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Agenda Item: 6

## **Stock-take on Forward Work Programme (Competition Policy) and Future Plans**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: Hong Kong, China



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**Competition Policy and Law Group Meeting  
Hiroshima, Japan  
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## **Stock-take on Forward Work Programme (Competition Policy) and Future Plans**

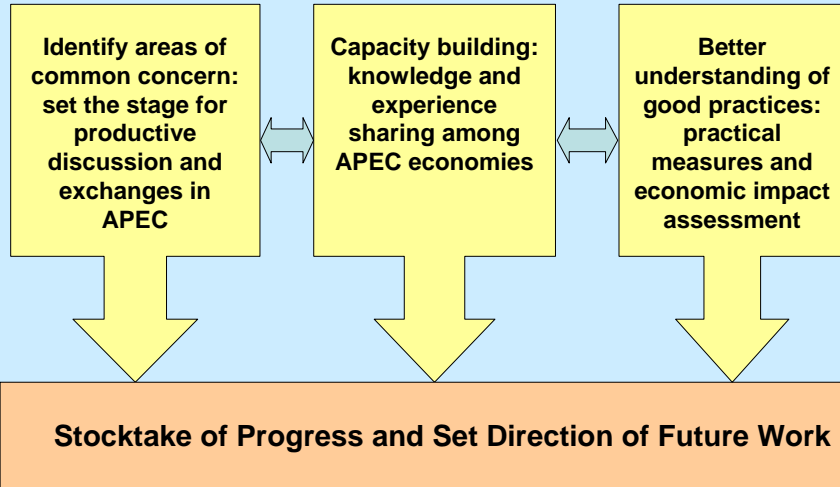
**Competition Policy and Law Group (CPLG)  
Meeting**

**Elley Mao  
Hong Kong, China  
28 February 2010**

### **Presentation Outline**

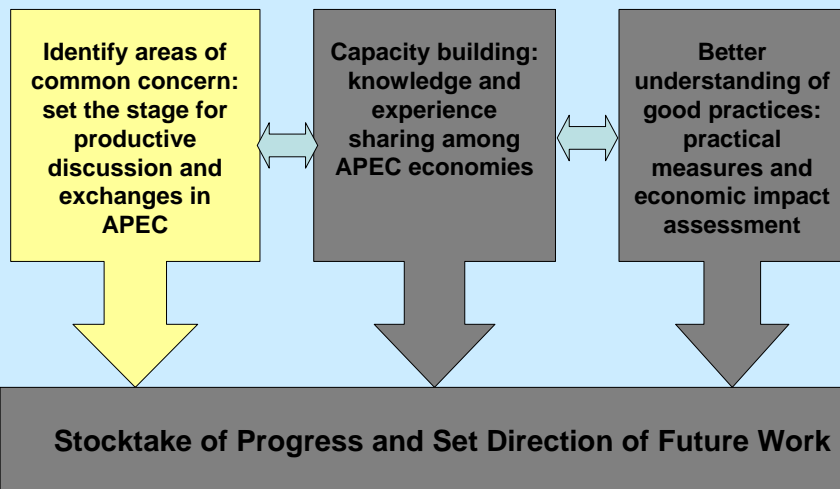
- **Competition Policy Forward Work Programme (FWP) for LAISR**
  - Review objectives
  - Action items (2007-2009)
  - Stock-take report on LAISR: Progress made by individual economies in competition policy
  - Key outcomes and lessons learnt
- **Actions in 2010 and beyond**

