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## **Agenda**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: DESG Chair

**First Digital Economy Steering Group  
Meeting  
Palm Springs, United States  
20 February 2023**

# APEC DIGITAL ECONOMY STEERING GROUP (DESG) 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING IN 2023

*20 February 2023, 08:30 – 17:00, Palm Springs, USA*

## AGENDA

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

DESG Chair Dr. Ekapong Rimcharone will make opening remarks and introduce Vice Chairs Ms. Emily Flahive and Mr. Xu Feng to DESG members.

Host Economy (United States) will make opening remarks.

DESG members will be invited to:

- Adopt the agenda.
- Note the intersessionally endorsed DESG 2 2022 Meeting Summary Report.

### 2. DATA PRIVACY SUB-GROUP (DPS) CHAIR'S REPORT

DPS Chair Mr. Junichi Ishii to report on the key outcomes of the DPS meeting.

### 3. CTI CHAIR'S UPDATE ON CTI'S PRIORITIES FOR 2023

CTI Chair Mr. Blake Van Velden will present CTI's priorities for 2023, as well as CTI's collaboration with DESG.

### 4. APEC DEVELOPMENTS

DESG Program Director to report on relevant APEC developments.

### 5. DESG 2023 WORK PLAN

DESG members will be invited to discuss and endorse the DESG 2023 Work Plan.

### 6. HOST YEAR PRIORITIES

United States will present on APEC 2023 host year priorities.

### 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APEC INTERNET AND DIGITAL ECONOMY ROADMAP (AIDER)

DESG members will be invited to discuss the progress of implementing the [APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap \(AIDER\)](#) and potential areas for future work.

Member Economies

- Australia: *Principles for the Interoperability of Electronic Invoicing Systems*
- Indonesia

8. DESG CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVE THE APEC PUTRAJAYA VISION 2040, INCLUDING THROUGH THE AOTEAROA PLAN OF ACTION

Overview of DESG work areas and actions to implement the [APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 \(APV\)](#), including through the [Aotearoa Plan of Action \(APA\)](#).

Highlighting individual actions (volunteer economies):

- Australia
- Peru
- United States

Discussion of the DESG contribution to the implementation of the [La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth \(2019-2030\)](#).

9. DESG CONTRIBUTION TO BANGKOK GOALS ON BCG ECONOMY

DESG Program Director will highlight the [Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green \(BCG\) Economy](#), adopted by APEC Leaders in November 2022.

DESG members will be invited to discuss potential DESG contribution to the implementation of the Bangkok Goals.

10. PROJECTS UPDATES AND PROPOSALS

*Speakers will have up to 5 minutes for their intervention, and are strongly encouraged to submit their intervention points as meeting documents to the APEC Collaboration System (ACS).*

DESG members will be invited to provide updates about completed or ongoing APEC projects, or to present proposals for new projects or activities.

Completed Projects

- *Workshop on Sharing Best Practices on Leveraging the Benefits of Artificial Intelligence on Intellectual Property Examination to Improve Efficiency and Business Process* (DESG 06 2021A) – Indonesia

Ongoing Projects

- *Measuring the Economic Impact of Digital Trade / e-Commerce Provisions* (CTI 05 2022S) – Australia
- *Fostering Greater SME Participation in Global Value Chains* (CTI 02 2022S) – Australia
- *Data Standardization within APEC – Pilot Project utilizing the Health Data* (DESG 01 2022A) – Korea

- *Catalyzing Stakeholders for Effective Implementation of Digital Licensing and Permitting Measures for Post-COVID-19 Economic Recovery* (DESG 05 2022A) – USA
- *Towards Coordinated Transformation for Digital and Green Development* (DESG 05 2021S) – China
- *Study on Barriers and Opportunities in Using Digital Technologies to Provide Services for Older Adults in Poverty Condition in APEC Economies* (DESG 02 2021) – Peru
- *Workshop on Facilitating Digital Transformation for SMEs in Services Industries in the Post COVID-19 Pandemic* (DESG 02 2022A) – Viet Nam
- *Workshop on Promoting Digital Transformation in Agriculture* (DESG 06 2022A) – Viet Nam
- *Workshop on Promoting Creative Industries in the Aftermath of COVID-19: Sharing of Best Practices, and Identifying Opportunities and Challenges* (DESG 04 2022A) – Indonesia
- *Review of the APEC CBPR System* – Japan and PSU

## 11. INFORMATION SHARING ON DIGITAL ECONOMY ISSUES

*Speakers will have up to 5 minutes for their intervention, and are strongly encouraged to submit their intervention points as meeting documents to the APEC Collaboration System (ACS).*

DESG members, observers and guests will be invited to share voluntary reports on developments relevant to the digital economy.

Member Economies

- United States
- China
- Singapore
- Canada
- Chile
- Chinese Taipei

ABAC, Observers & Guest Organizations

- World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- ABAC

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

DESG Chair will summarize key outcomes of the meeting, which will be reflected in the DESG Chair's reports to CTI and SOM.

DESG Program Director will present the document classification list for the meeting.

13. CONCLUSION

DESG Chair will make closing remarks.