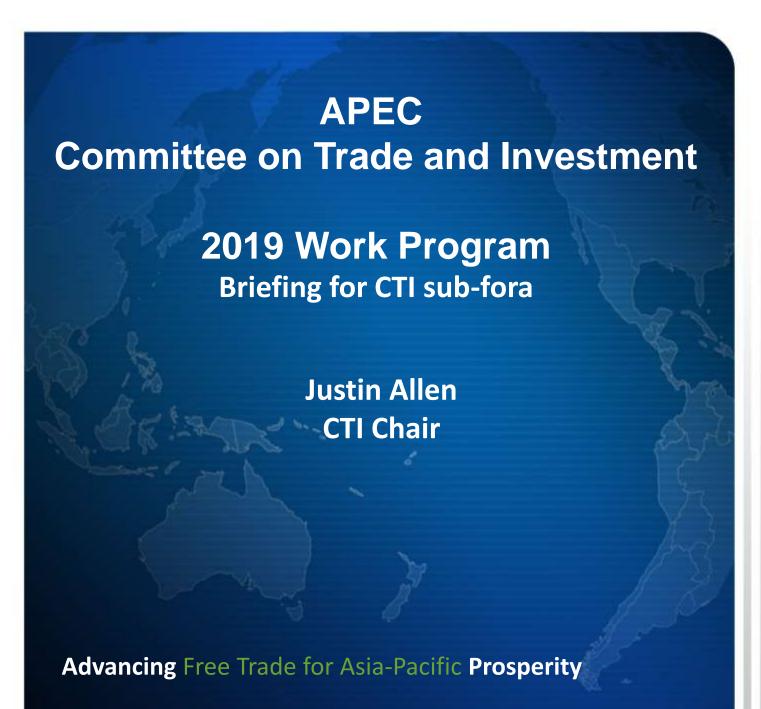# CTI 2019 Work Program - Briefing for CTI Sub-fora

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Work Program outline

Broadly speaking, the CTI work program is built around **four key areas:**

1. Support for the **multilateral trading system**;

2. Deepening **regional economic integration**, including through work to achieve the Bogor Goals and on FTAAP;

3. Strengthening **trade facilitation and connectivity**, including through regulatory cooperation and convergence; and

4. Promoting **innovative and inclusive responses to APEC-wide issues**, including through engagement with the private sector.

Multilateral Trading System

- **Difficult period for the WTO = difficult period for APEC to add value to the multilateral trading system**

- **Focus on activities and initiatives that support implementation of WTO decisions or ongoing WTO negotiations:**
  - ➢ Activities to support implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
  - ➢ Initiative to support the implementation of the MC10 decision on export subsidies
  - ➢ Promoting Transparency through the Improvement of SPS Notifications

- **CTI also looking to contribute in areas such as**
  - ➢ E-Commerce, MSMEs, and women's economic empowerment

Regional Economic Integration

- **Bogor Goals**
  - ➤ Accelerated effort towards the 2020 target?

- **FTAAP**
  - ➤ Ongoing initiatives to implement the Lima Declaration: tariffs; non-tariff measures; rules of origin; services; investment; environment provisions; MSMEs; transparency
  - ➤ Discussion of new ideas that could contribute to FTAAP: digital trade and e-commerce; state-owned enterprises; labour; competition policy

- **Internet and digital economy / e-commerce**
  - ➤ ECSG becoming DESG – Digital Economy Steering Group, which will coordinate implementation of the Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap
  - ➤ New Digital Innovation Sub-Fund
  - ➤ Ongoing series of digital trade policy dialogues
  - ➤ New work on Fostering an Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment for Data-Utilizing Businesses

- **MSMEs**
  - ➢ Boracay Action Agenda annual stock-take and mid-term review undertaken in 2018; further work to implement BAA
  - ➢ Ongoing work on MSME's internationalisation into Global Value Chains

- **GVCs**
  - ➢ First datasets finalised of the APEC Trade in Value Added (TiVA) Database; now looking to capacity building to help economies use the Database
  - ➢ Host Chile's interest in Enhancing APEC Economies Integration into GVCs

- **Services**
  - ➢ Implementation of the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap
  - ➢ New proposals based on the Principles for Domestic Regulation of the Services Sector
  - ➢ Increasing work on "green" services
  - ➢ Ongoing work to measure the regulatory environment for services

Trade Facilitation and Connectivity

- **Trade facilitation**
  - ➤ Several practical activities to support implementation of the TFA and other forms of capacity building

- **Connectivity including supply chain connectivity**
  - ➤ Ongoing implementation of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP) Phase II
  - ➤ Additional emphasis on single window systems
  - ➤ Further activities by the Asia Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN) and the Green Supply Chain Network
  - ➤ On-going work on infrastructure development and investment, including through peer review and capacity building (Viet Nam, Indonesia), and further work on quality infrastructure

Innovative and inclusive work

- **Inclusion**
  - Initiative to promote Greater Participation in Commercial Activities
  - Workshop on Women and trade
  - Information Sharing Mechanism at CTI2 to focus on FTA chapters that support inclusion outcomes

- **Working with business**
  - Joint industry/officials' dialogues: Chemical Dialogue, Automotive Dialogue, Life Sciences Innovation Forum
  - PPDs especially on digital trade, APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity
  - Involving ABAC in the CTI work program and vice versa

- **Host economy priorities**
  - Responding to Digital, Integration 4.0 and Inclusion issues (women, SMEs) in particular

Reporting framework

- **Revised reporting template for CTI sub-fora**
  - ➤ CTI1 - Focus on planned objectives and deliverables for the year
  - ➤ CTI3 – Reporting against the stated goals and deliverables
  - ➤ CTI will also report on a similar basis to Senior Officials

- **Sub-fora mandate renewal (2021)**
  - ➤ Ongoing discussion about the most effective, efficient and objective way of carrying out "assessments" of all CTI sub-fora

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