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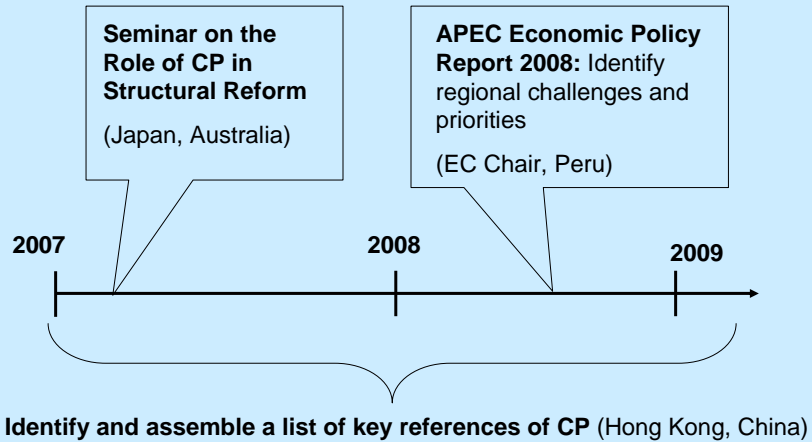
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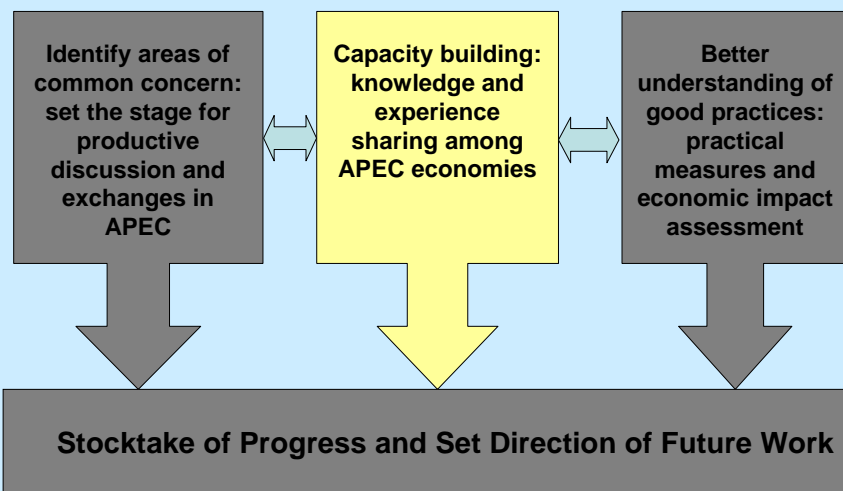
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## Actions – Areas of Common Concern



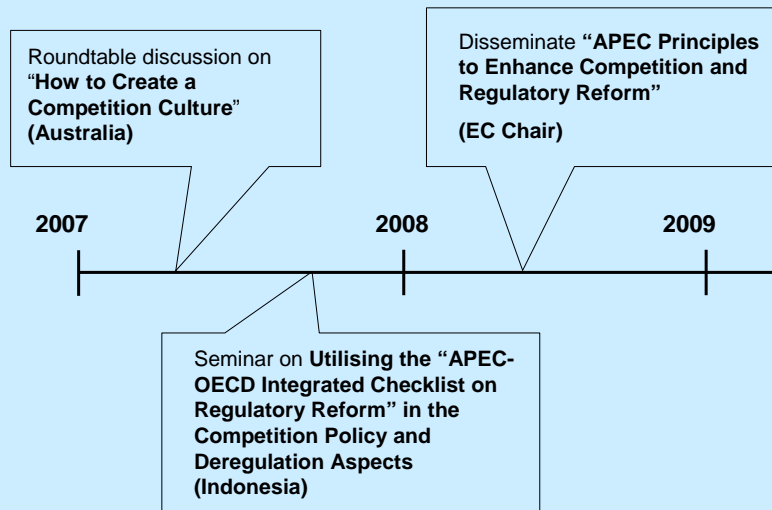
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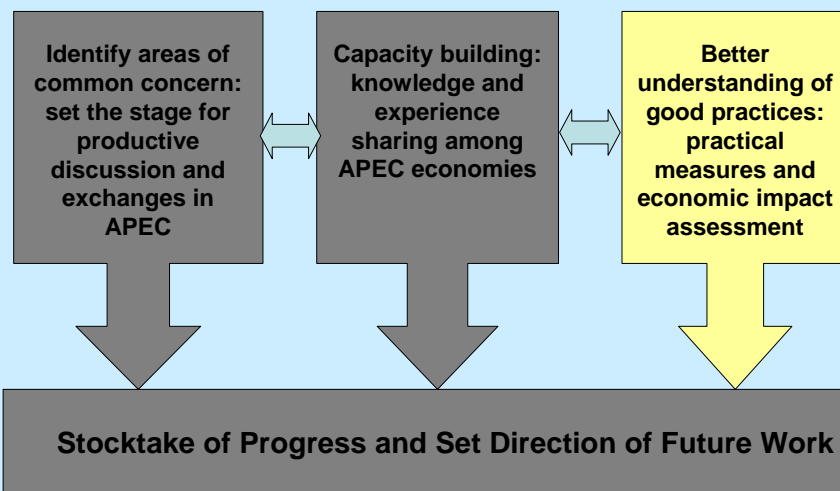
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## Actions – Capacity Building



