

Capacity Building to Enhance Investment Flows in APEC Economies, Particularly in Relation to Trade and Taxation Policies

**Training Program ~ 15 – 21 July 2009
Melbourne, Australia**

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Participation

The program includes officials from the following economies: Chile, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Participants come from the Ministries of Finance, Commerce or Trade, and/or Treasuries, Central Banks, and/or other agencies responsible for administering local and foreign investment policies.

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 PFI and its role, particularly in relation to trade and taxation policies, participants will develop the skills necessary for policy development and for effectively applying the PFI tenets.

Through addressing trade and taxation policy issues, as well as the characteristics of an overall sound public policy environment, 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 the OECD, UNESCAP, academia, private consultants and agencies in Australia such as Treasury, Department of Finance, National Audit Office, etc. Representatives from Australian industry will provide industry perspectives on these issues and will also participate in discussion groups.

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.

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DAY ONE ~ Wednesday 15 JULY 2009		
Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel		
Theme of the Day ~ Overview		
	8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Administration Matters – Centre Staff
Session 1.1	9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Outline of the Program
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tony Hinton , Academic Coordinator
Session 1.2	9:30 – 10:00	Outline of workshop activity
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tony Hinton , Academic Coordinator
Session 1.3	10:00 – 10:30	Principles of Sound Public Policy
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tony Hinton , Academic Coordinator
	10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
Session 1.4	10:45 – 12:30	The determinants of Investment Flows for APEC Economies
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tom Westcott , ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andreas Schaal , OECD Paris
	12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH
Session 1.5	14:00 – 15:30	Presentations by half of the economies on their Investment Policy Environment
	<i>Presenters</i>	1.5a – China 1.5b – Indonesia 1.5c – Malaysia 1.5d – Mexico
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andreas Schaal , OECD Paris Mr Tom Westcott , ITS Global
	15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
Session 1.5 Cont...	15:45 – 17:00	Presentations by the other half of the economies on their Investment Policy Environment
	<i>Presenters</i>	1.5e – Papua New Guinea 1.5f – Philippines 1.5g – Thailand 1.5h – Vietnam
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andreas Schaal , OECD Paris Mr Tom Westcott , ITS Global
	19:00 – 21:30	Group Dinner

DAY TWO ~ Thursday 16 JULY 2009**Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel****Theme of the Day ~ *Investment Policy Environment***

	8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
Session 2.1	9:00 – 10:30	Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) and how to use it
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Andreas Schaal , OECD Paris
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Darrell Porter , Office of Best Practice Regulation
	10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
Session 2.2	10:45 – 12:30	Best Practice Regulatory Principles
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Darrell Porter , Office of Best Practice Regulation
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andreas Schall , OECD Paris
	12:30 – 13:45	LUNCH
Session 2.3	13:45 – 15:15	Foreign Investment Policies and Components (PFI #1)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tom Westcott , ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andreas Schall , OECD Paris
	15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
Session 2.4	15:15 – 17:00	Responsible Business Conduct (PFI #7)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Andreas Schall , OECD Paris
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Tom Westcott , ITS Global
	17:05 – 17:15	Group Photo

DAY THREE ~ Friday 17 JULY 2009**Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel****Theme of the Day ~ Trade (PFI #3) and Tax (PFI #5) Policies**

	8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
Session 3.1	9:00 – 10:15	Trade Liberalisation
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr John Cosgrove , Economic Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti , ITS Global
	10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
Session 3.2	10:15 – 11:45	Trade in Services
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti , ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr John Cosgrove , Economic Consultant
Session 3.3	11:45 – 13:00	Bilateral and Multilateral Trade Negotiations
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti , ITS Global
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr John Cosgrove , Economic Consultant
	13:00 – 14:15	LUNCH
Session 3.4	14:15 – 15:45	Tax Policy Principles
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Haydn Daw , Australian Treasury
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Shane Johnson , Australian Treasury
	15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
Session 3.5	15:45 – 17:30	International Aspects of Tax Policy
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Shane Johnson , Australian Treasury
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Haydn Daw , Australian Treasury

DAY FOUR ~ Saturday 18 JULY 2009

Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel

Theme of the Day ~ Workshops

	9:15 – 9:30	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
Session 4.1	9:30 – 10:45	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 regulator principles.
	Group A	Proposed cross-the-board 25 per cent reduction in import tariffs
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	Mr John Cosgrove , Economic Consultant
	Group B	Proposed establishment of a bilateral trade agreement with a major trading partner
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	Ms Kristen Bondietti , ITS Global
	Group C	Proposed implementation of a GST
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	Mr Darrell Porter , Office of Best Practice Regulation
	Group D	Proposed reduction in income and company tax rates
	<i>Workshop Chair</i>	Mr Haydn Daw , Australian Treasury
	10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
Session 4.1 Cont...	11:15 – 12:30	Continuation of workshops

DAYS FOUR & FIVE ~ Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July 2009

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 20 JULY 2009

Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel

Theme of the Day ~ *Other PFI Components*

	8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
Session 6.1	9:00 – 10:00	Competition Policy (PFI #4)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Simone Abbot , Australian Treasury
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Tony Hinton , Academic Coordinator
Session 6.2	10:00 – 11:00	Corporate Governance (PFI #6)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Ms Kate Spargo , Investec Bank Australia
	<i>Panellist</i>	Ms Simone Abbot , Australian Treasury
	11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
Session 6.3	11:15 – 12:15	Investment Promotion and Facilitation (PFI #2)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant
	<i>Panellist</i>	Ms Kate Spargo , Investec Bank Australia
	12:15 – 13:30	LUNCH
Session 6.4	13:30 – 14:30	Human Resource Development (PFI #8)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Dr Errol Muir , RMIT University
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant
Session 6.5	14:30 – 15:30	Infrastructure Development (PFI #9)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant
	15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
Session 6.6	15:45 – 17:00	Public Governance (PFI #10)
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Andrew Morris , Australian National Audit Office
	<i>Panellist</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant

DAY SEVEN ~ Tuesday 21 JULY 2009

Venue: Buckingham Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel

Theme of the Day ~ Key Messages

	8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and administration matters – Centre Staff
Session 7.1	9:00 – 10:30	Each group, with cross-economy representation, will make a presentation separately, each followed by a discussion, on a pre-assigned selected key issue
7.1a	<i>Presenters</i>	Group A
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP Mr Roy Nixon , Australian Treasury
7.1b	<i>Presenters</i>	Group B
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP Mr Roy Nixon , Australian Treasury
	10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
Session 7.1 Cont. ...	10:45 – 12:15	Continuation of previous session
7.1c	<i>Presenters</i>	Group C
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP Mr Roy Nixon , Australian Treasury
7.1d	<i>Presenters</i>	Group D
	<i>Panellists</i>	Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP Mr Roy Nixon , Australian Treasury
	12:15 – 13:45	LUNCH
Session 7.2	13:45 – 15:15	Summation and Key Messages
	<i>Presenters</i>	Mr Marinus Sikkel , UNESCAP Mr Andrew Proctor , Investment Policy and Promotion Consultant
	15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break
Session 7.3	15:45 – 16:00	Wrap-up and Final Conclusions
	<i>Presenter</i>	Mr Tony Hinton , Academic Coordinator
	16:00 – 17:15	Graduation and cocktails – including presentation of certificates