

# **State of the Region Impact of the Covid-19 Crisis**

***AusPECC Virtual Roundtable  
PECC State of the Region Report  
Impact of the Covid-19 Crisis***

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# State of the Region Survey Covid-19

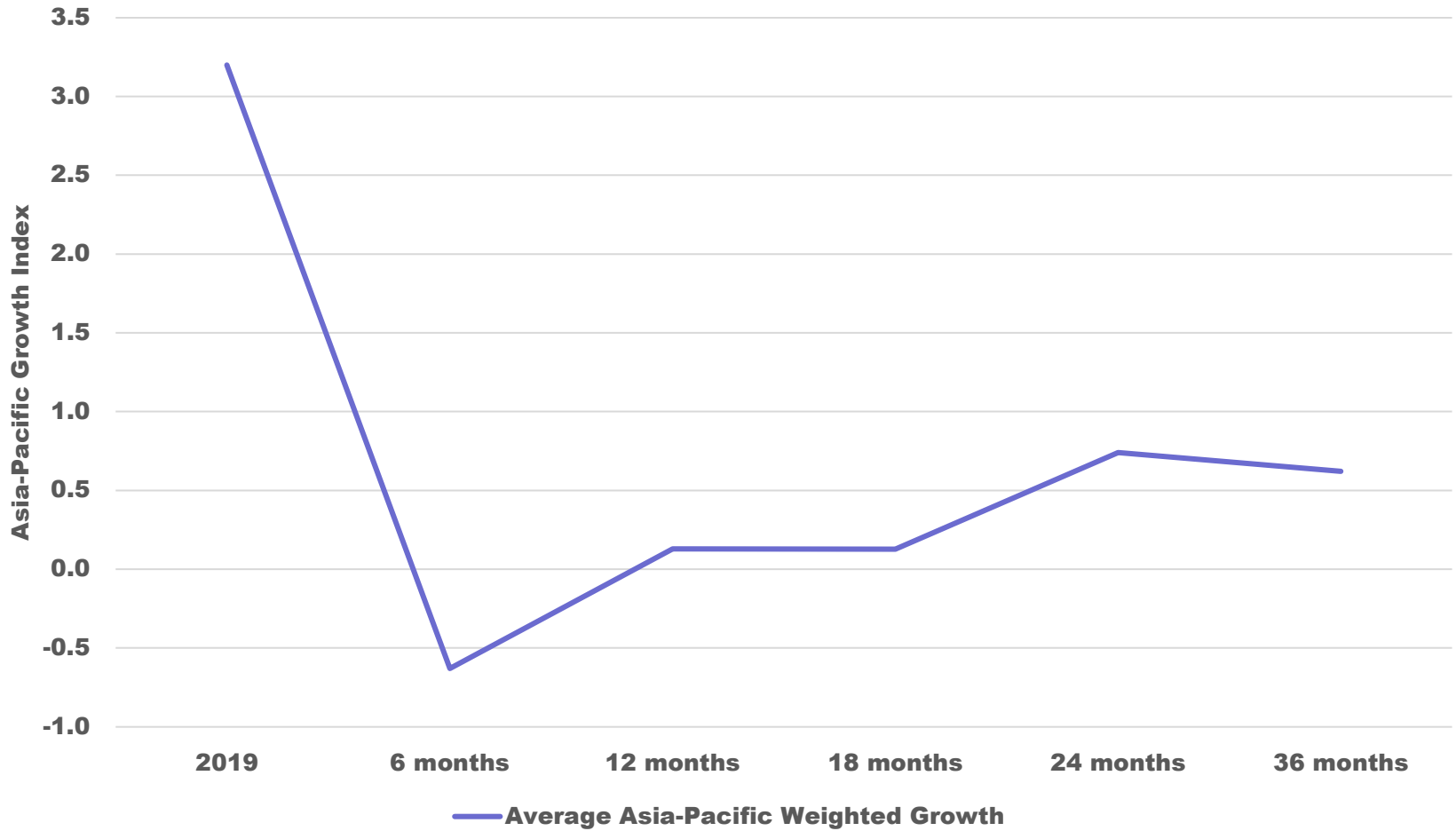
- **Survey period: 19 May to 12 June 2020**
- **710 regional policy experts**
  - **Government**  
**Decision-makers or senior advisors to decision-makers.**
  - **Business**  
**Panelists should be from companies who have operations in a number of Asia-Pacific economies or conduct business with a number of partners from the region. ABAC members as well as past ABAC members.**
  - **Non-government: Research Community/Civil Society/Media**  
**These included presidents of institutes concerned with Asia-Pacific issues, heads of departments, senior professors, and correspondents covering international affairs.**

