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Outline

- APEC structure
- APEC initiatives
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- The challenge of an **Asia-Pacific Digital Economy Governance Regime**
- Making the **Asia-Pacific Digital Economy Governance Regime** a reality



APEC Structure

1. **Policy Level**
 - **Leaders, Ministers, Senior Officials**
 2. **Working level**
 - **Committees**
 - **Working Groups**
- i. Digital Economy Steering Group (DESG)
 - APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap and its implementation plan;
 - E-commerce
 - ii. Telecommunications and Information Working Group;
 - iii. Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group;
 - iv. Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy;
 - v. Human Resources Development Working Group;
 - vi. Transportation Working Group;
 - vii. Business Mobility Group;
 - viii. Health Working Group;



The Digital Economy: APEC initiatives

1. **APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap and its implementation plan;**
2. APEC Roadmap on Digital Financial Inclusion;
3. [APEC Framework on Human Resources Development in the Digital Age, 2017-2025;](#)
4. [APEC Cross-Border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework;](#)
5. [APEC Framework for Securing the Digital Economy;](#)
6. [APEC Roadmap for a New Financial Services Data Ecosystem \(ABAC initiative\)](#)
7. CBPR
8. ODR
9. Mobile ABTC



APEC Reports
related to the
digital
economy (PSU)

- [2017 AEPR on Structural Reform and Human Capital Development.](#)
- [Assessment of Capacity Building Needs to Support WTO Negotiation on Trade Related Aspects of E-commerce](#)
- [2019 AEPR on Structural Reform and the Digital Economy](#)



The Challenge

1. Coherence and coordination:
 - member economies are **encouraged** to *promote mutual understanding and strengthen cooperation in approaches to regulation including international and technical standards, while **respecting** each economy's **choice** of policies which are consistent with **domestic situations** and international legal obligations*
2. Monitoring and enforcing **BUT... consensus-driven**



Making the
**Asia-Pacific
Digital Economy
Governance
Regime** a reality

1. Use APEC's role as incubator of ideas
2. Develop pathfinder initiative
3. Build capacity, share best practice
4. Go from plurilateral to regional
5. Take "living-document" approach



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