



TOWARDS AN OPEN ASIA PACIFIC REGION: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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Morning Programme

- 9:00 – 9.45 Opening Address**
Linkages Between Prospects for Multilateral and Regional Liberalization
Chair: Pehin Lim Jock Seng (PECC Chair) (tbc)
Fred Bergsten (IIE)
- 9:45 – 11:15 Session 1**
**Overview: State of Play on RTA Development in the Asia-Pacific Region and
PECC's Response; Survey of Empirical Studies**
Rob Scollay (PECC)
- Strategies for Managing the Consequences of a Proliferation of RTAs and
Encouraging Convergence Toward Regional and Global Liberalisation and
Integration Objectives**
Chair: Yuan Pau Woo (CANCPEC Chair)
Christopher Findlay (Australia)
Soogil Young (Korea)
Soamiely Andriamananjara (USITC)
Fernando Gonzalez Vigil (Peru)
Mari Pangestu (Indonesia)
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 1:00 Session 2**
**Key Issues in the Evolution of RTAs within multilateral and wider regional trading
systems**
Chair: Antoni Esteveordal (tbc)

(1) Treatment of 'Sensitive Items' (especially agriculture) in RTAs and links to WTO rules, disciplines, and negotiations

Marcos Jank (Brazil)

Rob Scollay: (New Zealand)

Discussant: Ernesto Tironi (Chile)

(2) Issues in the Treatment of Investment in Regional Agreements: Analytical Issues and Comparative Perspectives

Christian Daude (University of Maryland)

Maryse Robert (Organisation of American States)

Discussants: Myrna Austria (Philippines)

Mari Pangestu (Indonesia)

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

Afternoon Programme

2.00 – 2.45 Session 3

Open Forum: Towards Principles for APEC-Friendly RTAs

Chair: Timothy Ong (tbc)

2.45 – 4.00 Session 4

Invited Addresses

Chair: Jose Salazar (tbc)

(1) Current State of Play in the DDA and Relation to the US Trade Policy Environment

Jeffrey Schott (IIE)

(2) Market Access Negotiations: Current State of Play from a Developing Country Perspective

Will Martin (World Bank)

4.00 – 4.15 Coffee Break

4.15 – 5.30 Session 5

Services Trade in the WTO: State of Play and Prospects for Progress

Chair: Peter Petri (USNCPEC, Trade IAG)

Harry Freeman (Mark Twain Institute)

Sherry Stephenson (OAS)

Dick Self (Nathan Associates Inc.)

Catherine Mann (IIE)

Christopher Findlay (The Australian National University)

5.30 – 6.30 Session 6

A Proposal for Progress in WTO Negotiations on Agriculture

Chair: Myrna Austria (tbc)

Ippei Yamazawa (Japan)

Gary Blumenthal (USA)

Discussant: Marcos Jank (Brazil)

John Nash (World Bank)