# High Level Messages from Report

- **High degree of pessimism on the economic outlook**
- **The importance international cooperation**
  - **Immediate**
  - **In exiting from the lockdown**
  - **In a sustainable recovery**
- **How the crisis has accelerated existing trends that we have been grappling with for the past few years**
  - **The digital economy**
- **Opportunity for APEC**

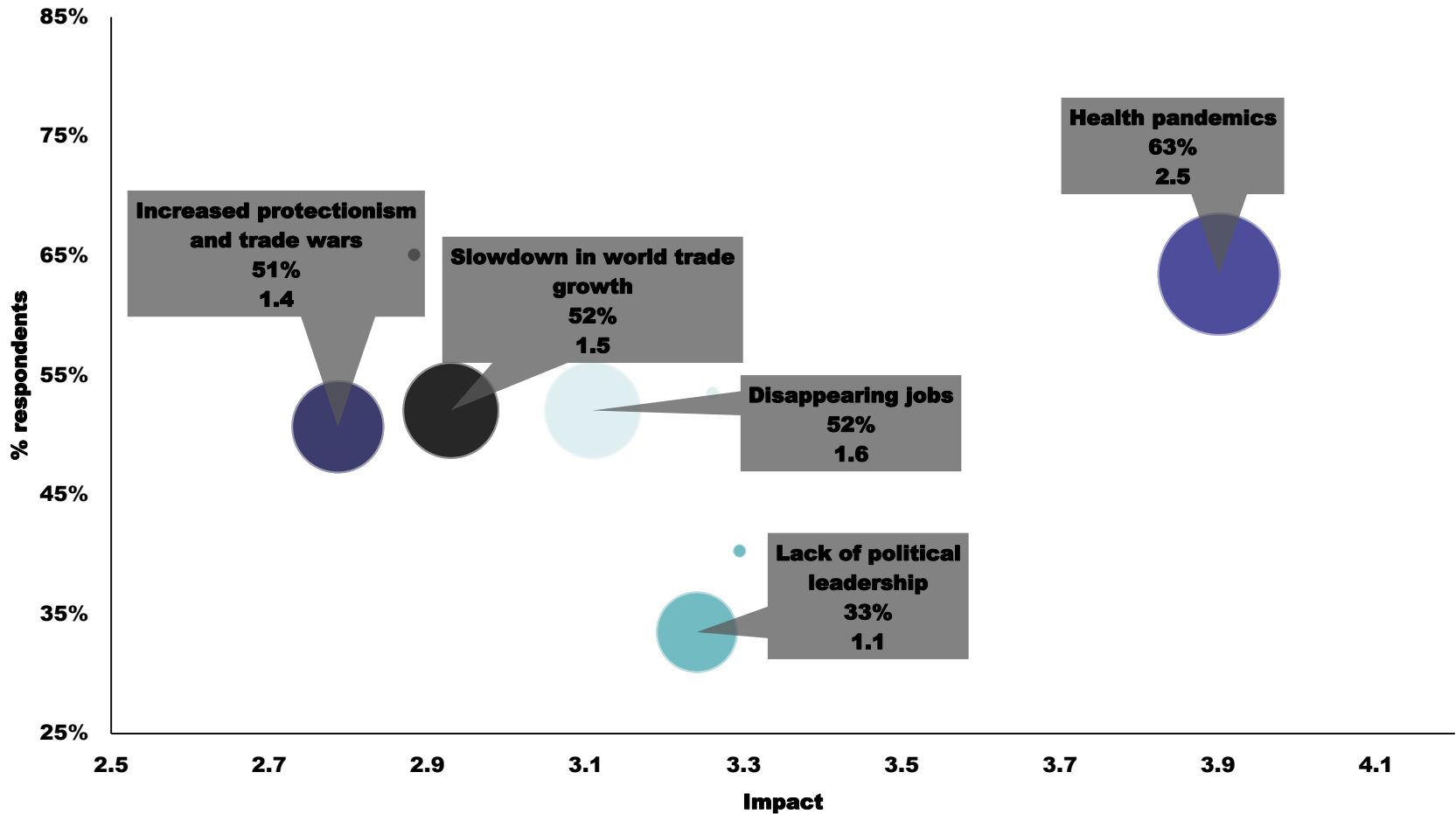


# Pessimistic view of the economic outlook



*Question: Please give an assessment of the impact the COVID-19 crisis will have on your economy over the following time periods compared to last year. Average weighted growth based perception survey.*

