CTI Priorities for 2015

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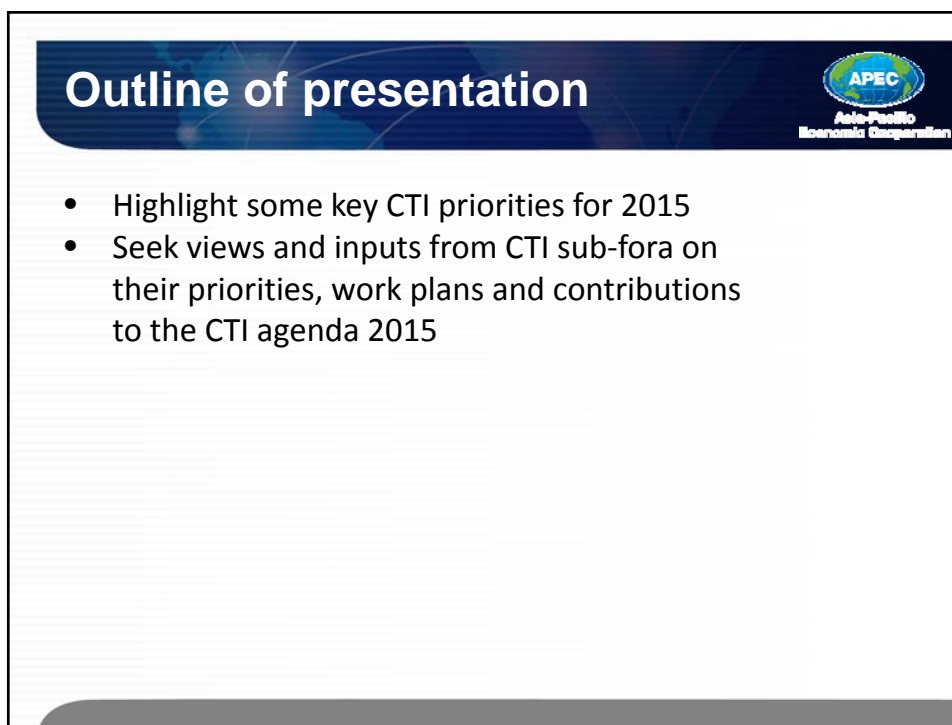4-5 February 2015**

APEC Committee on Trade and Investment

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Outline of presentation

- Highlight some key CTI priorities for 2015
- Seek views and inputs from CTI sub-fora on their priorities, work plans and contributions to the CTI agenda 2015

Main priority areas for CTI

- Support for the multilateral trading system/WTO
- Advancing regional economic integration
- Strengthening connectivity and infrastructure development
- Regulatory cooperation
- Contributions of CTI and sub-fora to cross-cutting mandates

Support for the Multilateral Trading System

- WTO MC10 in December 2015
  - Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
  - Information Technology Agreement expansion negotiations
  - Environmental Goods Agreement negotiations

Regional economic integration

- Implementation of Beijing Roadmap for APEC's contribution to realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP)
  - Information sharing on FTA/RTA outcomes, including SOM-level Dialogue at SOM3
  - Capacity building for officials towards the FTAAP
  - Collective Strategic Study on issues related to the Realisation of the FTAAP

Regional economic integration (con't)

- Cooperation on Global Value Chains
  - ten work streams led by individual economies (e.g. investment, trade facilitation, services, SMEs)
- Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues
  - Manufacturing related services in supply chains/value chains
- Implementation of commitments in APEC Environmental Goods List by end-2015
- Action Plan on environmental services liberalisation and facilitation
- Public-Private Partnership on Environmental Goods and Services, SOM2

Regional economic integration (cont'd)

- Services
  - Public-private dialogues on services sectors
  - cross-fora collaboration (EC, MAG)
- Investment
  - Improving the enabling environment for infrastructure investment and GVCs
- APEC Strategic Plan on Capacity Building to Promote Trade and Investment Agenda

Strengthening Connectivity and infrastructure development

- Capacity building to improve supply chain performance
  - Building on policy recommendations (2013) and diagnostic reports (2014) for eight chokepoints
  - APEC sub-fund on supply-chain connectivity
- Business input through APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2)
- Global Data Standards
- Model E-Port Network

Regulatory cooperation

- APEC Roadmap for Electric Vehicles
- Preparations for 4th ARCAM Dialogue in 2016
  - topic to be selected at CTI2
- Work with Economic Committee and SOM on Good Regulatory Practices

Contributions to APEC cross-cutting mandates

- APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025
- APEC Accord on Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth
- Investing in Human Capital Development
- Sustainable and Resilient communities
- Travel Facilitation Initiative
- Food security, Oceans-related issues
- Women's economic empowerment
- Urbanisation

Views and interests of CTI sub-fora

- Welcome advice and input on:
  - priorities and interests of sub-fora
  - ways to improve interaction with CTI
  - new ideas and inputs to advance APEC's agenda in 2015 and support Philippines' host year priorities.

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