

FTAAP – Future directions and next steps Dialogue on the PECC Signature Project FTAAP - Pathways to Prosperity

ABAC | Brisbane | Saturday 22 February 2025 | 14:00-16:00 AEST

Location: Lyon Room, Sofitel Brisbane Central, 249 Turbot St, Brisbane

The Dialogue is an AusPECC initiative under the PECC Signature Project “FTAAP Pathways to Prosperity”. It brings together stakeholders in the APEC community to share perspectives on the future direction of an FTAAP and discuss how the PECC FTAAP Signature Project might add value to the FTAAP concept in APEC going forward.

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome and introduction

The Hon Craig Emerson, Taskforce Chair, PECC FTAAP Project

14:05 – 14:10 Opening remarks

Elizabeth Ward, First Assistant Secretary Trade Resilience, Indo-Pacific Economic and Latin America Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australia’s Ambassador for APEC

14:10 – 14:50 Stakeholder perspectives

Moderator: The Hon Craig Emerson

- **Ambassador Ma Keqing, Executive Vice Chair, CNCPEC (TBC)**
PECC perspectives on FTAAP (10 minutes)
- **Eduardo Pedrosa, APEC Executive Director**
APEC perspectives on FTAAP (10 minutes)
- **Anna Curzon, Chair, ABAC Working Group on Regional Economic Integration (REIWG)**
ABAC work on FTAAP (10 minutes)
- **Carlos Kuriyama, Director, APEC Policy Support Unit, APEC Secretariat**
Key findings of the PSU Study on convergences and divergences in FTAs in APEC (10 minutes)



14:50 – 15:10 Facilitated Q&A (20 minutes)

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15:10 – 15:50 PECC Signature Project FTAAP Pathways to Prosperity - next steps

Moderator: Arjuna Nadaraja, Chair, AusPECC

Kristen Bondiotti, Vice-Chair, AusPECC

- Update on PECC FTAAP Signature Project (5 minutes)

Facilitated discussion, including on:

- Where and how PECC can add value to work on FTAAP in in ABAC and APEC
- Next steps on current FTAAP project policy briefs and recommendations:
 - a. services and good regulatory practice
 - b. mutual recognition and professional services mobility
 - c. trade and climate change
- Possible other topics the PECC FTAAP project might consider.

15:50 – 16:00 Closing Remarks

Eduardo Pedrosa, APEC Executive Director

16:00 – 16:30 Afternoon tea



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