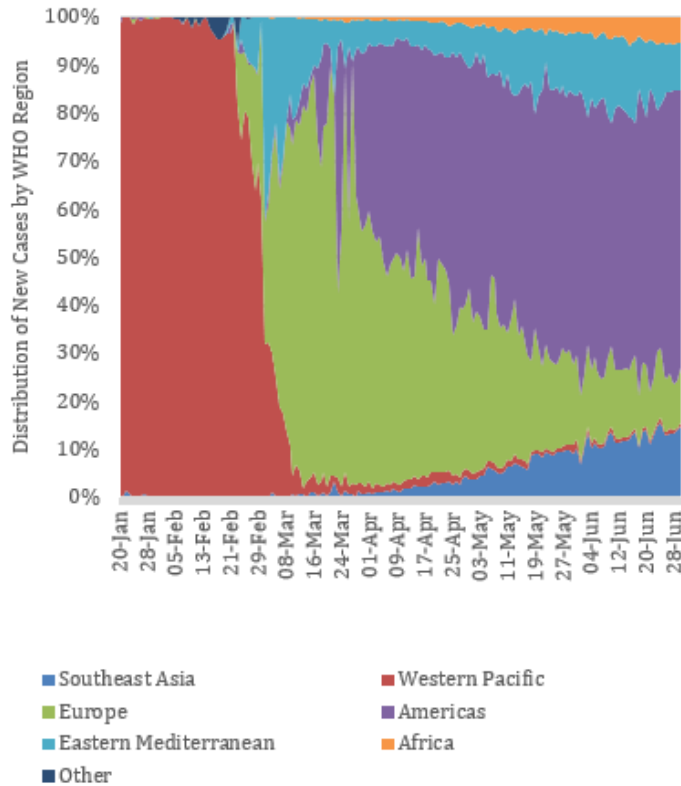
# Top 5 Risks to Growth



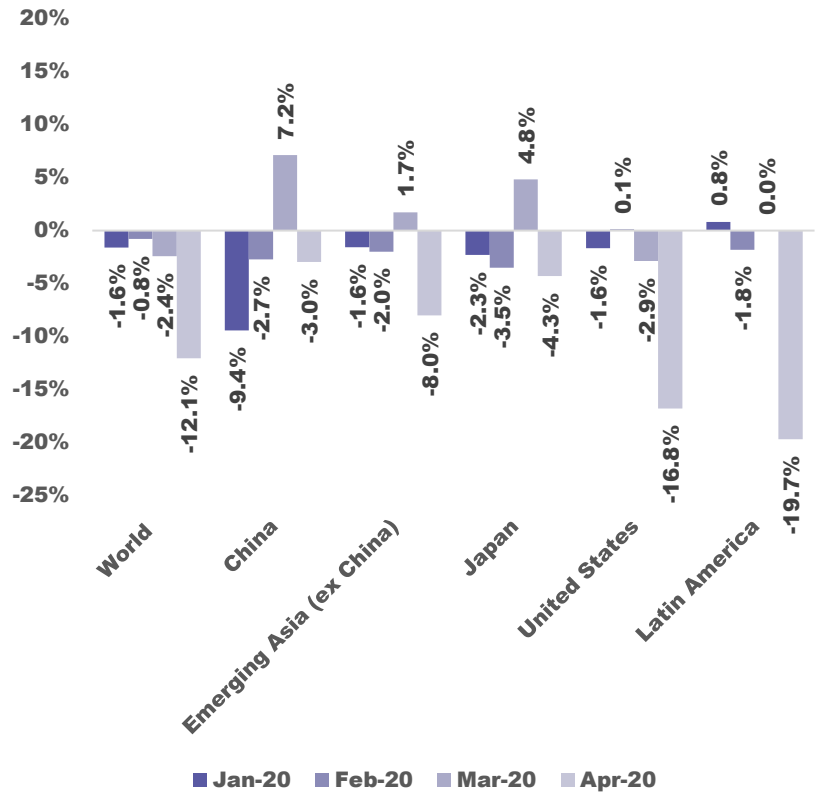


# Keep supply lines open – the trade policy agenda

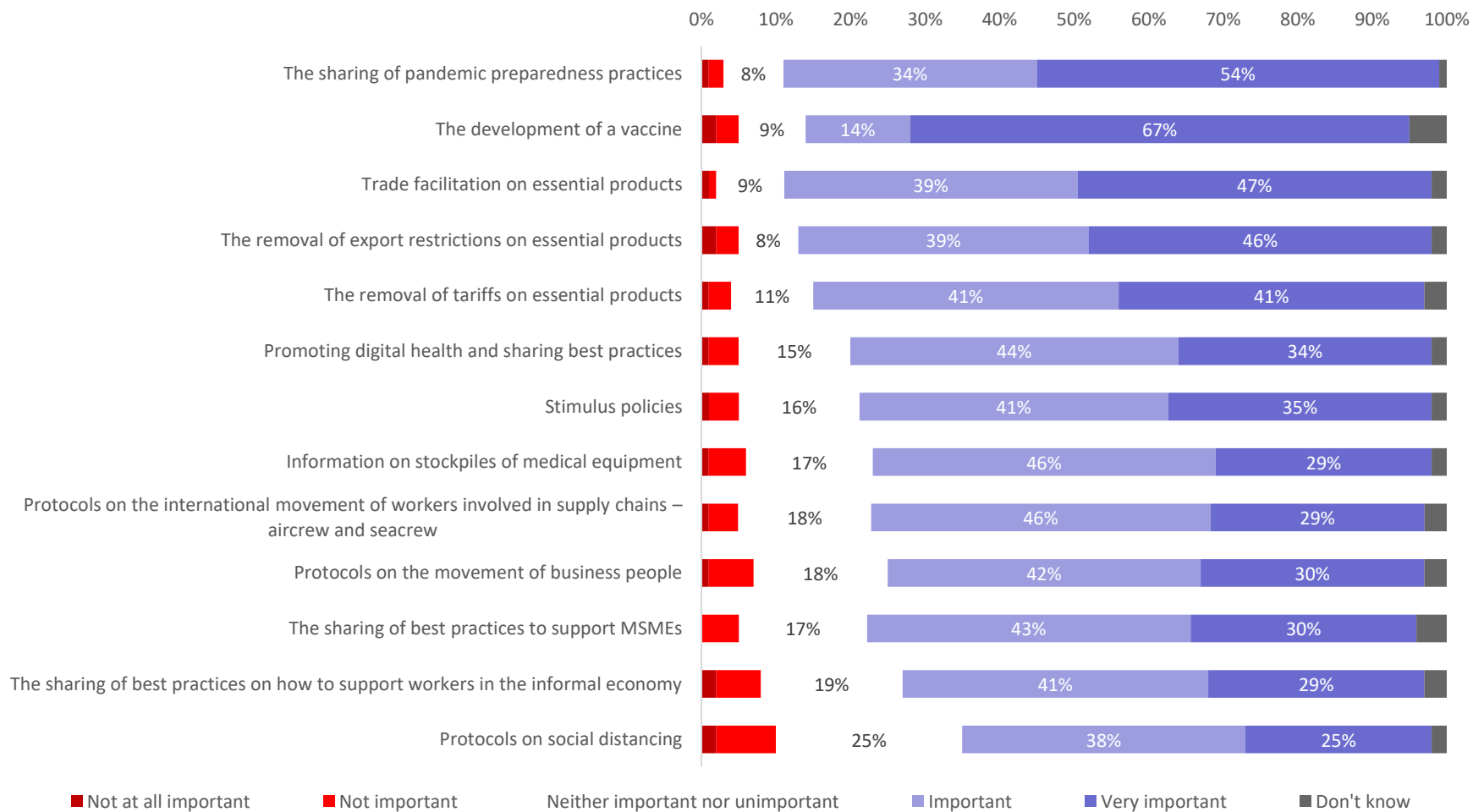
## The Spread of the Virus Across Regions



