



APEC 2025 Theme and Priority

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Global Economic Transformations and APEC 2025

- **Changes in the global economy and Asia-Pacific region**

- Economic growth threatened by disruptions in key supply chains
- Expands the technological gap through AI-driven industrial innovation
- Economic losses by climate change-related disasters
- Rapid population decline and population aging

- **The expanding need for APEC's new role**

- The Asia-Pacific region is a central driver of global economic growth
- Need for a new model of economic cooperation to address changes in the global economic environment
- Pursuing strengthening regional economic connectivity, digital innovation, and sustainable development

APEC 2025 Theme and Priorities

Building a Sustainable Tomorrow: Connect, Innovate, Prosper

Priorities 1: Connect (Strengthening trade and investment through enhanced connectivity)

Priorities 2: Innovate (Promoting digital innovation for inclusive development)

Priorities 3: Prosper (Sustainable growth for the prosperity of all)

Realizing an open, dynamic, resilient, and peaceful Asia-Pacific region in the near future

Aligning with the *Putrajaya Vision 2040* and incorporating key discussions within APEC

Anticipating the highlighting of the legacy the Republic of Korea can contribute as the chair country

Priority 1: Connect

Strengthening trade and investment through enhanced connectivity

Creating a stable and sustainable economic environment through enhanced connectivity

- Countering the weakening of free trade principles, such as protectionism and supply chain fragmentation
 - Emphasizing the need for stable logistics and supply chains
 - Proposing new connectivity initiatives based on the vision of the Asia-Pacific Free Trade Area (FTAAP)
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• Enhancing the stability of the trade and investment environment through comprehensive policies

- Considering connectivity alongside trade issues, from the perspectives of inclusivity and sustainability

• Expanding the scope of connectivity

- Expanding the connectivity to include inter-country, inter-generational, and traditional links

Priority 1: Connect

Expected Outcome

Developing annexes and side events for restoring the multilateral trading system

- Preparation of annexes supporting the key achievements of WTO MC14 initiatives
 - Promoting economic growth through enhanced trust among member countries and the reduction of trade barriers
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Practical measures and cooperation for sustainable supply chains

- Formulation of annexes on supply chain issues in response to climate change policies
- Adoption of a joint declaration on maintaining stable food supply chains
- Organizing a symposium on trade cooperation related to sustainable supply chains and AI

Priority 2: Innovate

Promoting digital innovation for inclusive development

The need for cooperation within APEC for inclusive and sustainable growth

- Collaboration to bridge the digital divide between economies and social strata
 - Joint response to risks such as cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital monopolies
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Broadening the scope of discussion topics for APEC 2025

- Previous discussions have focused on general issues of the digital economy or its economic aspects
 - The 2025 APEC meetings will expand discussions to include a wide range of topics, such as the formation of digital norms, bridging the digital divide, and creating an inclusive technology ecosystem.
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Highlighting the Role of the Republic of Korea

- Leading the development of the Asia-Pacific region as a digital powerhouse

Priority 2: Innovate

Expected Outcome

Holding side events to strengthen digital cooperation and innovation

- Organizing the Digital Ministers' Meeting and Digital Week
 - Promoting a scientist exchange card and a talent exchange program for emerging scientists
 - Holding a symposium on AI-related trade cooperation
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Development of digital-related declarations

- Adopting a joint declaration on digital education innovation and identifying performance projects
 - Developing a ministerial declaration on enhancing AI cooperation and formulating a strategic action plan
 - Suggesting the formation of a follow-up agenda for EAASR to improve resilience in digital finance
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Utilizing digital technologies for Sustainable development and environmental management

- Identifying strategies to eliminate IUU fishing, improve agricultural productivity, and adopt a joint declaration

Discussion Paper on Priority 3: Prosper
Sustainable growth for the prosperity of all

Growing need for collaborative solutions to global challenges

- Responding to interconnected challenges such as climate change, energy concerns, and health
- Expanding economic participation opportunities for underutilized groups
- Cooperation on policies to address population decline and aging issues

Promoting shared prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region

- Enhancing cooperative efforts to ensure mutual benefits for APEC members

Priority 3: Prosper
Expected Outcome

Cooperation for climate crisis and environmental sustainability

- Adopting a joint declaration and annexes for overcoming the climate crisis and achieving environmental sustainability
- Cooperation for promoting carbon neutrality and strengthening resilience in agri-food systems
- Proposing the establishment of carbon-free energy standards and recognition systems in the region

Cooperation for inclusive economic growth

- Discussing policies for a sustainable and inclusive labor market in the digital age
- Organizing side events to support the growth of SMEs and startups
- Suggesting a new roadmap for fiscal and financial sectors

Advancing the agenda for social inclusion and sustainable growth

Promoting social mobility and sustainable growth through regulatory reforms

Advancing sustainable and inclusive growth initiatives through contributions to the Future Prosperity Fund



Thank you