

Minister Jenni Yang's intervention at 2026 APEC Ministerial Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting

Session I : Build an Open and Predictable Regional and Multilateral Trade and Economic Order

- *In the spirit of open regionalism, how should APEC economies foster mutual trust through rules harmonization and pragmatic cooperation, continuously advance the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) agenda, and promote regional economic integration in a flexible and pragmatic manner.*
 - *As advocates and supporters of multilateralism and free trade, what collective or individual actions can APEC economies undertake to implement the MC14 outcomes and advance WTO reforms.*
1. As we discuss the regional and multilateral trade and economic order, we face challenges such as rapid shifts in the global economy, ongoing supply chain restructuring, and the rise of emerging technologies. Nevertheless, we remain firmly committed to supporting multilateral and regional economic and trade cooperation mechanisms, including the WTO and APEC, and we stand ready to work with all members to tackle these challenges.
 2. In recent years, economies have shared growing concerns over issues such as fair and reciprocal trade, market distortions, dumping, industrial policies, and unfair competition. As a vital platform for economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, APEC should continue to deepen dialogue and collaboration on trade policies.
 3. We believe that as APEC discusses regional economic integration, it should continue to prioritize enhancing information sharing among member economies, supporting capacity building, and advancing dialogue on emerging trade topics. Through these efforts, we can foster a more trusted, open, sustainable, and resilient regional economic environment. We look forward to continuing our exchanges and cooperation with all economies based on the Ichma Statement adopted at the 2024 APEC Leaders' Meeting.
 4. Regarding the WTO, it plays an important role in global trade and must keep pace with the times to better respond to current global developments and the practical needs of businesses. At MC14, ministers instructed members to continue advancing work in Geneva, including, but not limited to, discussions on WTO reform, work programs and e-commerce.

5. In the area of WTO reform, members should pay close attention to the impact of market distortions, non-market policies, industrial policies, and related subsidies on the global trading system. To navigate these structural challenges, WTO members should continue to enhance transparency regarding subsidies and related industrial policy measures, thereby fostering a level playing field and ensuring the resilience and stability of supply chains.
6. In addition, to facilitate cross-border data flows and the development of digital services, as well as to promote a more stable and reliable global digital trade environment, we support a permanent moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions and encourage APEC members to forge a path forward on this issue within the WTO, aiming for long-term and predictable arrangements.
7. Moving forward, we remain dedicated to working closely with APEC economies to deepen exchanges and cooperation on the advancement of the multilateral trading system, supply chain resilience, and sustainable economic growth. Thank you.

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Session II: Foster New Engines of Innovative and Dynamic Trade and Investment Cooperation

- *Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) are empowering trade development. How should APEC economies further promote international cooperation on digital trade, cross-border e-commerce and AI, actively participate in relevant rules-making and standards coordination process, and promote cross-border trade facilitation and digitalization, enabling business community to seize new trade opportunities created by digital technologies.*
 - *Green industry is becoming a new engine of global economy growth. What pragmatic and innovative measures should APEC economies adopt to promote green and low-carbon transition of industrial and supply chains, boost import and export of green and low-carbon related products and technologies, jointly cultivating a sound and favorable international environment for green trade development.*
1. We fully realize that the rapid development and wide application of AI are significantly changing global production, trade patterns, and supply chain models. AI is an important driver for green transition and industrial upgrading. It brings new growth opportunities to the global economy.
 2. To promote AI and the digital economy, we continue to work with all economies on advancing digital trade. We believe that cross-border commerce depends on secure, real-time, and trustworthy data flows free from unnecessary restrictions. We also believe that strong public-private sector cooperation is essential to building trusted and resilient digital infrastructure.
 3. With a solid foundation in the semiconductor and technology foundation, we have launched the new "Ten AI Initiative Promotion Plan." We continue to provide support measures such as digital transformation, talent training, and technical guidance to businesses, particularly MSMEs and traditional industries. This support includes digital transition, talent training, and technical guidance and finance.
 4. In terms of trade facilitation, our customs authorities have gradually adopted AI technology. This improves to identify customs clearance for those high-

risk products in real-time, reduces clearance costs for businesses, and highly increases efficiency for procedures.

5. For green industries and the net-zero transition, we have proposed a 2050 net-zero emissions roadmap. The roadmap is based on four major transition strategies in energy, industry, lifestyle, and society.
6. For energy, we develop and encourage industries to use renewable energy. To help businesses with their green transition, we use our world-leading semiconductor and ICT foundation, combined with AI to help businesses adopt smart manufacturing, low-carbon processes, and energy-saving management systems. We are open to environmental goods and services that help achieve these four transitions. We are willing to continue dialogues with all APEC economies.
7. To upgrade our businesses to meet the latest global carbon reduction rules and procedures and practice, we provide the latest regulatory information through our "Green Trade Information Website." We also offer customized consulting services. This helps businesses in compliance with regulations and obtain green product certifications.
8. In addition, we also proposed a roadmap for the circular economy. Our goals are to improve resource efficiency, reduce domestic resource consumption, and increase the use of recycled materials in manufacturing. We are willing to continue sharing our experiences and deepen cooperation with all economies.
9. Finally, We are here to support APEC in deepening exchanges and cooperation on topics such as AI, the digital economy, and the green transition. Together, we can promote resilient, inclusive, and sustainable regional economic growth. Thank you.