
APEC 2009 FACTSHEET

Key Information about APEC

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.
- APEC is the only inter governmental grouping in the world operating on the basis of non-binding commitments, open dialogue and equal respect for the views of all participants.
- Since its formation in 1989, APEC has grown to encompass 21 members spanning across the four continents.
- The 21 APEC Member Economies are Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China (alternatively: China); Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines (alternatively: The Republic of Philippines); The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States (alternatively: US or USA) and Viet Nam.
- When the term “Philippines” or “United States” is used in a sentence, it should be preceded by “the” (e.g. you are visiting the United States).
- The term 'The Russian Federation' is to be used for all APEC meetings at and above Ministerial level, but the informal 'Russia' can be used for APEC meetings below that level and for publications.
- The 21 APEC Member Economies collectively account for approximately 40.5%¹ of the world's population, approximately 54.2%² of world GDP and about 43.7%³ of world trade.
- APEC has led to direct benefits including increased job opportunities, more training programmes, stronger social safety nets and poverty alleviation.
- More broadly, APEC Member Economies on average enjoy lower cost of living due to reduced trade barriers and a more economically competitive region lower prices for goods and services that everyone needs on a daily basis, from food to clothes to mobile phones.

¹ Sources: The APEC Region Trade and Investment 2008

² Sources: The APEC Region Trade and Investment 2008

³ Sources: The APEC Region Trade and Investment 2008. World Trade [Trade in goods and services (exports + imports)].

Singapore to be Host of APEC 2009

- Each year, one APEC economy plays host to high level APEC events including the annual Leaders' Meeting, Ministerial Meetings, Senior Officials Meetings and a number of other events.
- The host economy nominates a Chair to preside over the Senior Officials meetings.
- Singapore is the chair and host of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings in 2009.
- The APEC 2009 Executive Director is Ambassador Michael Tay.
- 2009 will be APEC's 20th anniversary - a milestone occasion.
- The theme for Singapore's chairmanship of APEC meetings in 2009 is "Sustaining Growth, Connecting the Region". This theme reflects the continuing efforts of APEC to facilitate trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region, efforts which have gained even greater importance in the face of a challenging global economic environment.
- Some 114 trade-related meetings spanning the entire year will be held here, with approximately 10,000 delegates expected to attend.
- The Singapore Government has set up an inter-agency taskforce to organise the APEC 2009 meetings, as well as to profile Singapore to delegates of the APEC 21 member economies.
- Headed by Deputy Secretary/Trade, MTI, Ms Koh Lin-Net, the Organising Committee comprises representatives from the Singapore Tourism Board, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, the Land Transport Authority, International Enterprise Singapore, Infocomm Development Authority, Singapore Police Force and the Ministries of Trade and Industry, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Health and Information, Communications and the Arts.

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- The Spark
 - is made up of 21 strokes representing the 21 member economies.
 - signifies the dynamism within the APEC community, and can be viewed as a catalyst that inspires new ideas and initiatives to further the vision of APEC.
 - personifies Singapore's open environment which seeks to inspire others to come invest, work, live, and play in Singapore. It also encapsulates Singapore's enterprising and energetic spirit, and is a representative of Singapore's role as host of APEC Singapore 2009 – a warm, open, and dynamic global city that is constantly evolving.

Meetings

- Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM I) and Related Meetings
 - Date: 13 – 26 Feb 09
 - Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
- APEC Committee and Sub Fora Meetings
 - Date: 18 – 22 May 09
 - Venue: Heng Mui Keng Terrace
- Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM II) and Related Meetings
 - Date: 15 – 19 Jul 09
 - Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

- Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT)
 - Date: 21 – 22 Jul 09
 - Venue: Shangri-La Hotel
- APEC Committee and Sub Fora Meetings
 - Date: 23 Jul- 8 Aug 09
 - Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
- Small and Medium Enterprise Ministerial Meeting (SMEMM)
 - Date: 8 – 9 Oct 09
 - Venue: Shangri-La Hotel
- **APEC Leaders' Week**
 - **Date: 8 – 15 Nov 09**
 - **APEC Leaders' Week comprises Concluding Senior Officials' Meeting (CSOM) (8 – 9 Nov 09), 4th Meeting of APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) (9 – 12 Nov 09), APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) (10 - 12 Nov 09), 21st APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM) (11 - 12 Nov 09) and APEC 2009 CEO Summit (13 - 14 Nov 09).**
 - **Venue: Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre (SSICEC)**
 - **APEC Leaders' Week will end with the 17th APEC Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM) (14 – 15 Nov 09), to be held at the Istana.**

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For more information including calendar of events, updates, photos and videos on APEC-related matters, please refer to the official APEC 2009 website <http://apec2009.sg/>

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