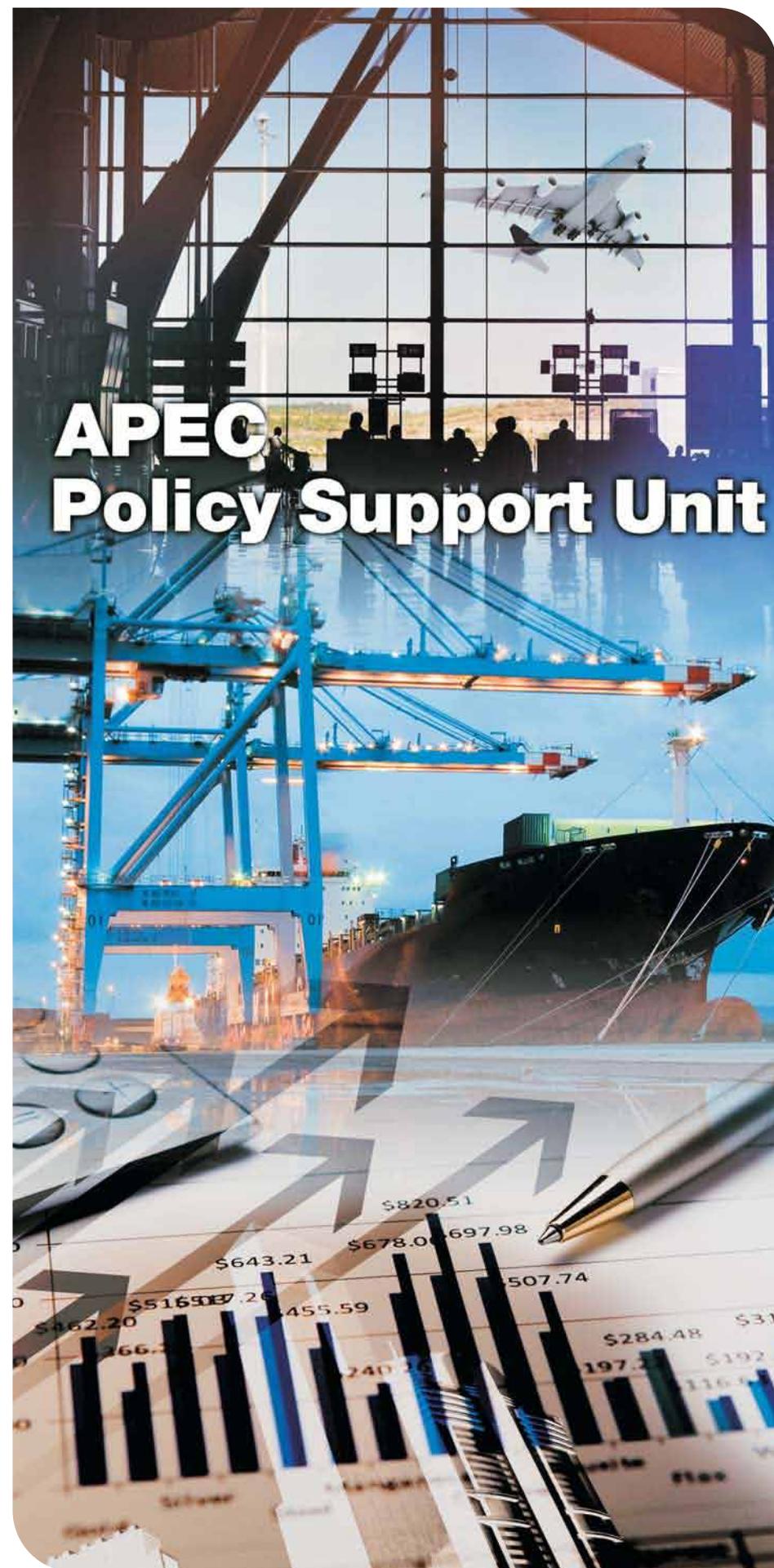




Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation

# APEC Policy Support Unit



Advancing Free Trade for Asia-Pacific Prosperity

# Who We Are

The APEC Policy Support Unit is APEC's research and analysis arm. We facilitate open policy discussions and experience sharing among APEC member economies, through:

- **Tailor-made professional research and analysis**
- **Rigorous evidence-based policy suggestions**
- **Augmenting the capacity of committees and members**

## Our Mission

Support APEC members and fora in improving the quality of their deliberations and decisions by providing reliable and objective research and analysis.



# Our Focus Areas

In line with APEC's primary goal of supporting sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region, our mandate covers a broad range of APEC's activities. Our work includes:

- Maintaining a database of APEC economic indicators to enable comparative analysis of growth and development within APEC
- Tracking the progress of regional integration and the commitment to achieve free and open trade and investment by 2010 for industrialized economies and by 2020 for developing economies
- Promoting structural reform in APEC to boost economic activities and create new jobs, thus enhancing the growth prospects in the long term
- Investigating and monitoring the trends of trade and investment flows within the region to improve understanding of liberalization and discourage protectionism
- Conducting empirical research in specific areas, such as trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, supply chain connectivity, regulatory reforms, food security, and small-medium enterprises (SME) development, economic growth strategies and regional economic integration.



# Governance Structure

The PSU comprises the Board and staff headed by the PSU Director. The Board, on behalf of APEC Senior Officials, provides strategic guidance to the PSU and sets our work program. The Board comprises of representatives from the current, immediate past and next host economy, and from each donor economy. The PSU Director, APEC Secretariat Executive Director, and Chairs of the

Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI), Economic Committee (EC) and Senior Finance Officials Meeting (SFOM) attend the Board meetings in an ex-officio capacity.

The Chair of the Board is the host economy's Senior Official. The representative of the next host economy is the Vice-Chair.



## How We Operate

We welcome research proposals or requests for assistance from APEC fora and members. We are happy to assist in the design of proposals and often hold discussions prior to the submission of a formal proposal for consideration and approval by the PSU Board. We also conduct in-house projects that are closely aligned with APEC priorities.

We comply with APEC publication policies and retain responsibility for research conclusions.





## Assistance to Stakeholders

We welcome opportunities to assist members and fora. Possible assistance includes:

- undertaking research on various topics, synthesizing key points into short, digestible policy papers and presentations to support fora discussions.
- assisting members and fora in designing robust, effective initiatives with measurable outcomes.

## Collaborations

We seek to engage and complement the work of other international organizations, policy think tanks and research institutes. By pursuing opportunities for joint research and analysis, we endeavour to provide APEC members with wider resources and expand the body of APEC-related research and analysis.

### What is Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation?

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum was established in 1989 to leverage on the growing interdependence of Asia-Pacific economies. APEC is one of the world's most important regional groupings. Its 21 member economies are home to more than 2.7 billion people and represent approximately 53 percent of world real GDP and 44 percent of world trade.

APEC Member Economies: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; The United States; and Viet Nam.

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