## Impact of the Covid-19 Crisis on Merchandise Trade Growth

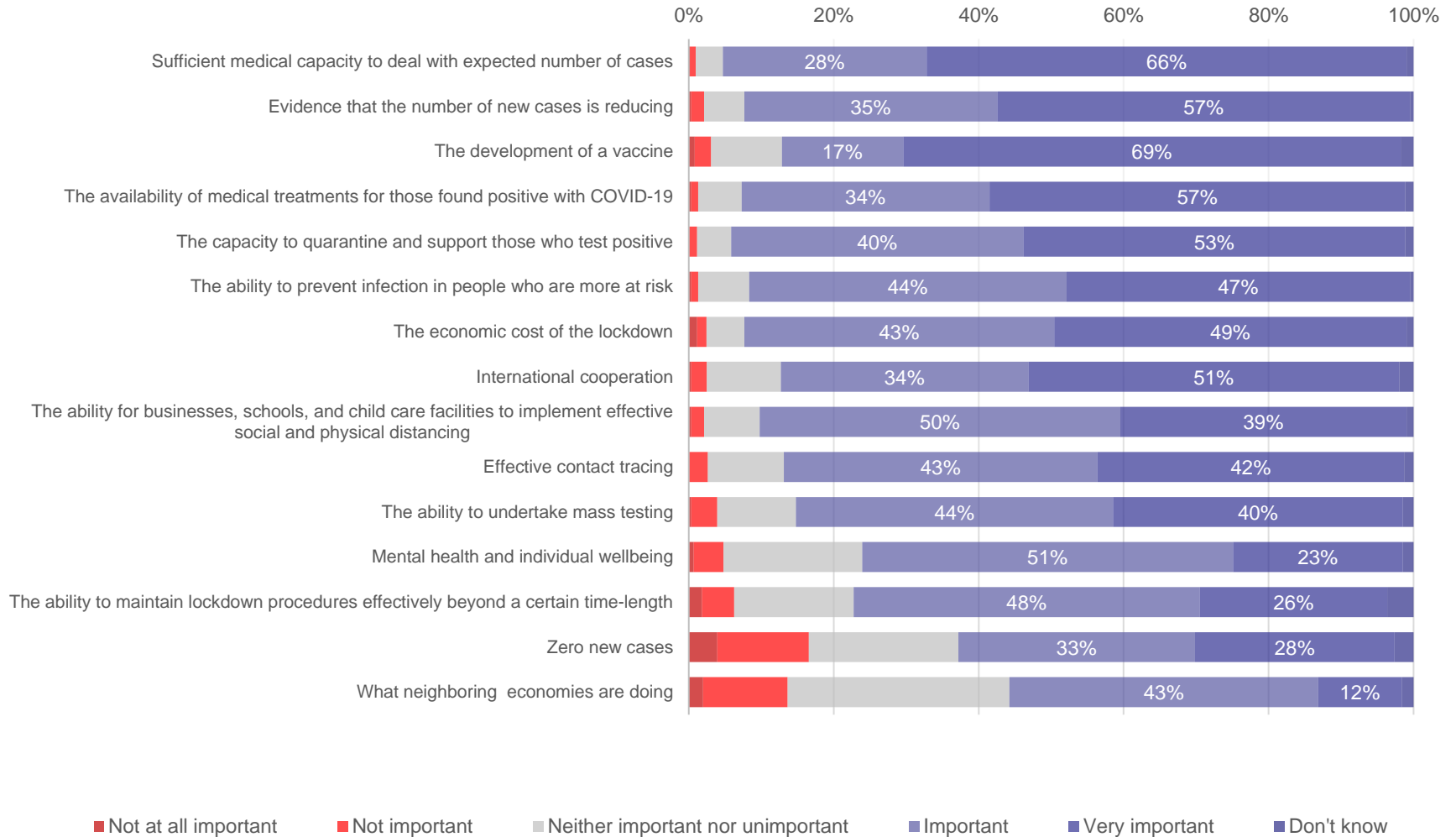


# Priority Issues for Regional Cooperation



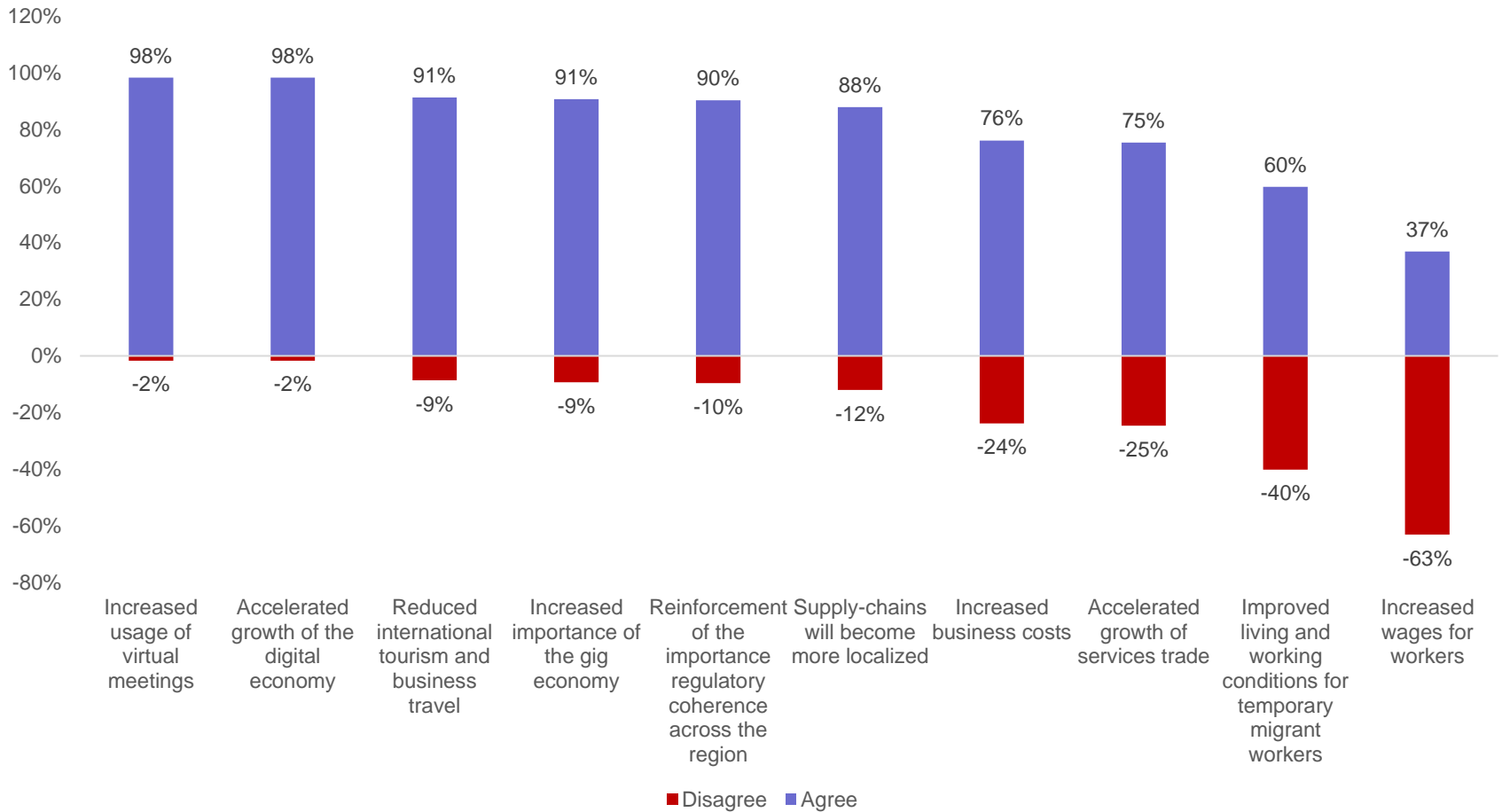
Question: Please rate how important you think it is for APEC to strengthen cooperation on these issues among its members as well as with other regional organizations in combating Covid19?