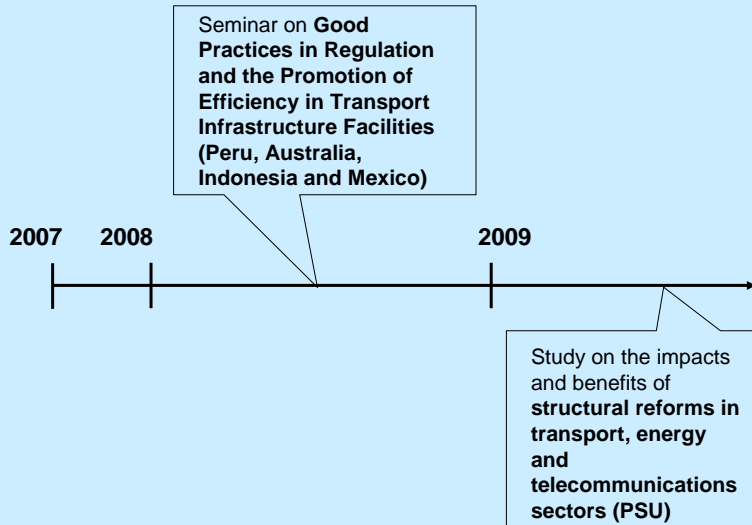
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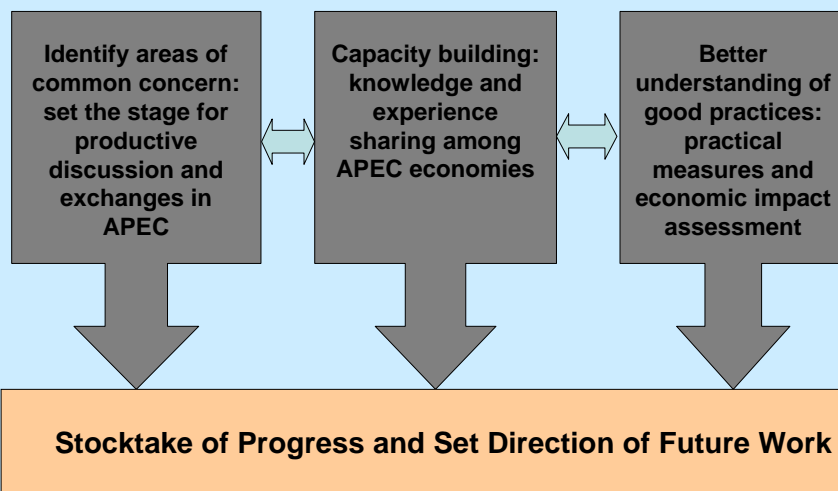
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## Actions – Practical Measures



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## Stock-take of Progress

- **Ministerial Meeting on Structural Reform** (Aug 2008): provided high-level direction to future competition policy work within APEC
- **LAISR Stock-take Report** (2009): Stock-take of domestic structural reforms. e.g.
  - **Canada:** *Introduced significant amendments to the Competition Act*
  - **Chinese Taipei:** *Set up a 3-year plan in 2007 to review government regulations for building a more proactive competition culture*
  - **Hong Kong, China:** *Launching a cross-sector competition law*
  - **Japan:** *Made significant amendments to “Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolisation and Maintenance of Fair Trade”*
  - **Russia:** *On-going reforms of natural monopolies after the federal law “On Protection of Competition” came into force in 2006.*
  - **Singapore:** *New guidelines issued to advise businesses for a more competitive business climate*

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## Key Outcomes and Lessons Learnt

- **Members’ active participation with helpful inputs and vivid discussions as the key contributory factors of smooth progress of FWP**
- **Inter-fora consultations help enrich dialogue, strengthen capacity building and better understanding**
  - **CPLG:** Training course on Vertical Restraints and Interrelations between CP and Consumer Protection Policy (2009)
- **FWP improved APEC’s agenda of CP by raising awareness of the importance of market competition and the need to continue to strengthen fundamentals and institutions for market competition**

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## **LAISR Actions in 2010 and Beyond**

- Key discussion outcomes from Seminar on Impacts of Structural Reforms and LAISR Stock-take ( to be discussed at EC1 2010)
- PSU's study completed (Aug 2010)
- Inter-fora dialogue continued:
  - Training course on advocacy of competition policy (CPLG)
  - Roundtable Discussion on Procedural Fairness in Competition Cases (CPLG-ABAC)
- Post-LAISR agenda:
  - Based on the experiences and knowledge building on competition policy gained during the LAISR period, how could we establish the linkage of promoting competition policy to the new APEC Growth Strategy?
  - Establish the mutual reinforcing links between competition policy and regulatory reform and good governance (public and private), with the strengthening of economic and legal infrastructure being the backbone for successful structural reforms sustained and inclusive growth in APEC.
  - Identify areas in competition policy that would be of interest in the next phase

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**Thank you!**

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