

# Revisiting APEC and Reshaping its Future, Introduction to PASCN and Overview of the Symposium

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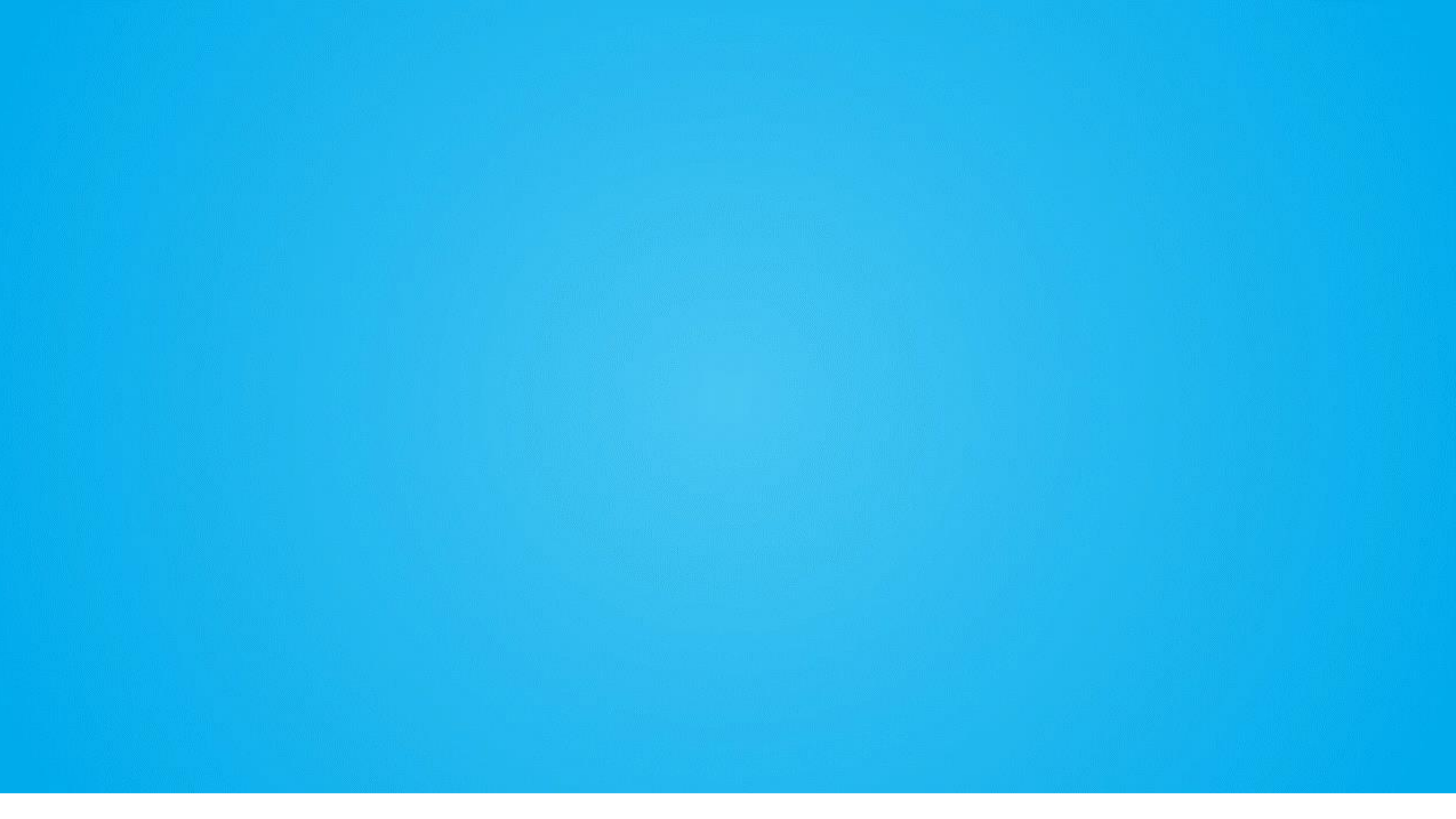
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# Content

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- What is APEC? (a short video presentation)
- APEC in perspective
- APEC's role in the new global environment
  
- Introduction to PASCN
- Overview of the Symposium



# Key takeaways from the video presentation

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The video encapsulates what APEC is about.

Still, APEC may remain less than concrete to many.

