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# The Philippines and APEC

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Advancing Sustainable Futures in  
the APEC Region through Greater  
Regional Integration

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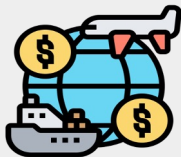


# WHAT IS APEC

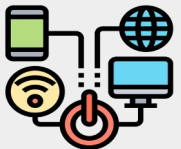
Premier Asia-Pacific economic forum.

Primary Goal: support **sustainable economic growth** and **prosperity**.

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Trade and  
Investments



Innovation &  
Digitalization



Strong, Balanced,  
Secure & Sustainable  
Growth



Asia-Pacific  
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- Established in 1989
- Platform where economic and social issues can be discussed

## Scope

- Free and open trade and investment
- Regional economic integration
- Economic and technical cooperation
- Sustainable business environments



# APEC OVER THE YEARS

1989-PRESENT



- Currently, APEC has 21 Member Economies
- Over 40 working groups
- From 1994 – 2020, APEC governed by **Bogor Goals** mandate of open trade and investment.
- 2020: Renewed **Putrajaya Vision 2040 (APV)**
- 2021: **Aotearoa Plan of Action (APA)** adopted.
- 2022: **Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy** adopted.

#### *APEC Official Observers*

- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat
- Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
- Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)

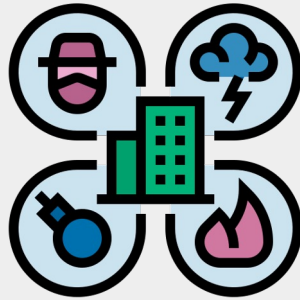


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# APEC's Expanded Scope



Health  
pandemics



Emergency  
preparedness



Climate change  
mitigation

## APEC From Manila to Peru



**Theme: Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World: A Vision for an Asia-Pacific Community**

Priorities:

1. Enhancing the Regional Economic Integration Agenda;
2. Fostering MSMEs Participation in Global Markets;
3. Investing in Human Capital Development; and
4. Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities.

**Theme: Quality Growth and Human Development**

Priorities:

1. Advancing Regional Economic Integration and Quality Growth;
2. Towards the Modernization of MSMEs in the Asia-Pacific;
3. Developing Human Capital; and
4. Enhancing the Regional Food Market.

**Theme: Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future**

Priorities:

1. Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth;
2. Deepening Regional Economic Integration; and
3. Strengthening MSMEs' Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.

**Theme: Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future**

Priorities:

1. Improving Connectivity, Deepening Regional Economic Integration;
2. Promoting Sustainable and Inclusive Growth; and
3. Strengthening Inclusive Growth through Structural Reform.





**Theme: Connecting people, Building the future**

Priorities

1. Digital Society;
2. Integration 4.0
3. Women, SMEs, and Inclusive Growth; and
4. Sustainable Growth

**Theme: Optimizing Human Potential towards a Future of Shared Prosperity**

Priorities:

1. Improving the narrative of trade and investment;
2. Inclusive economic participation through digital economy and technology; and
3. Driving innovative sustainability.

**Theme: Join, Work, Grow Together**

Priorities:

1. Economic and Trade Policies to Strengthen Recovery;
2. Increasing Inclusion and Sustainability Recovery; and
3. Pursuing Innovation and a Digitally-Enabled Recovery.

**Theme: Open. Connect. Balance.**

Priorities:

1. Open to all opportunities: Facilitating trade and investment;
2. Connect in all dimensions: Reconnecting the region; and
3. Balance in all aspects: Promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.

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**Theme: Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All**

Priorities:

1. Interconnected: building a resilient and interconnected region that advances broad-based economic prosperity;
2. Innovative: enabling an innovative environment for a sustainable future; and
3. Inclusive: affirming an equitable and inclusive future for all.



