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Reopening Borders: Current Development and Future Engagement of APEC Business Travel Card in Post COVID-19 Era

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**Capacity Building Workshop on Improving
the Utilization of APEC Business Travel
Card**

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Introduction

- Australian Representative for Business Mobility Group.
- Australia manages and hosts the ABTC System.
- 356,500 active cardholders.

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The ABTC and COVID-19

- Significant impacts due to Covid-19.
 - Reduction in numbers cardholders
 - Ability to utilize and benefit from the ABTC
- Opportunities for the ABTC
 - Digitization of the ABTC Scheme
 - Working collaboratively with other sub-fora
 - Thailand's proposal on the APEC Frequent Travel Card (AFTC)

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The Virtual ABTC

- Official Launch – November 2020
- ‘Go live’ – March 2021
 - Currently nine economies have transitions to the virtual ABTC including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Mexico and Thailand.
- Features – Provides a secure up-to-date version of the ABTC.
- Future enhancements



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Online Lodgement and ABTC System Enhancements

- Australia is developing connectivity for economies with current online forms.
 - Eliminate manual data error
 - Reduce delays in processing
 - Pilot with Singapore
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- ABTC System enhancements

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