Preparing for APEC 2027: Shaping Regional Strategy in Asia-Pacific

By Invitation Only

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Ballroom 2, The Westin Singapore, 12 Marina View, Asia Square Tower 2, Singapore

Overview

At a time of growing policy and economic complexity across the Asia-Pacific, APEC is emerging as an increasingly important platform for governments and the private sector to engage on the issues shaping the region's future. With China hosting APEC in 2026 and Vietnam already laying the groundwork for its 2027 host year, now is the time for companies to think strategically about how the forum can be used to shape regional policy discussions and address shared business challenges.

Whether the issue is digital regulation, supply chain resilience, international standards, non-tariff barriers, or the adoption of frontier technologies, APEC offers one of the few regional platforms where companies can engage early, build partnerships, and help advance practical solutions.

This event brings together private sector stakeholders, APEC officials, and senior regional voices to examine how Vietnam's host year may influence regional agendas, and how organisations can engage early in APEC processes to help inform priorities and outcomes. The discussion will focus on how policy, regulatory, commercial, and regional teams can engage in Vietnam's 2027 APEC host year to support tangible policy and business outcomes.

Themes to be discussed include:

- Why APEC is gaining strategic relevance as a policy platform.
- Vietnam's likely host-year priorities and the geoeconomic forces shaping them.
- Where early private-sector participation can help shape initiatives, partnerships and implementation pathways.
- How engagement with APEC working groups, ministerials and the CEO Summit can advance policy priorities.
- What private sector priorities and expectations companies want formally on record for Vietnam's APEC host year.

This event will be hosted by Patricia (Patty) Wu, Senior Vice President at Access Partnership, and conducted under the Chatham House Rule. Lunch will be served upon arrival, followed by a coffee break between sessions, and the event will conclude with a networking reception.

Agenda

12:00 – 1:00 Welcome Lunch

Lunch will be served on arrival, providing an opportunity for participants to connect ahead of the formal programme.

1:00 – 1:15 Welcome Remarks and Scene-Setting

Stefano Scuratti, Managing Director, Asia Group Advisors, an Access Partnership company

Opening remarks framing the strategic context for the day's discussions. Stefano will outline APEC's evolving role in the regional policy landscape, the significance of the 2026–2027 hosting cycle, and the opportunity for the private sector to engage early and substantively in Vietnam's APEC host year.

Session 1

1:15 – 1:45 APEC's Current Role and Strategic Priorities

Eduardo Pedrosa, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat *(confirmed)*
Carlos Kuriyama, Director, Policy Support Unit, APEC Secretariat *(confirmed)*
Patricia Wu, Senior Vice President, Access Partnership *(moderator)*

An assessment of APEC's current strategic agenda, institutional priorities, and work programme trajectory. This session examines the key deliverables and pressure points across the 2026 to 2027 cycle and identifies where private sector engagement can most effectively contribute to APEC's agenda.

1:45 – 2:30 Fireside Chat: Geoeconomic Disruptions and Regional Responses: Where Can APEC Add Value?

Bilahari Kausikan, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore *(confirmed)*
Adam Schwarz, CEO, Asia Group Advisors, an Access Partnership company

A discussion on how geoeconomic disruptions—from trade fragmentation and industrial policy to supply-chain reconfiguration and technology governance—are translating into concrete regional challenges across the Asia-Pacific. The conversation will explore how APEC economies are responding to these pressures, where regional approaches are beginning to converge or diverge, and where APEC can add practical value amid an increasingly contested global economic environment.

2:30 – 2:50 Vietnam's 2027 Host Year: Context and Outlook

Albert Hoang, Senior Advisor, Asia Group Advisors an Access Partnership company
Tra Huong Dang, Senior Associate, Asia Group Advisors an Access Partnership company

Connecting the broader geoeconomic analysis to Vietnam's specific ambitions as APEC 2027 host. This session outlines Vietnam's anticipated host-year themes, institutional approach, and the priority areas where early international private sector engagement can inform the agenda and contribute to practical outcomes.

2:50 – 3:20 Coffee Break

Coffee and refreshments will be served during the break.

Session 2

3:20 – 4:30 Moderated roundtable: Private Sector Priorities for Vietnam's APEC Host Year

Patricia Wu, Senior Vice President, Access Partnership
Mr. Nguyen Dang Trung, Deputy Director General, Department of Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam *(confirmed)*

This roundtable is designed to support Vietnam's preparations for its APEC 2027 host year, offering the delegation an early, structured opportunity to hear directly from leading regional and international companies on the themes most relevant to its host-year agenda. Invited companies will be invited to share concise recommendations and perspectives on emerging regional trends and priority issue areas, while the Vietnam delegation is invited to react and signal areas of interest at a level of its choosing.

- **Opening remarks by Mr. Nguyen Dang Trung, Deputy Director General, Department of Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam**
  Brief framing of Vietnam's host-year ambitions, interest areas, and any themes on which private sector input would be particularly welcome.

- **Private sector interventions (approximately 45 minutes)**
  Each participating company will invited to offer a short, 1–2 minute intervention, sharing priorities they would encourage Vietnam to consider as it shapes its host-year agenda.

- **Reflections from the Department of Economic Diplomacy (approximately 10 minutes)**
  An opportunity for the delegation to reflect on themes that resonate, areas of alignment with Vietnam's own priorities, and any topics on which further engagement would be welcome.

4:30 – 4:45 Remarks from Mexico's 2028 APEC Host Delegation

Ángel E. Pérez Cortés, Director of Interinstitutional Coordination for the Office of the Secretary, Secretaría de Economía, Mexico

A standalone 15-minute intervention from Mexico's incoming 2028 APEC host delegation. Angel will share Mexico's early thinking on its host-year priorities and reflect on the private sector priorities raised in the preceding roundtable, offering a forward look at how the 2027–2028 hosting handover may shape the regional agenda.

Closing

4:45 – 5:00 Closing Remarks

Marcus Ng, Head of APAC and Economics Strategy, Access Partnership

5:00 – 6:00 Reception

An informal networking reception for attendees to continue discussions and strengthen connections established during the programme.

Participants

Please find below the current list of registered participants.

First Name	Last Name	Company name
Fiona	Tan	3M Singapore Pte Ltd
Marcus	Ng	Access Partnership
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Peter	Lovelock	Access Partnership
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Sam	Charlton	Access Partnership
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Benish	Aslam	APACMed
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Carl-Johan	Carlstedt	Citi
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Choo Pin	Ang	FedEx
Ally	Koh	FedEx
Anna Beatrice	Baldonado	Food Industry Asia
Matthew	Kovac	Food Industry Asia (FIA)
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Christine	Kuan	Gilead Sciences
Adrian	Ng	Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation
Arathi	Devandran	Grab
Naomi	Wilson	Information Technology Industry Council
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Angela	Lo	Novartis
Rodrigo	Belaunde	OECD
Alicia	Wong	Revolut
Caren	Tso	Ripple
Priyanka	Bhalla	Roblox
Kerry	Ng	Roche
Yan Xi	Chan	Salesforce
Krishelle Anne	Obispo	Sandoz
Boon Huey	Ee	Sandoz
Ada	Wong	Sanofi
Ángel	E. Pérez Cortés	Secretaría de Economía, Mexico
Jared	Ragland	The Business Software Alliance
Małgorzata	Krusiewicz	Trade & Tech
Sarah	Lessing	US-ASEAN Business Council
Jing Rou	Loh	Vantage Data Centers
Alexandra	Stuart	Visa
Eunice	Lim	Workday