There are some concrete examples:

- Close to home: PASCN is a result of an APEC initiative
- APEC Travel Business card
- Customs cooperation, leading to some harmonization of regulatory practice
- Response to SARS, security
- Liberalization in trade in electronics, Trade in environmental goods

What APEC has meant, and much of what it has brought to the region is difficult to quantify.

# APEC in perspective

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## Revisiting the Early motivation for APEC

- Apprehensions at the time about the imminent formation of the European Union, and perceived weakening of the multilateral trading system governed by then General Agreement in Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
- APEC served very useful purpose– in affirming the member countries' commitment to openness and cooperation to foster free flow of goods and investments
- The EU did not become a 'fortress' as feared, and a new mandate for GATT ensued with the ratification of the World Trade Organization (WTO) treaty in 1995.

# APEC's general structure

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APEC is nonbinding and voluntary

Hosting and Chairmanship rotation:

- Host decides priorities, sets meetings/sessions

APEC Secretariat (based in Singapore)

APEC Business Advisory Committee (ABAC)

APEC is the largest and dynamic regional grouping where Senior officials meet and technical working groups engage, with key participation of the private sector, coming out with proposals and action plans culminating in the Leaders Meeting

# APEC's general structure

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## Culmination: Leaders Statement

This provides the aspirations, common framework, principles and guidelines for member economies.

Simple matter of knowing that countries are going in similar direction, exchanging ideas and best practices: Invaluable

In 1993, Leaders put forward APEC's vision of "**stability, security and prosperity for our peoples.**"



# Advantages of APEC

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Advantages in voluntary and non-binding in nature, and greater emphasis on cooperation; advantages in having linkages with the business group (ABAC)

Incubator of ideas

Contributes to capability building, if only as a result of the learning process cultivated by the various APEC activities, including studies and information exchanges.

The APEC process encourages and reinforces reforms that the domestic economy needs to be done on its own nonetheless.

It remains relevant, possibly even more so, during this time of **Rising Protectionism, division ad nativism, and disruptive technologies.**

# APEC has an important role in the new global environment

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Against the trend in de-globalization, APEC has a role in keeping the resolve in the region for openness- build on this foundation which has brought long term growth, and the flexibility it has to address gaps and shortcomings

APEC has a major role in resisting the siren call of bilateralism; and/or make them good models, stepping stone for multilateralism

RECOMMIT: need a firm commitment to openness to each other needs to be clear and unequivocal.

# APEC has an important role in the new global environment

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Need to be more explicit that APEC is not just about the Bogor goals. That it has become something more.

This is especially necessary in this era of disruptive technologies

More work and focus on Inclusiveness, HRD, Connectivity, Harmonization of technical standards— construction, health— for better understanding, MRA

Continue sharing experiences. Exchange of information, Best practice



## ***Introduction to PASCN and Overview of the Symposium***



# Background

- On 23 November 1996, the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN) was established by virtue of Administrative Order No. 303
- Government's response to the APEC Leader Education Initiatives (ALEI) that called on member-economies to foster regional cooperation among higher education and research institutes on key regional economic challenges
- PASCN has provided opportunities for collaborative research among its member-institutions and serves as a forum to discuss important regional integration issues as these impact the Philippine economy



# Background

- one of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Study Centers (ASCs) in APEC member-economies and is part of the APEC Study Centers Consortium (ASCC)
- hosted APEC Study Center Consortium Conference 2015 as one of the APEC 2015 SOM2 meetings (Boracay)



# Members

- Asian Institute of Management
- Ateneo De Manila University
- Central Luzon State University
- De La Salle University
- Foreign Service Institute
- Mindanao State University
- Philippine Institute Development Studies
- Silliman University
- University of Asia and the Pacific
- University of the Philippines
- University of San Carlos
- Xavier University



# Objectives

- Promote collaborative research on APEC related issues
- Establish and maintain data and information base
- Encourage faculty and students to undertake studies, thesis and dissertation on APEC issues
- Facilitate information exchange
- Provide technical assistance to government agencies and private organizations on APEC related initiatives
- Undertake capability –building programs for government agencies
- Establish linkages with other APEC Study Centers in the region



# Programs

- Research
- Thesis and Dissertation Assistance
- Information Dissemination and Publication
- Technical Assistance





# Programs: Research

- generally based on the APEC agenda and related issues on regional integration and globalization as these impact the Philippine economy.
- Experts from PASCN member institutions are tapped to do research studies through the provision of research grants
- Member institutions also independently carry out their own APEC-related studies.



