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CTI Priorities for 2013

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Outline of presentation

- Highlight some (not all) CTI priorities for 2013
- Seek views and inputs from CTI sub-fora on their priorities, work plans and contributions to the CTI agenda 2013

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Sources of priorities



- Ongoing CTI and sub-fora work programmes (refer CTI annual report to Ministers and sub-fora annual reports, 2012)
- New mandates from AELM, AMM and other ministerial meetings, 2012
- APEC tasking statement for 2013
- Indonesia's 2013 host year priorities

Four main priority areas for CTI



- Support for the multilateral trading system
- Regional economic integration/trade and economic liberalisation
- Promoting connectivity
- Contributions of CTI and sub-fora to APEC growth strategy and cross-cutting mandates

Support for the Multilateral Trading System



- Historic role for APEC
 - ITA, trade facilitation, resisting protectionism, environmental goods list
- Indonesia hosting WTO 9th Ministerial Conference, December 2013
- How can APEC best support WTO initiatives

Regional economic integration/ trade and investment liberalisation



- Attaining the Bogor Goals
 - IAPs and PSU Bogor Goals progress reports
 - call for specific proposals to address outstanding tariff, non-tariff and behind-the-border barriers
 - Are there less trade restrictive ways of achieving the policy objectives underlying the barrier(s)?
- Mandate to study impact of local content requirements

Regional economic integration/trade and investment liberalisation (con't)



- Next Generation Trade and Investment issues
 - Global supply chains
 - Participation of SMEs in global production chains
 - RTAs transparency
 - Market-driven innovation: Innovation and Trade Implementation practices
- Call for new ideas for 2013

Regional economic integration/trade and investment liberalisation (cont'd)



- Some other prominent work streams:
 - Investment Facilitation Action Plan implementation
 - STAR database
 - Cooperation on Intellectual Property Rights
 - Implementation of Cross Border Privacy Rules system
 - AEO/Single Window Systems
 - Environmental goods and services

Promoting Connectivity



- Implementing projects to address chokepoints under Supply-Chain Connectivity Action Plan
- Mid-term assessment of 10% targeted improvement in supply chain performance
 - PSU preparing a report
- Systematic approach to improving supply chain performance
 - Inventories and diagnostic reports on choke points for capacity-building in 2014

Contributions to APEC cross-cutting mandates



- Travel Facilitation Initiative
- Cross-border education cooperation
- Infrastructure development and investment
- SMEs competitiveness (nine barriers, 2011)
- Food security
- Good regulatory practices
- Blue economy/Mainstreaming Oceans issues
- Women and the Economy

Other operational priorities



- Increased cross-fora collaboration
 - rise of cross-cutting mandates
 - synergies between CTI and Economic Committee work streams (e.g. ANSSR, Good Regulatory Practices, Ease of Doing Business and competition policy)
- Close engagement with business/ABAC
- Leveraging off “cutting edge” research and analysis
 - Inter-governmental organisations, academic networks (e.g. PECC and ASCs)

Views and interests of CTI sub-fora



- Welcome advice and input on:
 - priorities and interests of sub-fora
 - ways to improve interaction with CTI
 - new ideas and inputs to advance APEC’s agenda in 2013 and support Indonesia’s host year priorities.

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