement</p>
	<p>c. Document classification</p>	<p>For information</p>

	<b>XVIII. GOVERNANCE</b>	
	a. Introduction of the next CTI Chair (2024-25)	For information
	<b>XIX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)</b>	
	a. Update on Indonesia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2023 <i>(Indonesia)</i>	For information
	b. Presentation of Peru's 2024 preliminary CTI priorities <i>(Peru)</i>	For information
	<b>XX. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION</b>	