

## Capacity Building to Enhance Structural Reform and Investment Flows in the APEC Region

Training Program ~ 24 February – 2 March 2010  
Melbourne, Australia

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### Participation

The program includes officials from the following economies: China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam. Participants come from the Ministries of Finance, Commerce or Trade, and/or Treasuries, Central Banks, and/or other agencies responsible for administering policies relevant to achieving a strong investment performance, both domestic and foreign.

### Capacity Building Objectives

The objective of this program is to highlight the determinants of a positive and welcoming investment climate (for both local and foreign investors). The Program is based on the OECD's Policy Framework for Investment (PFI). By increasing an understanding of the importance of productivity increases, particularly through structural reform policies, participants will develop the skills necessary for policy development for achieving a strongly performing economy.

Through addressing the characteristics of an overall sound public policy environment and the importance of policy coherence, the Program is designed to improve investment flows and increase economic growth. By creating a more investment-friendly environment for both foreign and local investment, economic well-being can be enhanced.

### Faculty

Presenters and panellists are experts in some or all of the components of the PFI. The Program Co-ordinator is Mr Tony Hinton, a former Commissioner with the Australian Productivity Commission (2002–2007) and a former Australian Ambassador to the OECD in Paris, as well as a senior Australian Treasury official for many years.

Each presenter will develop papers and presentations to be included in the Program. Program experts will come from a range of fields including UNESCAP, academia, private consultants and agencies in Australia such as Treasury, Department of Finance, the Productivity Commission, etc.

### Organisation of the Training Program

Each day of the program, chaired by the Academic Coordinator, will have a specific theme that will underpin all the sessions of that day. The sessions themselves will be arranged to reflect the theme and to fit in with the overall objective of the program. The program below lists the topics that will be discussed in each session. Following each presentation, a discussion will ensue, moderated by the Academic Coordinator. The discussions will be an opportunity for participants to ask specific questions and for presenters to clarify any aspects of their presentation. In this way, a highly interactive dialogue on policy design, implementation and evaluation will be encouraged.

On the first day, developing economy representatives will showcase the issues that are prevalent in their economy. This discussion will form the basis for further PFI-related discussions. On Day 4 of the Program (Saturday), the Participants will be allocated to four cross-economy Workshop Groups to discuss and analyse a set hypothetical policy proposal related to the main focus of the Program. Each workshop Group will be required to prepare a power point presentation (for presentation on the last Day) to the full group on their policy measure.

# COURSE PROGRAM

<b>DAY ONE ~ Wednesday 24 February 2010</b>		
<b>Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway</b>		
<b>Theme of the Day ~ Overview</b>		
	<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	Registration and Administration Matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 1.1</b>	<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	Welcome, outline of the Program and outline of workshop activities
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Tony Hinton</b> , Academic Coordinator
<b>Session 1.2</b>	<b>9:15 – 9:30</b>	Principles of Sound Public Policy
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Tony Hinton</b> , Academic Coordinator
<b>Session 1.3</b>	<b>9:30 – 11:00</b>	Structural Reform: Definition, Impediments and Institutional Arrangements
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Robert Kerr</b> , Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Tom Westcott</b> , ITS Global
	<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 1.4</b>	<b>11:15 – 12:45</b>	The determinants of Investment Flows and the Importance of Policy Coherence
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Tom Westcott</b> , ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Robert Kerr</b> , Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	LUNCH
<b>Session 1.5</b>	<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	Presentations by half of the economies on their Investment Policy Environment
	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Participants</b>
	<i>Panellists</i>	<b>Mr Robert Kerr</b> , Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission <b>Mr Tom Westcott</b> , ITS Global
	<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 1.5 Cont...</b>	<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	Presentations by the other half of the economies on their Investment Policy Environment
	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Participants</b>
	<i>Panellists</i>	<b>Mr Robert Kerr</b> , Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission <b>Mr Tom Westcott</b> , ITS Global
	<b>17:05 – 17:15</b>	Group Photo

**DAY TWO ~ Thursday 25 February 2010**

Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway

Theme of the Day ~ *Investment and Productivity*

	<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 2.1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Definition, Importance and Determinants of Productivity
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Dean Parham</b> , Economic Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 2.2</b>	<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) and how to use it
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Dean Parham</b> , Economic Consultant
	<b>12:30 – 13:45</b>	LUNCH
<b>Session 2.3</b>	<b>13:45 – 15:15</b>	Infrastructure Development (PFI #9)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Darrell Porter</b> , Office of Best Practice Regulation
	<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 2.4</b>	<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	Best Practice Regulatory Principles
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Darrell Porter</b> , Office of Best Practice Regulation
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<b>19:00 – 21:30</b>	Group Dinner

