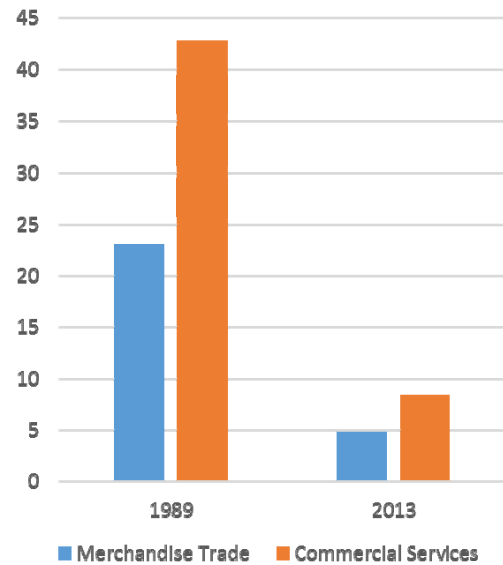


Where were we before? Where are we now?

Trading for growth

Overall trade openness of APEC has increased from 1989 to 2013

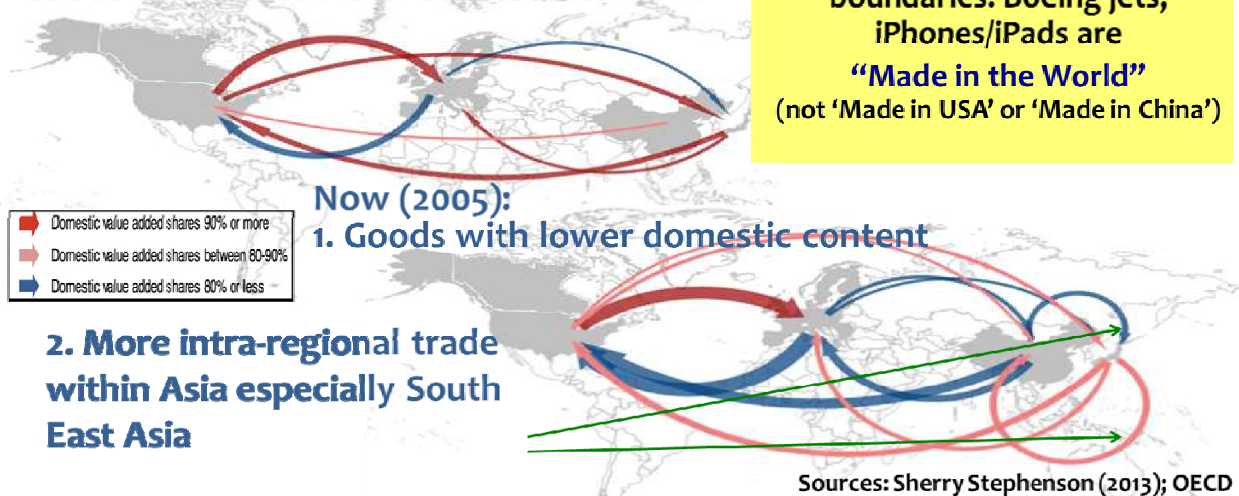
- Merchandise trade as % of GDP: 23.1% to 42.8%
- Commercial services trade as % of GDP: 4.8% to 8.4%



Where are we before? Where are we now? Growing interconnectedness among economies

Before (1995):
Goods with almost 100% domestic content

Value chains now cross national boundaries: Boeing jets, iPhones/iPads are
“Made in the World”
(not ‘Made in USA’ or ‘Made in China’)



Where do we want to go?

APEC Mission Vision

***Sustainable economic growth and prosperity
in the Asia Pacific region....***

***through free and open trade and investment,
regional economic integration, economic and
technical cooperation, human security, and
favourable and sustainable business
environment***



Where do we want to go?

APEC High-Level Goals and Targets

- ▶ Ten percent improvement in supply chain performance by 2015 (SCFAP)
- ▶ Twenty-five percent cheaper, faster, and easier to do business by 2015 (EODB)
- ▶ Achieve balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth 2010-2015 (Growth Strategy)
- ▶ Free and open trade and investment by 2010/2020 (Bogor Goals)
- ▶ Seamless and comprehensively connected and integrated APEC by 2025 (APEC Connectivity Blueprint)



How do we get there?

Connecting APEC

- Connectivity will help bring real dividends from free and open trade by bringing diverse markets, businesses and people closer together to facilitate trade and investment for delivering greater long-term growth
- Provides a high-level policy framework to guide APEC's actions
 - ▶ **APEC Connectivity Framework (2013)**
 - ▶ **APEC Connectivity Blueprint (2014)**



Where do we want to go?

Connecting APEC

- Aspiration to reach a seamless, comprehensive, connected and integrated Asia-Pacific by widening and strengthening connections via:
 - Physical Infrastructure
 - Institutions and
 - People-to-People Linkages

(APEC Leaders' 2013 Declaration, Indonesia)



How do we get there?

Connecting APEC

- **PILLAR 1: Physical Connectivity**
Improves supply chain performance by connecting and integrating logistics, transport, energy, and telecommunications infrastructure
- **PILLAR 2: Institutional Connectivity**
Advances regulatory and procedural cooperation and coherence
- **PILLAR 3: People-to-People Connectivity**
Enhances interaction, mobility, and joint endeavor



Elements of Connectivity

PHYSICAL	Trade routes and corridors; and regional quality transport networks
	Cross-border energy networks and interconnections
	Universal and high-speed broadband access
	Well-designed, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure via multi-year plan on infrastructure development and investment
INSTITUTIONS	Logistics and transport facilitation
	Regulatory coherence and cooperation
	Advance APEC's agenda on structural reforms
	Modernize customs & other border procedures; Single Windows
	Promote cross-border financial cooperation
	Safe and trusted ICT and e-commerce environment
PEOPLES	Widened and deepened cross-border education, science, technology, innovation, and services
	Movement of tourists, business people, professionals and workers, women and youth

How do we get there?

Connecting physical infrastructure

- Work streams:
 - Public-Private Partnership
 - Infrastructure development
 - ICT
 - Energy
 - Transportation



How do we get there?

Connecting institutional frameworks

- Work streams:
 - Trade facilitation
 - Customs and border administration
 - Supply chain performance
 - Regulatory coherence and cooperation
 - Good regulatory practices
 - Structural reforms



How do we get there?

Connecting people

- Work streams:
 - Business travel facilitation
 - Cross-border education
 - Tourism facilitation
 - Professional and labor mobility



How do we get there?

Supporting connectivity goals



**BUILDING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES,
BUILDING A BETTER WORLD**



How do we get there?

Supporting connectivity goals

Philippine initiatives for APEC 2015:

- Ease the access to preferential markets (Simplifying, streamlining customs and ROOs for SMEs)
- Enhance the transparency of trade information (Trade Repository)
- Ensure security and increase integrity in the supply chain (Authorized Economic Operator)
- Strengthen capacity for regulatory quality and reform (Services Cooperation Framework)



How do we get there?

Guiding APEC's actions

- Commitment to goals
- Attuned and forward-looking
- Broad-based participation
- Mobilize financial and in-kind resources



Thank you