



New Zealand Government



INVITATION TO THE APEC PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUE ON STRUCTURAL REFORM AND GENDER

10 and 11 September 2018

Wellington, New Zealand

Dear Economic Committee and Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy Members,

On behalf of New Zealand, it is my pleasure to invite all APEC economies to participate in New Zealand's self-funded APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Structural Reform and Gender to be held in Wellington, New Zealand on 10 and 11 September 2018.

APEC's own statistics show that many of the barriers to women's economic participation in the region are behind-the-border barriers of a legislative, regulatory or policy nature. The Public-Private Dialogue is the first opportunity for APEC to specifically consider how structural reform can help remove those barriers and unlock the full potential of women's economic participation to promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

We welcome nominations from your economies for dialogue participants. Primarily, we are seeking the participation of officials responsible for structural and/or regulatory reform, and private sector representatives. New Zealand will fund two participants from each APEC travel-eligible economy. Other participants would be self-funded by economies. Please find attached the *Information Note for Participants* for more information on the event, including a provisional programme for the Public-Private Dialogue and the official Dialogue Participant Nomination Forms. Additional information will follow and the agenda will be updated accordingly as further speakers are confirmed.

We would be grateful if APEC member economies could please complete the relevant Dialogue Participants Nomination Form and submit it by email to Ms. Kerry O'Connor (kerry.oconnor@mfat.govt.nz) and Ms. Shannon Power (shannon.power@mfat.govt.nz) by **Friday, 17 August 2018**

We would like to thank all our APEC economy co-sponsors for the Public-Private Dialogue: Australia, Canada, Chile, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the United States.

We look forward to welcoming your nominated dialogue participants to New Zealand in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Talbot'.

Mark Talbot
New Zealand APEC Senior Official
2 August 2018