## Programs:

# Thesis and Dissertation Assistance

- aims to extend financial assistance to graduate students of PASCN member institutions in the writing and production of their thesis or dissertation on APEC-related issues



# Programs:

## Technical Assistance

- aims to provide technical assistance to government
- member of the Technical Board on APEC Matters (TBAM)
  - ✓ membership is reaffirmed under Administrative Order 20 Reorganizing and Renaming the Philippine Council on ASEAN and APEC Cooperation (PCAAC) into the Philippine Council for Regional Cooperation (PCRC) in September 2011



# Programs:

## Information Dissemination and Publication

- Symposium, technical workshops and roundtable discussions are undertaken to disseminate the results of the studies and to solicit comments
  - The Annual Symposium is an opportunity to present key findings of the studies conducted by the Network members and a forum to discuss important economic issues that impact on regional integration and the Philippines' development agenda
  - Regional presentation of studies in the provinces



# Information Dissemination and Publication

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## Symposium on ‘Disruptive Technologies: Opportunities, Challenges and Risks’

- APEC 2019 Priority on Digital Society (Chile)
- APEC 2018 theme ‘*Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future*’ s (Papua New Guinea)

Host Country/ Year	Philippines 2015	Peru 2016	Vietnam 2017	Papua New Guinea 2018	Chile 2019
Theme	Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World	Quality Growth and Human Development	Creating New Dynamism, Fostering Shared Future	Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future	Connecting People, Building the Future
Priorities	1) Enhancing the Regional Economic Integration Agenda	1) Advancing Regional Economic Integration and Quality Growth	1) Promoting Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth	1) Improving Digital Connectivity, deepening Regional Economic Integration	1) Digital Society
	2) Fostering Small and Medium Enterprises' Participation in Regional and Global Markets	2) Enhancing the Regional Food Market	2) Deepening Regional Economic Integration	2) Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Growth	2) Integration 4.0
	3) Investing in Human Capital Development	3) Towards the modernization of micro, small and medium-size enterprises in the Asia-Pacific	3) Strengthening MSMEs' Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age	3) Strengthening Inclusive Economic Growth through Structural reform	3) Women, SMEs and Inclusive Growth
	4) Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities	4) Developing Human Capital	4) Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change		4) Sustainable Growth

# Priorities for APEC Chile 2019



Digital  
Society



Integration  
4.0



Women, SMEs and  
Inclusive Growth



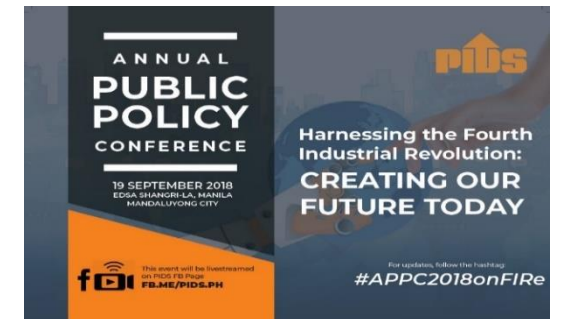
Sustainable  
Growth





# Information Dissemination and Publication

## Symposium on 'Disruptive Technologies: Opportunities, Challenges and Risks'





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## **Session 1: Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future**

- Going Digital: From Innovation to Inclusive Growth in the Philippines
- Mapping the 4IR At-Risk Workers in the Philippines



# Symposium on *'Disruptive Technologies: Opportunities, Challenges and Risks'*

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## Session 2 Transforming Challenges to Seizing Opportunities of Industry 4.0: Academe and Research Institute Perspectives

- STAMINA4Space – Disruption and Value Creation from Space Technology through Data, Industry and People
- Enabling IP Environment in Universities: USC Experience
- Open Access and the Socio Economic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) Project



# Symposium on *‘Disruptive Technologies: Opportunities, Challenges and Risks’*

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## **Session 3: Embracing Climate Change and Energy Security Issues through Local Innovations**

- DRRM with Project Noah
- Development of a flood hazard simulation model for flood risk assessment
- Exploring Innovative Ways of Financing Climate Compatible Development in Second Tier Asian Cities
- Quality of Electrification in Off-Grid Philippine Islets using the World Bank’s Multi-Tier Framework of Energy Access: Case Study of Cobrador (Romblon), Gilutongan, Cordova, Cebu and Pangan-an Islands, Lapulapu City, Cebu



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