

# **APEC**

## **A cross-sectoral US business perspective**

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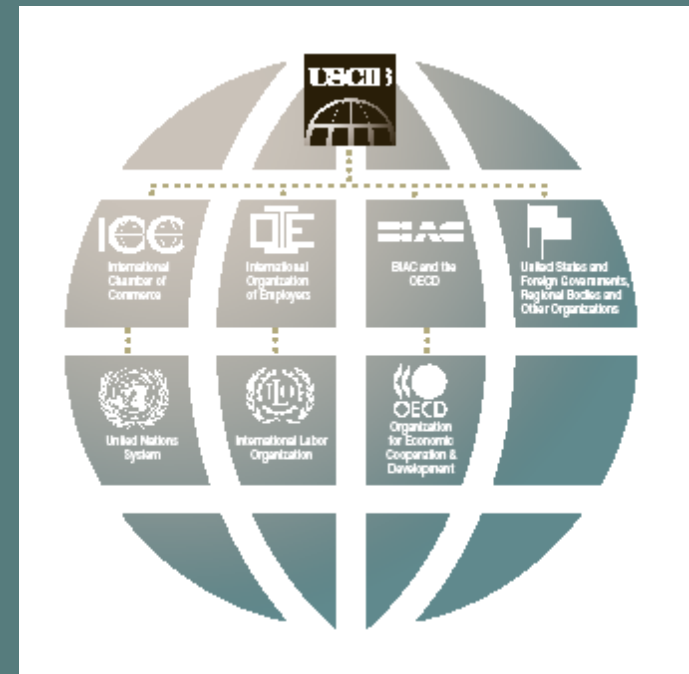
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- Promotes:
  - open markets
  - competitiveness and innovation
  - sustainable development and corporate responsibility
  - while supporting international engagement and prudent regulation
- Membership:
  - U.S.-based global companies, services firms, associations
  - From every sector of our economy
  - With operations in every region of the world

## American affiliate of...

- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC)
- International Organization of Employers (IOE)



- APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC)
- National Center for APEC (NCAPEC)
- U.S.-APEC Business Coalition

- Rotating Host - US to host in 2011
- Policy Development
  - APEC Economic Leaders Provide Direction
  - APEC Ministerial Meeting
  - Sectoral Ministerial Meetings

- Working Level Projects
  - APEC Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)
    - Committee on Trade and Investment
    - Senior Officials' Meeting Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation
    - Economic Committee
    - Budget and Management Committee
    - Working Groups
    - Special Task Groups/Ad Hoc Groups

# APEC Calendar

UNITED STATES COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



- SOM I & Related Meetings
  - Feb 13-26
- SOM II & Related Meetings
  - July 15-19
- Ministerial Meeting
  - Nov 11-12
- CEO Summit
  - Nov 12-14
- Economic Leaders' Meeting
  - Nov 14-15

# USCIB Priority Issues

UNITED STATES COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



- Agricultural biotechnology
- Chemicals
- Climate Change and Energy
- Credit Rating Agencies
- Customs Transparency/FTA Mapping Project
- Food & Agriculture
- IPR
- Privacy
- Trade Facilitation (ATA Carnets)

- Proliferation of bilateral free trade agreements (FTA)
- Businesses and supply chains sometimes not able to reap all preferential terms
- Lack of accurate information on
  - current applied tariff rates and
  - rules of origin between APEC economies
- Projects underway with potential

[www.apectariff.org](http://www.apectariff.org) and rules of origin FTA mapping

# Questions

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