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A light brown silhouette map of the Asia-Pacific region, showing the outlines of major landmasses including North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Australia. A horizontal blue band with white wavy lines runs across the center of the map, serving as a background for the title text.

Issues in Progressing Pathway Agreements Towards the Realization of FTAAP

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1. Maintaining and improving the quality of existing agreements

- **Create high quality and high standard rules through convergence of the best rules from existing agreements**
- **Implement regular monitoring of the problems, issues and implementation status of the existing agreements**

2. Encourage interested economies as new entrants

- **Encourage interested economies as new entrants. However, careful examination of the new members is indispensable in maintaining the quality and reliability of the agreements**

3. Higher quality rules standards in the e-commerce chapters

- **Expand and converge (merge) or adopt higher quality international rules in the e-commerce chapters of the free trade agreements**

4. Globalize women and MSMEs

- **Encourage women and MSMEs to make better use of existing FTAs to engage in global supply chains through a successor initiative to the Boracay Action Agenda to Globalize MSMEs.**

5. Reduce government restrictions on the trade of medical products

- We call for the conclusion of a framework that reduces government restrictions on the trade of such medical products as personal protective equipment, among others (including vaccines).

6. Appropriate measures to deal with climate change issues

- It is hoped that APEC members will actively address environmental issues within the framework of trade agreements or in some other ways.

A stylized map of the Asia-Pacific region, showing the outlines of the APEC member economies. The map is rendered in a light brown color against a white background. A horizontal band with a blue and white striped pattern cuts across the middle of the map, serving as a background for the "Thank you!" text.

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