



*Policy Options to Promote Reform in Non Agricultural Market Access (NAMA)
in an Era of Falling Demand, Rising Protectionism and Economic Uncertainty*

Training Program ~ 2 – 8 September 2009
Melbourne, Australia

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Participation

The program includes officials from the following economies: Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, as well as representatives from ASEAN. Participants come from Ministries of Trade, Commerce and Industry, Economic Planning and Investment, and academic institutions.

Capacity building objectives

The objective of the program is to enhance the capacity of officials and academics in APEC developing economies to develop reform options in trade in industrial products in the emerging policy environment of falling demand, rising protectionism and economic uncertainty. The purpose is to improve the capacity for policy development which supports open markets and liberalisation efforts both domestically and in the WTO NAMA negotiations.

A new paradigm in international trade has emerged. Tariff and non tariff barriers to trade in industrial products is rising. The outcome of the DDR negotiations is unclear. Non agricultural market access (NAMA) in the WTO has been problematic. In this environment, resort to trade restrictive policy measures and regulatory intervention will increase. Greater understanding of the benefits and utility of using open market reform tools will assist policy makers to re-engage in the Doha Round in NAMA in a meaningful way.

At the conclusion of the program, officials will be better placed to respond to current economic challenges through domestic policy options which support reform of trade in industrial products. Equally, their capacity to respond to the challenges arising from liberalisation in trade industrial products in the Doha Development Round (DDR) will be enhanced.

Faculty

Presenters and panellists will be experts in trade, WTO and trade agreements and trade related structural reform. The Program Coordinator is Ms Kristen Bondietti, and Principal Trade Consultant at ITS Global. She is an expert on WTO and trade agreements and has extensive experience designing, managing and delivering capacity building training to officials and academics in developing countries in the APEC region. She has worked with officials and researchers from Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and other ASEAN and APEC economies. She has consulted to the APEC Secretariat, the ASEAN Secretariat, AusAID, DFAT, DFID and the OECD.

All presenters proposed are expert in the field, with considerable years of experience in Australia and abroad. Each presenter will develop papers and presentation to be included in the program. Each will also be actively involved in the discussions.

Organisation of the Training Program

Each day of the program is organised around a particular contemporary theme relevant to the objectives of the program, underpinned by presentations and/or group discussions. The attached program lists the topics to be discussed.

Lectures on core subject matters will be supported by group discussions, chaired by the Coordinator, to provide for questions from participants and facilitate interaction among each other and faculty. Emphasis will be placed on the use of case studies teaching tools to provide contemporary and relevance to the program and to encourage dialogue and an evaluation of policy and experience. Guest lectures and field visits will add practical relevance and expertise to the program. Participants will be required to contribute to the program by show casing issues prevalent in their economies through presentations as directed by the Coordinator.

The course will culminate with working group presentations on a hypothetical case study on the final day, requiring the consideration of policy design, implementation and its evaluation by the group.

Day One: Wednesday 2 September 2009		
1. Open Markets and Growth in Developing Economies		
	9.15 – 9.30	Registration
1.1	9:30 – 10.00	Welcome and Administration
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Alan Oxley, Chairman, APEC Study Centre, APEC Centre Staff
1.2	10.00 – 10.30	Program Introduction and Overview
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondiotti, Academic Coordinator
	10:30– 10.45	MORNING TEA
1.3	10.45 – 11.30	International trade in uncertain economic times
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondiotti, Academic Coordinator
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global
1.4	11:30 – 13.00	The importance of trade in industrial products/patterns of protection
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	Dr Steven Kates, RMIT University
	13:00 – 14.30	LUNCH
1.5	14:30 – 16.00	The benefits of liberalising manufacturing trade
	<i>Presenter</i>	Dr Steven Kates, RMIT University
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global
	16:00 – 16.30	AFTERNOON TEA
	16.30 - 17.00	Group photo

