



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

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Agenda Item: 3

Endorsed Agenda

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: EC Chair



**First Economic Committee Meeting
Nha Trang, Viet Nam
27-28 February 2017**

APEC Economic Committee - First Plenary Meeting 2017

27-28 February 2017, Nha Trang, Viet Nam

Key Objectives of EC1 Plenary

- **Agree process for AEPR 2017 on Structural Reform and Human Capital Development**
- **Advance RAASR IAP Implementation, and early preparation for 2018 RAASR SOM**
- **Consider 'Competition Week' outcome and possible next steps**
- **Consider next steps on SELI work**

Day Prior (26 February)

Policy Discussion on Government Procurement

Day 1 – commences at 0900

1. Friends of the Chair (FOTC) Group Meetings
 - a. 0900-0945 – Ease of Doing Business (EoDB, United States) and Corporate Law and Governance (CLG, Viet Nam)
 - b. 0945 – 1030 – Regulatory Reform (RR, Mexico) and Public Sector Governance (PSG, Thailand)
 - c. (SELI will be held 25 February PM)

Coffee break 1030 – 1045

Plenary commences at 1045

2. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 minutes)
3. Adoption of the EC 1 2017 Plenary Agenda (5 minutes)
4. Viet Nam 2017 Theme and Priorities, followed by discussion (SOM Chair/Office – 20 minutes)
5. Advancing EC Objectives: CPLG and FOTC Contributions (45 minutes)
 - a. Competition Policy and Law Group – Peru
 - b. SELI – Hong Kong, China
 - c. EODB – United States
 - d. CLG – Viet Nam
 - e. RR – Mexico
 - f. PSG – Thailand
6. Cross-Fora Collaboration (20 minutes)
 - a. EC Chair to report on briefings to other APEC fora at SOM 1
 - b. EC – SFOM collaboration in 2017/2018
 - c. Russian Federation initiative "Bridging Gap in Economic Development and Integration of Remote Areas for Sustainable Growth in the APEC Region"
 - d. Australia initiative "The Development of an APEC Labour Mobility Framework"

Lunch 1220 - 1400

7. Regional Economic Outlook and Trends (60 minutes) – Chaired by EC Chair

- a. Dr Denis Hew, PSU
- b. Dr Cyn-Young Park, ADB
- c. Dr Vo Tri Thanh, CIEM

Coffee Break 1500 - 1515

- 8. Policy Discussion: New Approaches to Competition Policy (120 minutes) – Chaired by Dr Gloria Pasadilla, PSU
 - a. Presentation by Dr Frederic Jenny (pre-recorded, from 02 2016A)
 - b. Presentation by Singapore
 - c. Presentation by Australia
 - d. Briefing on any relevant outcomes from Competition Week events:
 - i. United States (EC 06 2016S)
 - ii. Viet Nam (CPLG 02 2016A)
 - iii. Peru (CPLG 01 2016A)

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Day 2 – commences at 0900

- 9. 2017 APEC Economic Policy Report on Structural Reform and Human Capital Development (30 minutes)
 - a. Proposed process and Questionnaire (Canada to lead)
 - b. Topic for 2018
- 10. Renewed APEC Agenda on Structural Reform (45 minutes)
 - a. Policy Framework on Inclusive Growth
 - i. Inclusive Growth in APEC based on RAASR external indicators (PSU)
 - b. 2018 Structural Reform Senior Officials' Meeting
 - c. Other aspects of RAASR's implementation (including any IAP implementation)
 - i. Russian Federation – ICT Solutions for Public Services in Russia
 - ii. Mexico – Traffic Light Score Methodology
- 11. Ease of Doing Business (Second APEC EoDB Action Plan 2016-2018 – 15 minutes)
 - a. Annual Progress Assessment 2016 - PSU

Coffee Break 1030 - 1045

- 12. Policy Discussion: Cross-Border MSME Access to Commercial Justice (105 minutes) – Chaired by Mark Walter (US-ATAARI) and EC Chair

Lunch 1230 - 1330

- 13. EC Contribution to APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap – for SOM FotC Connectivity (30 minutes)
 - a. EC Report to SOM
 - b. Joint work with GOS
 - c. Possible joint work with SFOM
- 14. CTI Chair briefing and discussion (at exactly 1400-1420)
- 15. APEC Projects (40 minutes)

- a. APEC Secretariat Update
- b. RASSR sub-fund procedures
- c. Existing project reports
 - a. United States – EC 01 2016S
- d. New project proposals
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Viet Nam (x2)
 - c. Papua New Guinea (x2)
 - d. Malaysia
 - e. TBC

Coffee Break 1500 - 1515

- 16. EC Governance (40 minutes)
 - a. EC Terms of Establishment: review of EC as required by ToE every 2 years
 - b. Agree process for finding next EC Chair, and Vice Chairs
 - c. SELI Future Direction

- 17. Public communication of EC work (10 minutes)

- 18. EC 2 2017 (Ho Chi Minh City, August – 15 minutes)

- 19. Classification of Documents (1 minutes)

- 20. Closing Remarks by EC Chair (4 minutes)

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Post-EC Plenary

- EC Chair to:
 - o SOM FotC Connectivity (1 March); and
 - o SOM 1 (2-3 March).