

**PECC-SINCPEC-INCPEC Conference 2013 on
“Asia-Pacific Economic Integration and Connectivity:
Pathways for Resilient and Inclusive Growth”**

**Date: 22-23 February 2013
Venue: Pan Pacific, Singapore**

DRAFT PROGRAM as of 19 February 2013, 1055hrs

21 February 2013	
Pre-Conference	
1500 -1700	G10 Committee Meeting
1900-2100	Welcome Dinner for PECC Chairs/Representatives and Conference Speakers
DAY 1: 22 February 2013	
Opening Session	
0900-0915	Welcome Remarks
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0915-0945	Keynote Address by Guest-of-Honour
0945-1005	Launch of “Competitiveness Analysis and Development Strategies for 33 Indonesian Provinces” by Hon Mr Hatta Rajasa, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
	<i>This book is written by the Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.</i>
1005-1015	Coffee Break
1015-1215	Session 1 – An Asia-Pacific Agenda for Financial Cooperation
	<i>The global economic crisis has its origins in the financial sector. In response to the crisis, a new set of regulations are being implemented, however it is not clear that the Basel 3 Accord will do much to meet the developing Asia-Pacific’s financial requirements. APEC has agreed to establish an Asia-Pacific Finance Forum (APFF) as a platform for public-private sector collaboration in the development of robust financial markets across the region; the convergence of financial standards, regulations and practices; connectivity for facilitating cross-border financial flows, to create dynamic and integrated financial markets that will support the region’s sustained rapid growth; and shaping global financial regulatory reforms in support of the region’s financial development goals, through coordination of views on agreed areas of common regional concern and ensuring that these concerns are adequately reflected in global financial standards and regulations.</i>
	<i>This session will provide an overview of the current state of play and latest thinking about the development of financial systems in the region as well what regional economies can do to contribute to the building of a global financial architecture that would help the development of the financial sector in the region.</i>
1215-1400	Lunch
1400-1600	Session 2 – The New Environment for Trade Policy
	<i>The appetite for unilateral and multilateral trade liberalization has significantly diminished since the Bogor Goals were set. The Doha Development Round is stalled and the prospects for a breakthrough are bleak. However, there is still momentum in regional deals especially the ASEAN Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Framework (RCEP) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).</i>
1600-1615	Coffee/Tea Break

1615-1815	<p>Session 3 – Infrastructure Development: Connectivity, Integration and Structural Reform</p> <p><i>Global economic growth continues to be anaemic even though East Asian economies are doing better than those in Europe and the US. As external demand from developed economies is not expected to recover, the region needs to identify growth engines to sustain aggregate demand at sufficient levels to create jobs and prevent mass unemployment and social instability. The ADB estimates that the region needs to invest \$750 billion per year from 2010-2020. Moreover, for economies to benefit from regional economic integration, they require world-class logistics, transportation and customs facilities to be able to effectively participate in regional and global chains. Investments of this nature would help economies currently lagging behind in benefitting from the globalization process.</i></p> <p><i>Pursuing these objectives would both provide a boost to the global economy and help individual economies meet their own needs for increasing the welfare and standards of living for their people.</i></p>
1900-2100	Dinner
Day 2: 23 February 2012	
0900-1100	<p>Session 4 – Aligning Economic and Technical Cooperation and Regional Economic Integration Goals</p> <p><i>Economic and technical cooperation is the third pillar along with trade and investment liberalization and trade and investment facilitation for the achievement of APEC's vision of a community of Asia-Pacific economies. The Ecotech goals are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To attain sustainable growth and equitable development in the Asia-Pacific region;</i> • <i>To reduce economic disparities among APEC economies;</i> • <i>To improve the economic and social well-being of the people; and</i> • <i>To deepen the spirit of community in the Asia Pacific.</i> <p><i>Additional issues that need to be addressed in today's environment include employment creation, equitable distribution of opportunities, social security and addressing impediments to small and medium enterprise development.</i></p>
1100-1115	Coffee/Tea Break
1115-1300	<p>Session 5 – Engaging Stakeholders in Ecotech: Towards Inclusive Growth</p> <p><i>APEC's Ecotech activities have been criticized for a lack of focus and effectiveness. This session will discuss how to better engage the business community and civil society groups to help design effective economic and technical cooperation programs.</i></p>
1300-1430	Lunch
1430-1630	<p>Session 6 – Regional and Global Cooperation: APEC, ASEAN, East Asia Summit and the G20</p> <p><i>The last time Indonesia hosted APEC, the organization was newly formed and just recently raised to the summit level. Almost 20 years on, APEC has been joined by the East Asia Summit and the G20. This session will discuss how regional and global processes should interact to improve coordination and cooperation between them.</i></p>
1630-1640	Closing Remarks
1640-1725	Media Briefing
1900-2100	Working Dinner for PECC Chairs/Representatives