



**Asia-Pacific
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Draft Agenda

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**Policy Dialogue on Emergency Response
Travel Facilitation
Jakarta, Indonesia
1 February 2012**

**Policy Dialogue on Emergency Response Travel Facilitation (ERTF)
Friday, 1 February 2012**

**J.W. Marriott Hotel, Marriott Ballroom 1-3, 2nd Floor
Jakarta - Indonesia**

Tentative Agenda

- 9 am – 9.05 am** **Opening remarks by SOM Chair**

Ambassador Yuri O. Octavian, Director General for Asia Pacific and Africa,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- 9.05 – 9.15 am** **Remarks by EPWG Co-Chair**

Dr Li Wei-Sen (Mr), Deputy Executive Secretary National Science &
Technology Center for Disaster Reduction , Chinese Taipei
- 9.15 am – 10.30 am** **Session 1**

Emergency Response Travel Facilitation (ERTF) Initiative

Mr. Dodi Ruswandi, Deputy for Disasters Eradication,
National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB), Indonesia

*This session will be a presentation from Indonesia on the development of
ERTF. All APEC Economies will also be invited to provide further comments
and feedback on the initiative.*

Identifying the Benefit of ERTF for APEC Region

Mr. Said Faisal, ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) Center, Jakarta

*This session will be a presentation from AHA Center, Jakarta, in how ERTF
brings benefit to the region in the times of disaster. All APEC Economies will
also be invited to provide further comments and feedback on the initiative.*
- 10.30 am – 11.00 am** **Morning Break and Photo Group**
- 11.00 am – 12.30 pm** **Session 2: Immigration Issues in Times of Disaster**

Mr. Harlan Hale, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) - USAID,
United States

Ms Kerryn Vine-Camp, Assistant Secretary, Crisis Coordination Branch,
Emergency Management Australia, Attorney-General's Department, Australia

Mr (Tbc), Philippines

*Economies are invited to present of up to 10 minutes on immigration issues
of delivering international support in their economy in times of disaster or
emergency situation. This will be followed by open discussion and sharing of
experiences among economies and experts.*
- 12.30 pm – 2 pm** **Lunch**
- 2 pm – 3.30 pm** **Session 3: Custom Procedures Impendent for Goods and Equipments**

Mr. Masaki Okamoto, Director for International Affairs, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan

Mr Dave Haigh, Customs Counsellor for South East Asia, New Zealand Customs Service

Mr. (Tbc), Viet Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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| 3.30 pm – 4 pm | Afternoon Break |
| 4 pm – 4.30 pm | Other Matters / General Discussion |
| 4.30 pm – 5 pm | Concluding Remarks |

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Session 1

**Draft Discussion Paper on Emergency Response
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**APEC 2013 Priority 3 "Promoting
Connectivity"
Draft Discussion Paper on "Emergency Response Travel Facilitation (ERTF)"
Prepared by
Indonesia**

The Asia Pacific region is prone to disaster. The frequency of disaster has increased and because of population spread and density, more people are being affected. APEC Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) indicates that "*Asia-Pacific region comprises 52 percent of the earth's surface area and 40 percent of the world's population, and experiences over 70 percent of the world's natural disasters*". Congruently, scientists also warn that the intensity and frequency of disasters in the Asia-Pacific region will increase in the decades ahead, exacerbated by unplanned urbanization, poor land-use management, and climate change.

Disasters that affect a member of APEC economy might contribute to the significant spill-over effects to other economies in the region. By the time of disasters, the impediment of the supply chain mechanism, the hurdle of production base, the threat to disruptions of trade will become the obstacle to achieve resilient Asia Pacific as the center of the global growth.

The High Level Policy Dialogue on Disaster Resiliency, meeting in Honolulu on 11 November 2011, recognized the importance of the supply chain and related infrastructure in the delivery of goods and services following a disaster. Thus, a timely delivery of international support, including the deployment of emergency responders and assistance of basic emergency supplies are very vital in saving lives in the immediate aftermath of disaster.

In APEC 2012 SOM 2 in Kazan, Indonesia for the first time presented an initiative to facilitate emergency response travel in times of disaster at the Business Mobility Group (BMG), Sub Committee on Customs and Procedures (SCCP) and the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG). During APEC ISOM on 7 December 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia reiterated its commitment to develop the initiative as one of expected deliverables in APEC 2013.

Two issues to be discussed so as to provide a timely disaster relief are identified as follows:

1. Import procedures for goods and equipment, such as
 - 1.1. personal equipment,
 - 1.2. relief goods, e.g. food, clothing, and medicines that are regulated by quarantine, pharmaceutical and customs laws,
 - 1.3. respective regulations that can hamper the delivery of the assistance, and
 - 1.4. animal disaster relief and quarantine requirements.
2. Immigration issues normally pose the lesser problems so long as the above issues are solved. Assistance from recognized entities is normally regulated through expedited pre-notification clearance. Templates and best practices for such a mechanism have been available or explored in other organization such as UNOCHA, AADMER, and ARF.

Proposal:

Indonesia proposes to hold a policy dialogue entitled "Emergency Response Travel Facilitation" during SOM1 2013. The agenda of the dialogue is attached. The objective of this dialogue is to exchange information among experts in the EPWG, BMG, and SCCP, on the two issues mentioned, with expected outcomes as follows:

1. Economies to agree on a work plan for 2013 to discuss a holistic Emergency Response Travel Facilitation
 - The work plan will be developed to identify common immigration and customs impediments
 - The aim is to understand and to work through the obstacles in custom and immigration procedures for the ease of mobility and access of relief assistance as well

as their basic equipments, and finding work streams of information exchange that will ease the facilitation of personnel and equipments.

- The work plan will include follow-up dialogue involving economies and experts in 2014
2. Economies to agree to fill in a survey form which explains each economies current scheme of facilitation for emergency personnel and equipment/goods, prior to SOM2.
- The survey form will be used to create a "Emergency Relief Travel Facilitation Information"
 - It is produced by all APEC economies about how their respective standard operating procedures in this case.
 - It can be generic; containing information related to procedures of different APEC economies entry of disaster relief can be facilitated. It focuses more on informing, leveling expectation, and creates transparency in terms of regulatory requirements.
 - As a concrete final deliverable, APEC might prepare an information portal.
 - Achievability is high as this is more about collating information. With expedited works, by 2013 the portal or information set may be available.
3. Economies to agree to explore possible practical cooperation such as "Emergency Response Travel Card (ERTC)".

To realize this initiative, Indonesia has provided some initial thoughts on the possible time frame that APEC could do in 2013.

- SOM1 2013: Policy Dialogue on ERTF to establish a Work Plan to Develop an ERTF and filling a survey form.
- SOM2 2013 : Survey Form completed
- SDMOF 2013 : Work plan to be discussed by experts
- CSOM 2013: SOM to endorse "Emergency Relief Travel Facilitation Information" (ERTFI) as a work plan. The ERTFI would be the basis for future work aimed at easing the mobility of relief assistance in the aftermath of disaster to minimize casualties in the APEC region.

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