# Factors for Consideration for Exiting from Lockdown





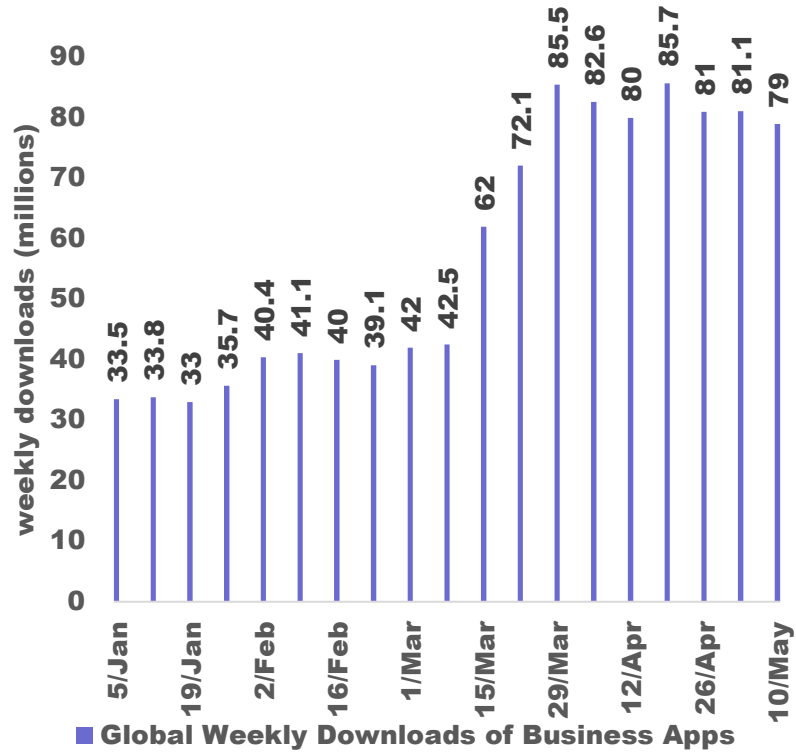
# Consequences of the COVID-19 crisis on the ways in which business is conducted