Day Two: Thursday 3 September 2009		
2. Liberalising Industrial Trade in the WTO and FTAs		
	9:15 – 9.30	REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION
		Centre Staff
2.1	9.30 – 11.00	The role of multilateral trade rules
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondiotti, Academic Coordinator
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Gareth Meyer, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	11:00 – 11.15	MORNING TEA
2.2	11.15 – 12:45	The Doha negotiations – current status, future prospects
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Gareth Meyer, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	<i>Panellist</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay, Auckland University
	12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH
2.3	14.00 – 15.30	Preferential liberalisation in FTAs
	<i>Presenter</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay, Auckland University
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Gareth Meyer, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	15.30 – 15.45	AFTERNOON TEA
2.4	15.45 – 17.15	Developing country interests in NAMA negotiations
		Participant presentations on core issues in NAMA negotiations
	<i>Presenters</i>	Participants, Moderated by Academic Coordinator with comments from Panel
	15.45- 16.00	Presentation by participants from The Philippines
	16.00 – 16.15	Presentation by participants from Indonesia
	16.15 – 16.30	Presentation by participants from Thailand
	16.30 – 16.45	Presentation by participants from PNG
	16.45 – 17.00	Presentation by participants from Vietnam
	17.00 – 17.15	Presentation by participants from the ASEAN Secretariat
	<i>Panellists</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay, Auckland University Mr Gareth Meyer, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	19.00 – 21.30	Group dinner

Day Three: Friday 4 September 2009		
3. Improving Growth and Competitiveness through Trade Reform		
	9.00 – 9.15	REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION
		Centre Staff
3.1	9.15 – 10.30	International approaches to trade reform
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti, Academic Coordinator
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	10.30 – 10.45	MORNING TEA
3.2	10.45 – 12.15	Core elements of domestic trade reform
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	<i>Panellist</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti, Academic Coordinator
	12.15 – 13.45	LUNCH
3.3	13.45 – 15:15	Tariff responses in time of economic difficulty – the case of South Korea
	<i>Presenter</i>	Dr HanSung Kim, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
	<i>Panellist</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay, Auckland University
	15.15 – 15.30	AFTERNOON TEA
3.4	15.30– 17.00	Tariff liberalisation through bilateral FTAs – experience in APEC
	<i>Presenter</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay, Auckland University
	<i>Panellist</i>	Dr HanSung Kim, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Day Four – Saturday 5 September 2009		
4. Workshops and Study Groups		
4.1	09:30 – 11.00	Four contemporaneous workshops developing policy briefs for core trade reform issues with direction from Academic Coordinator, chaired by trade experts
	<i>Chairs</i>	Associate Professor Robert Scollay , Auckland University Dr HanSung Kim, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global Dr Steven Kates, RMIT University
	11:00 – 11:15	MORNING TEA
4.2	11.15 – 12.30	Work on presentations in study groups continued

Day Five: Monday 7 September 2009		
5. Improving Growth and Competitiveness through Trade Reform ctd		
	9:00 – 9.15	REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION
		Centre Staff
5.1	9.15 – 10.45	Tariff liberalisation and regional economic integration – The Philippines' experience
	<i>Presenter</i>	Dr Erlinda Medalla, Philippines Institute for Development Studies
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr David Greig, AcilTasman
	10.45 – 11.00	MORNING TEA
5.2	11.00 – 12.30	Unilateral trade reform in manufacturing- the case of New Zealand
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr David Greig, AcilTasman
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	12.30 – 13.45	LUNCH
5.3	13.45 – 15.15	Managing trade related structural reform – the experience of Australia
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
	<i>Panellist</i>	Dr Erlinda Medalla, Philippines Institute for Development Studies
	15.15 – 15.30	AFTERNOON TEA
5.4	15.45 – 17.00	Visit to the Productivity Commission
		Dr John Salarian, Productivity Commission, accompanied by Academic Coordinator

Day Six: Tuesday 8 September		
6. Managing Reform of Trade in Industrial Products		
	9:00 – 9.15	REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION
		Centre Staff
6.1	9.15 – 11.00	Developing options for NAMA reform: Group Policy Briefs
	<i>Presenter</i>	Participant Groups A and B
	<i>Panellists</i>	Dr Erlinda Medalla, Philippines Institute for Development Studies Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global
	11:00 – 11:15	MORNING TEA
6.2	11.15 – 12.45	Developing options for NAMA reform- Group Policy Briefs ctd
	<i>Presenter</i>	Participants Groups C and D
	<i>Panellists</i>	Dr Erlinda Medalla, Philippines Institute for Development Studies Mr Robert Kerr, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission Mr Jeff Rae, ITS Global
	12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH
6.3	14.00 – 15.00	Review and course conclusion Review of key issues, group discussion
	<i>Presenter</i>	Academic Coordinator
	15.00 – 15.30	AFTERNOON TEA
6.4	15.30 – 15.45	Monitoring and evaluation
		Centre Staff
	16.00 – 17.30	Graduation and cocktails