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**First Economic Committee Meeting
Clark, Philippines
4-5 February 2015**

APEC Economic Committee First Plenary Meeting 2015
Draft Agenda
February 4 and 5, 2015, Clark, Philippines

Key Objectives of EC1 Plenary:

- Discuss and reach agreements on the EC's contributions to the APEC 2015 priorities
- Review progress in the FotC work plans and consider prospective activities
- Discuss APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform (ANSSR) implementation
- Discuss progress on the APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR)
- Discuss progress on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)
- Hold initial discussions on the 2015 APEC Ministerial Meeting on Structural Reform

Day 1: Start: 09:00

1. Friends of the Chair (FOTC) Group Meetings

FOTC coordinators are encouraged to schedule meetings for their groups during the morning to discuss work plans, ongoing projects, and exchange ideas for how the FOTC can take forward EC work. Chairs should confer on meeting times to avoid scheduling conflicts.

- 9:00–9:50 am: Ease of Doing Business (USA) and Corporate Law and Governance (VN)
- 9:50-10:40 am: Competition Policy (PNG), Regulatory Reform (JPN) and Public Sector Governance (CT)

Plenary Session Convenes 10:50

2. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

3. Adoption of the EC1 Plenary Agenda

4. Overview of APEC 2015 Priorities (11:00-11:30)

The Philippines SOM Chair's Office, Undersecretary Ferdinand B. Cui Jr. confirmed.

5. Overview of Activities across APEC Fora (11:30-12:30)

- APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) - Dr. Julius Caesar Parreñas
- Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) – Mr. Eduardo Pedrosa

Lunch (12:30-14:00)

6. Advancing EC Objectives: CPLG and FOTC Contributions (14:00-15:30)

The CPLG Convenor and FOTC Coordinators will provide readouts of recent discussions and work plans, focusing on how their groups can take forward work and capacity-building programs in their focus areas. Economies that have recently sponsored activities also are encouraged to provide a brief update on key outcomes and potential follow-on work.

- Competition Policy and Law Group (The Philippines) - Mr. Geronimo Sy
- Competition Policy (Papua New Guinea) –Dr. Billy Manoka
- Corporate Law and Governance (Viet Nam) – Mr Nguyen Anh Duong
- Ease of Doing Business (United States) – Mr. Alex Hunt
- Public Sector Governance (Chinese Taipei) – Director Tsai-tsu Su
- Regulatory Reform (Japan) – Mr Mikiharu Shimizu

Coffee Break

7. Policy Discussion: State of the Regional Economy and Its Policy Implications (15:50-17:30)

- International Monetary Fund - Mr. Shanaka Jayanath Peiris
- PSU – Ms. Yuwen Dai

- World Bank – Mr. Rogier van den Brink
- APEC Secretariat, Executive Director, Dr. Alan Bollard

Day 2: Start: 08:30

8. APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR) Planning Session (08:30-09:30)

- **AEPR 2015 on Structural Reform and Innovation**
 - Discussion on structure, process and timeline for compiling the report.
- **AEPR 2016**
 - Discussion on possible themes for next AEPR (EC Chair)

9. Structural Reform (9:30-10:40)

- **ANSSR: Report on Ongoing and Completed ANSSR Projects**
 - Overview of ANSSR Projects and ANSSR Sub-Fund (APEC Secretariat)
 - Project reports
 - Workshop report
- **Ease of Doing Business:**
 - UNCITRAL Workshop Readout
 - PSU to provide short presentation on the updated figures concerning the progress by APEC in EoDB.
 - Post-2015 Survey and Stocktake Results
- **Middle Income Trap**
- **Good Regulatory Practices (U.S.)**
 - Report on the CSOM result on public consultations
 - Update on the Baseline Study that the U.S. will undertake in 2015
 - Report on the GRP Conference at SOM 3
 - Capacity building ideas for advancing the public consultation actions.
- **Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting**

Coffee Break

10. Review of Economic Committee Terms of Establishment and Consideration of New Proposals (11:00–12:30)

- Chair will lead discussion on required biennial consideration of EC Terms of Establishment
- Chair will discuss nomination process for Chair and Vice-Chairs
- Presentation on any new proposals, including the Concept Notes to be submitted to Project Approval Session 1 2015.

Lunch (12:30-14:00)

11. Policy Discussion: Improving the Quality of Public Service (to be organized by Chinese Taipei) (14:00-16:00)

Coffee Break

12. Overview of APEC Activities:

- **Committee on Trade and Investment**, Mr. John Larkin (16:15-16:25) (*invited*)
- Report-back on EC-GOS joint meeting on services (16:25-16:40)
- Women and the Economy dashboard presentation (16:40-16:55) (U.S.)

13. Updates from the APEC Secretariat (16:55-17:15)

- 2015 Project Approval Process and Timeline (APEC Secretariat)
- Secretariat Report on Key Developments (APEC Secretariat)
- Policy Support Unit Work (Policy Support Unit)

14. Classification of Documents

15. Chair's Closing Remarks