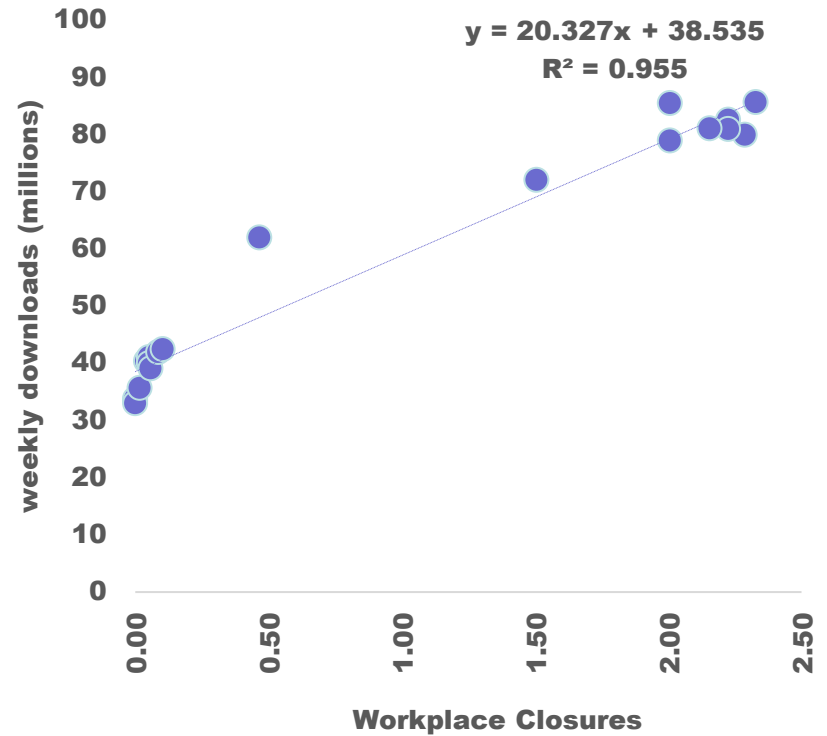


# Digital Adoption

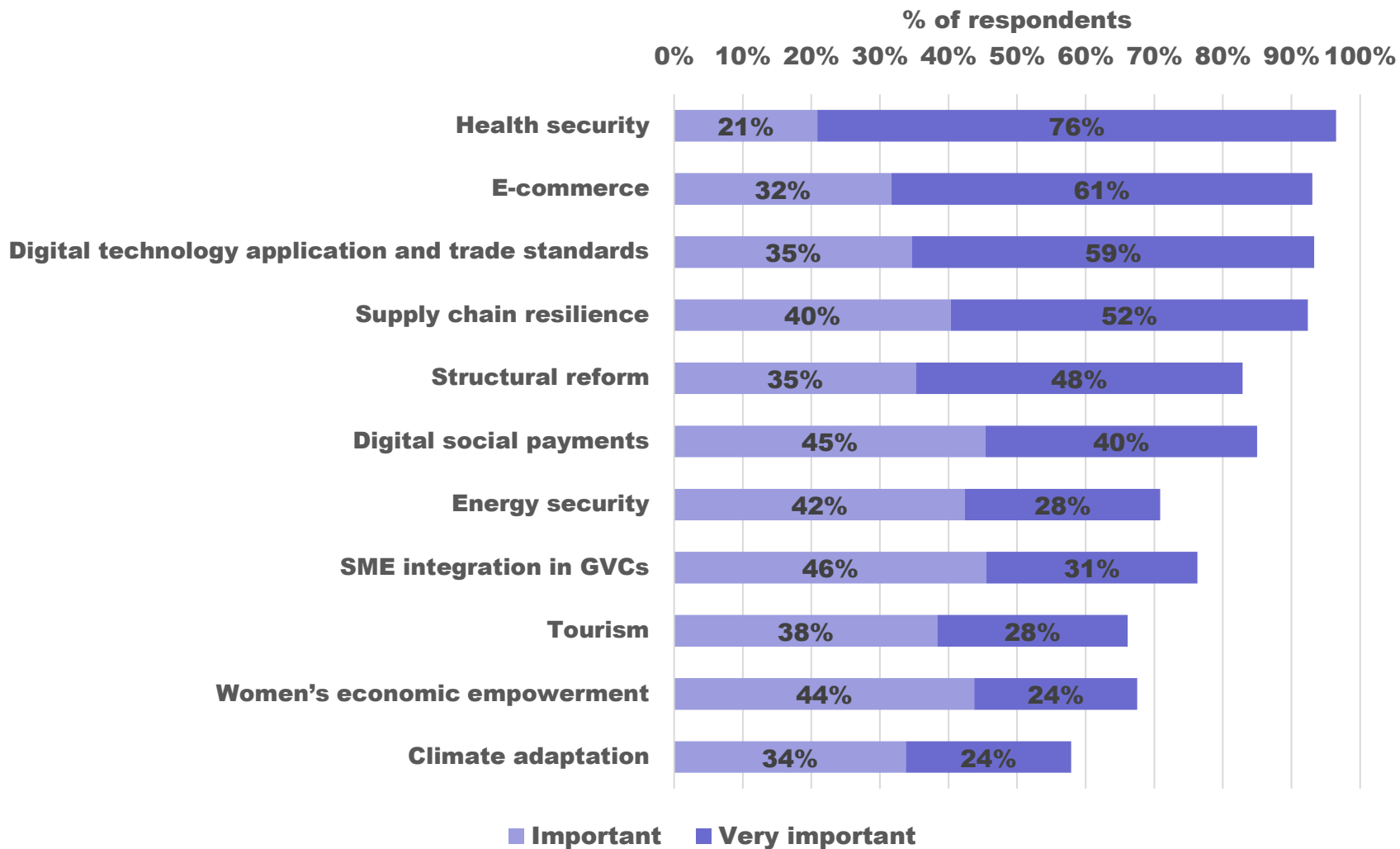
### Business App Downloads



### The Link Between Business App Downloads and Workplace Closures



# Capacity Building Priorities for Asia-Pacific Emerging Economies





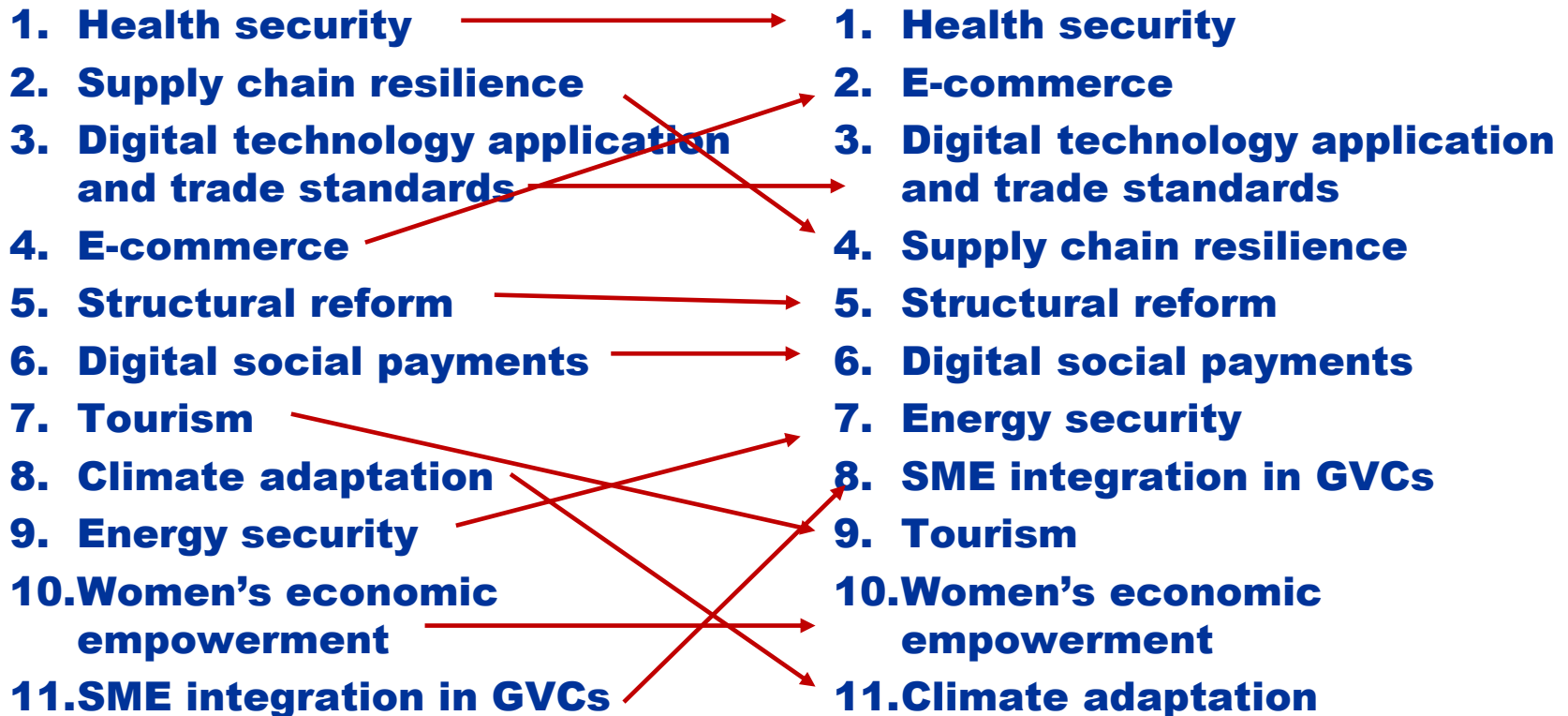
# Comparison of Advanced and Emerging Economy Views

## Advanced

1. Health security
2. Supply chain resilience
3. Digital technology application and trade standards
4. E-commerce
5. Structural reform
6. Digital social payments
7. Tourism
8. Climate adaptation
9. Energy security
10. Women's economic empowerment
11. SME integration in GVCs

## Emerging

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# Takeaways

- **The region and the world have been struck by an unprecedented crisis**
- **COVID-19 has accelerated some trends already evident, and on which APEC has a work agenda**
- **Post-2020 Vision can provide a long-term strategic framework for regional governments and stakeholders to plan for the future**
- **Without such a framework there is a risk that the recovery will be much slower than need be, opportunities to sustain reform will not be taken, inefficient policy adopted for short term goals will remain stuck in place, and investment plans put on hold.**
- **APEC has a key role to play in articulating that vision.**