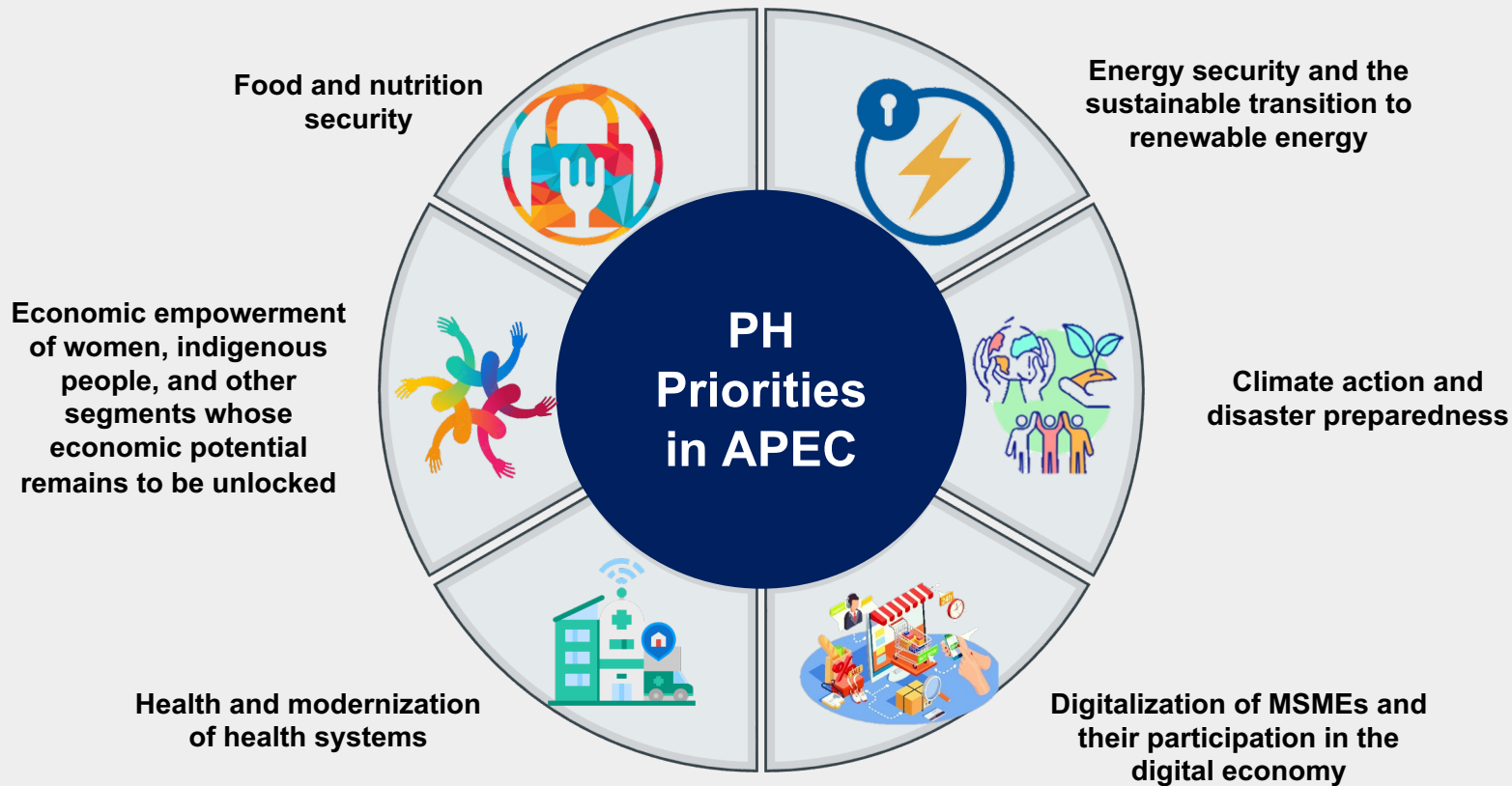
**Theme: Empower. Include. Grow.**

Priorities:

1. Trade and investment for inclusive and interconnected growth;
2. Innovation and digitalization to promote transition to the formal and global economy; and
3. Sustainable growth for a resilient development.







# RESULTS OF 2023 APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS' WEEK (AELW)



**2023 APEC Digital Prosperity Award for the EMERGE app**



- Outcome documents adopted:
- **APEC Leaders' 2023 Golden Gate Declaration**
- **San Francisco Principles on Integrating Inclusivity and Sustainability into Trade and Investment Policy Annex**
- **2023 APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM) Joint Statement**



**2023 APEC Photo Contest Popular Choice Award: Light up with Light by Christian Jay Sotto from the Philippines**



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