

Directions for 2007

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Australia's objectives for APEC in 2007 will be to:

- produce substantive results and outcomes that demonstrate that APEC remains the pre-eminent forum for cooperation in the Asia Pacific region;
- inject a greater sense of continuity into APEC's agenda – Australia's priorities for 2007 will be the priorities determined by APEC;
- implement the decisions made by Ministers and Leaders in Hanoi and to set a medium term agenda for APEC;



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Australia's objectives for APEC in 2007 will be to:

- sharpen and enhance the dialogue on economic policy and structural reform to promote growth, stability and greater resilience in regional economies. The agenda will encompass, inter alia, structural and, regulatory reform, competition policy, governance, transparency, strengthening institutions and other measures which will improve the investment climate, The aim will be to properly recognise the importance of economic and financial issues by affording them the same prominence in APEC as trade issues;



Australia's objectives for APEC in 2007 will be to:

- revitalise APEC's trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation agenda, by examining ways and means to promote economic integration in the region, including a Free-Trade Area of Asia Pacific (FTAAP) as a long-term prospect; and a new trade facilitation action plan;
- build on APEC's human security agenda including in areas such as secure trade, counter-terrorism, health and emergency preparedness and disaster response;



Australia's objectives for APEC in 2007 will be to:

- explore ways in which APEC might contribute further to the challenges of promoting greater energy security and cleaner energy
- enhance the cooperation between APEC and its stakeholders, particularly ABAC;
- continue the process of institutional and operational reform of APEC, including through a term-appointed Executive Director, strengthening the resources of the Secretariat and better integrating the outcomes of all Ministerial meetings with the annual Leaders summit; and



Australia's objectives for APEC in 2007 will be to:

- manage the review of the moratorium on new members of APEC currently scheduled to expire at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2007.

THIS IS A SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIA'S
APPROACH TO APEC IN 2007