**DAY THREE ~ Friday 26 February 2010****Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway****Theme of the Day ~ *Open Economy***

	<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 3.1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Foreign Investment Policy (PFI #2)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Roy Nixon</b> , Economic Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr John Cosgrove</b> , Economic Consultant
	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 3.2</b>	<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	Trade Policy (PFI #3)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr John Cosgrove</b> , Economic Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Roy Nixon</b> , Economic Consultant
	<b>12:30 – 13:45</b>	LUNCH
<b>Session 3.3</b>	<b>13:45 – 15:15</b>	Competition Policy (PFI #4)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Ms Simone Abbott</b> , Australian Treasury
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
	<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 3.4</b>	<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	Privatisation of Publicly Owned Assets
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Ms Simone Abbott</b> , Australian Treasury

## DAY FOUR ~ Saturday 27 February 2010

**Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway**

**Theme of the Day ~ Workshops**

	<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 4.1</b>	<b>9:15 – 9:30</b>	Preparation for Workshops
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Tony Hinton</b> , Academic Coordinator
<b>Session 4.2</b>	<b>9:30 – 10:45</b>	Four Contemporaneous Workshops for Four Cross-Economy Groups, covering design, implementation and evaluation of four illustrative hypothetical policy measures, using sound policy principles and best practice regulations principles.
	<b>Group A</b>	Proposed cross-the-board 25 per cent reduction in import tariffs
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	<b>Mr John Cosgrove</b> , Economic Consultant
	<b>Group B</b>	Proposed opening up of the banking sector to foreign bank participation
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	<b>Mr Roy Nixon</b> , Economic Consultant
	<b>Group C</b>	Proposed acquisition of a controlling interest in the second largest packaging and paper manufacturer (40% of market share) by the largest manufacturer in the sector (45% share)
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	<b>Mr Robert Kerr</b> , Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	<b>Group D</b>	Proposed privatisation of publicly owned electricity generation, transmission and distribution sectors
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	<b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
	<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 4.2 Cont...</b>	<b>11:15 – 12:30</b>	Continuation of workshops

## DAYS FOUR & FIVE ~ Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February 2010

Weekend – The rest of Saturday and all of Sunday are an opportunity for participants to prepare for their cross-economy group presentations that will be delivered on day 7

**DAY SIX ~ Monday 1 March 2010**

Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway

Theme of the Day ~ *Behind the Border Policies*

	<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 6.1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Labour Market Policies
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Prof Judith Sloan</b> , Productivity Commission
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Dr Errol Muir</b> , Human Resources Consultant
	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 6.2</b>	<b>10:45 – 12:15</b>	Human Resource Development (PFI #8)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Dr Errol Muir</b> , Human Resources Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Prof Judith Sloan</b> , Productivity Commission
	<b>12:15 – 14:00</b>	LUNCH
<b>Session 6.3</b>	<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	World Bank’s “Doing Business” Report
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Andrew Proctor</b> , Business Enabling Environment Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Haydn Daw</b> , Australian Treasury
	<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 6.4</b>	<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	Tax Policy (PFI #5)
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Haydn Daw</b> , Australian Treasury
	<i>Panellist</i>	<b>Mr Andrew Proctor</b> , Business Enabling Environment Consultant

## DAY SEVEN ~ Tuesday 2 March 2010

**Venue: Yarraview Room, Clarion Suites Gateway**

**Theme of the Day ~ Key Messages**

	<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
<b>Session 7.1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Each group, with cross-economy representation, will make a presentation separately, each followed by a discussion, on the pre-assigned hypothetical policy measure
<b>7.1a</b>	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Group A</b>
	<i>Discussant</i>	<b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
<b>7.1b</b>	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Group B</b>
	<i>Discussant</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 7.1 Cont...</b>	<b>10:45 – 12:15</b>	Continuation of previous session
<b>7.1c</b>	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Group C</b>
	<i>Discussant</i>	<b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
<b>7.1d</b>	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Group D</b>
	<i>Discussant</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP
	<b>12:15 – 13:45</b>	LUNCH
<b>Session 7.2</b>	<b>13:45 – 15:15</b>	Summation and Key Messages
	<i>Presenters</i>	<b>Mr Marinus Sikkel</b> , UNESCAP <b>Mr Malcolm Bosworth</b> , Crawford School of Economics, Australian National University
	<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 7.3</b>	<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	Wrap-up and Final Conclusions
	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>Mr Tony Hinton</b> , Academic Coordinator
	<b>16:00 – 17:15</b>	Graduation and cocktails – including presentation of certificates