

ABAC Document Overview

ABAC Dialogue with Leaders Overview

- The Dialogue will be held in Bali on Saturday, September 7. ABAC members will be notified of assembly and transportation arrangements in Bali. The Dialogue is scheduled to begin in the morning, but a specific time has not yet been announced.
- Typically, ABAC participants and Leaders are split into five groups. Groups are seated around a table. There will be four Leaders and 11 - 12 ABAC participants in each group. Each group will meet in separate small rooms.
- ABAC Members will draw straws in Kyoto to determine which group each will join, except for those members serving as a facilitators. They will be assigned to group of their respective leaders.
- Each Leader has been assigned an ABAC member from their economy to act as a “facilitator”. Ed Rapp will serve as the “facilitator” for President Obama. One ABAC member in each group will serve as the discussion leader.
- We anticipate that President Yudhoyono and ABAC Chairman Wishnu Wardhana will move between the groups. The key messages and questions to be asked in the Dialogue will be finalized in the preparatory small group meetings held during ABAC IV. The topics will be based upon the key messages from the ABAC Letter to Leaders.
- Prior to breaking into groups members and Leaders will typically participate in a tea reception. ABAC USA should recommend against scheduling speeches during the reception as it would preclude ABAC Members ability to meet with APEC Leaders and may not be seen as a productive use of time by APEC Leaders.
- ABAC USA should recommend that any speeches should be limited to welcome remarks of no more than three-five minutes.
- All discussions from the Dialogue are “off-the-record”.
- The group discussion portion of the Dialogue will last roughly one hour. Leaders will likely depart the venue first, followed by ABAC participants.
- In the past ABAC participants have met after the Dialogue to share the issues that were discussed in an off the record format. NCAPEC is currently confirming whether or not ABAC Indonesia plans to organize this session in Bali.
- *Additional details on logistics will be available closer to the date of the Dialogue in Bali.*