



Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation

**Advancing**  
Free Trade for Asia-Pacific  
**Prosperity**

# APEC

## Policy Support Unit



## Mission

The APEC Policy Support Unit (PSU) is the **policy research and analysis arm of APEC** comprising openly recruited professionals **working together with APEC Senior Officials, committees and fora**, in improving the quality of their deliberations and decisions and promoting policies that support the achievement of APEC's goals, by **providing objective and high quality research, analytical capacity and policy support capability**.

## Agenda & Work Program

The PSU's policy research and analysis agenda is structured into five core areas:

- Trade and investment liberalization and facilitation
- Structural reform
- Connectivity including supply chain connectivity and global supply chains
- Economic and financial analysis
- Sustainable economic development

The work we do under each area includes:

### Trade and investment liberalization & facilitation

Evaluation of progress towards Bogor Goals; Studies on trade & investment areas such as tariffs, non-tariff measures and services

### Structural reform

Assessment of APEC's Ease of Doing Business; Research on sectoral regulatory reforms

### Connectivity including supply chain connectivity & global supply chains

Research on connectivity, supply chain operations of key industries, SMEs & services in supply/value chains; Evaluation of supply chain performance; Analysis of value chain resilience

### Economic & financial analysis

Analysis of economic, trade & investment trends; Database on GDP, trade, financial & socio-economic indicators

### Sustainable economic development

Studies on SMEs, food security, urbanization, among others

The outputs of our work are presented in the form of:

- Research and policy analysis reports
- Policy briefs
- Issues papers
- StatsAPEC, a statistics portal at [statistics.apec.org](http://statistics.apec.org)

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## 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 approves our budget and work program.
- The Chair of the Board is the host economy's Senior Official, while the Vice-Chair is the representative of the next host economy.
- The Board consists of representatives from the current, immediate past and next host economy, and from each contributing 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.



## Support to APEC

The PSU welcomes research proposals or requests for assistance from APEC members and fora, such as in:

- 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.
- Providing members and fora with access to more data and commentary about economic issues within APEC.

The PSU is happy to assist in the design of proposals and often holds discussions prior to the submission of a formal proposal for consideration and approval by the Board. We also initiate and carry out in-house projects that are closely aligned with APEC priorities.

The PSU complies with APEC publication guidelines and retains responsibility for research conclusions.

## Collaboration

The PSU seeks 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 endeavor to provide APEC members with wider resources and expand the body of APEC-related research and analysis.

# What is Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation?

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Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. It was established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of Asia-Pacific economies. APEC aims to create better prosperity for the people of the region by promoting balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth and by accelerating regional economic integration.

APEC has 21 member economies which account for 40% of the world's population, approximately 58% of world GDP, and about 45% of world trade.



APEC's 21 member economies are: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States; and Viet Nam.

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