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**First Senior Officials' Meeting
Nha Trang, Viet Nam
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**ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION 2017
FIRST SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017

**1. OPENING SESSION
(09:00 – 09:15)**

- H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, APEC 2017 SOM Chair, to open the meeting
- SOM Chair to outline arrangements and seek adoption of the agenda

**2. LAYING THE GROUND FOR POLICY DIRECTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR APEC 2017
(09:15 – 10:30)**

Discussion Points

- SOM Chair to highlight the priorities for APEC 2017 and brief on the key outcomes of ISOM.
- Chair of the Finance Senior Officials' Meeting to brief on the work of the Finance Ministers' Process in 2017, including outcomes of the Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (23-24 February, Nha Trang, Viet Nam).
- ABAC Chair to brief on the ABAC process and plans for 2017, including outcomes of the ABAC – SOM Dialogue (21-22 February, Bangkok, Thailand).

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to note the work plans of the Finance Ministers' Process and ABAC in 2017.

SOM FAMILY PHOTO (10:30 – 10:35)

Coffee Break (10:35 – 10:45)

**3. DEVELOPING THE APEC 2017 AGENDA: COMMITTEES' WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL PRIORITIES
Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth
(10:45 – 12:30)**

Discussion Points

- EC Chair to report on the outcomes of EC1, including the EC's priorities for 2017, and the implementation of the IAPs under the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR).
- SOM to discuss how to ensure that growth benefits all, including improving social inclusion, promoting full and productive employment, economic empowerment of women, youth and people with disabilities.
 - Proposal on promoting economic, financial and social inclusion in the APEC region (Viet Nam).
 - Proposal on "APEC Framework on Human Resources Development in the Digital Age" (Viet Nam).
 - Proposal on "Bridging Gap in Economic Development and Integration of Remote Areas for Sustainable Growth in the APEC Region" (Russia).

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to endorse the EC Chair's report.
- SOM to note the outcomes of the EC Policy Dialogue on Government Procurement.
- SOM to note the proposal on promoting economic, financial and social inclusion in the APEC region.
- SOM to note the proposal on "APEC Framework on Human Resources Development in the Digital Age".
- SOM to note the proposal on "Bridging Gap in Economic Development and Integration of Remote Areas for Sustainable Growth in the APEC Region".

4. SOM WORKING LUNCH (12:30 – 14:00)

- APEC Governance Improvements for a More Effective APEC.

5. DEVELOPING THE APEC 2017 AGENDA: COMMITTEES' WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL PRIORITIES (continued, 14:00 – 15:45)

Deepening Regional Economic Integration

Discussion Points

- CTI Chair to report on the outcomes of CTI1, including the CTI's priority areas and work plan for 2017.
- SOM to discuss how APEC can support the multilateral trading system (MTS) and contribute to the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.
- SOM to discuss how to further deepen REI, including the acceleration of work to achieve the Bogor Goals and the next steps towards the eventual realization of an FTAAP.
- SOM to discuss the implementation of the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap (ASCR), including reports from CTI Chair, EC Chair, and TPTWG Deputy Lead Shepherd.
- SOM to discuss the report of the FotC on Connectivity.
- SOM to discuss the report of the AHSGIE's Chair.
- SOM to discuss other trade and investment facilitation and liberalization work.

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to endorse the CTI Chair's report.
- SOM to note the discussion on ways APEC can support the MTS and contribute to the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.
- SOM to note the discussion on ways to further deepen REI, including acceleration of the progress towards the Bogor Goals and next steps towards the eventual realization of an FTAAP.
- SOM to welcome progress in implementing the ASCR, including the way forward on the reporting and monitoring of its implementation.
- SOM to take note of the report of the FotC on Connectivity.
- SOM to take note of the report of the AHSGIE's Chair.
- SOM to task CTI to coordinate with PSU to design the monitoring framework for SCFAP Phase II.

Coffee Break (15:45 - 16:00)

6. DEVELOPING THE APEC 2017 AGENDA: COMMITTEES' WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL PRIORITIES (continued, 16:00 – 17:30)

Strengthening MSMEs' Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age

Discussion Points

- SCE Chair to report on SCE's deliberations at SCE and SCE-COW, including the SCE's priorities and work plan for 2017.
- SOM to discuss how best to facilitate MSMEs' greater participation in GVCs.
- SOM to exchange views on initiatives to facilitate the business environment for MSMEs in the digital age.
- SOM to discuss the development of the Strategy on green and sustainable MSMEs.

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to endorse the SCE Chair's report.
- SOM to note initiatives to facilitate MSMEs' greater participation in GVCs and the business environment for MSMEs in the digital age.
- SOM to take note of the progress in the development of the Strategy on green and sustainable MSMEs.

WELCOME DINNER HOSTED BY THE SOM CHAIR (18:30 – 20:30)

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**7. DEVELOPING THE APEC 2017 AGENDA: COMMITTEES' WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL PRIORITIES
(continued, 09:00 – 10:00)**

Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change

Discussion Points

- SOM to discuss the implementation of the Framework for Multi-year APEC Program on Food Security and Climate Change.
- SOM to discuss the implementation of the APEC Strategic Framework on Rural-Urban Development to Strengthen Food Security and Inclusive Growth.
- SOM to discuss the role of food markets in enhancing food security in the region.

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to take note of the progress in the development of the Action Plan on Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change through the PPFS.
- SOM to take note of the progress in the development of the Action Plan on Rural-Urban Development to Strengthen Food Security and Inclusive Growth through the PPFS.
- SOM to note the role of food markets in enhancing regional food security.

8. LOOKING FORWARD (10:00 – 11:00)

Discussion Points

- SOM to discuss next steps to prepare for the APEC post-2020 vision.

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to note the preparation for the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on APEC towards 2020 and beyond (Ha Noi, May 2017).

Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:15)

9. BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES (11:15 – 11:45)

Discussion Points

- BMC Chair to report on the outcomes of BMC1 and highlight BMC's priorities for APEC 2017.
- APEC Executive Director to present APEC Secretariat's Strategic Plan for 2017-2019, Operational Plan for 2017 and a paper on communication.
- PSU Board Chair to update on the PSU's work program.
- SOM to discuss Australia/Canada's proposal on project reform.

Desired Outcomes

- SOM to note BMC Chair's report and approve the 2017 aspirational target for voluntary untied contributions.
- SOM to approve the Updated Remote Participation Governance Guidelines.
- SOM to endorse APEC Secretariat's Strategic Plan 2017-2019 and Operational Plan for 2017.
- SOM to note APEC Secretariat's paper on communication.
- SOM to note PSU's work program.
- SOM to note the proposed project reforms.

10. OTHER BUSINESSES (11:45 – 12:15)

- Acknowledgement of "For Information" issues
 - APEC App Challenge at MRT 23
- Classification of documents.

11. CLOSING REMARKS (12:15 – 12:30)

LUNCH (12:45 – 14:30)