



NATIONAL CENTER FOR
APEC

EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

‘APEC IN A CHANGING WORLD’

30 JANUARY 2018 – Venue: Fairmont Singapore

8:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:40 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome Remarks
	Monica Hardy Whaley , President, National Center for APEC
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Session One: The New Era of Globalization – What a Shifting Global Landscape Means for the Asia-Pacific 2017 marked a dramatic shift in the global economic and political landscape. Several economies have radically altered their economic and strategic priorities, potentially affecting the future of globalization, economic integration, and strategic alliances in the Asia-Pacific. From the United States’ “Indo-Pacific” focus to continued anti-globalization pressures, how will these changes impact global economic growth and globalization?
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	From the Ground Up: Building Global SMEs
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Networking Break
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Session Two: Harnessing the Digital Economy to Promote Integration, Inclusion, and Innovation The Digital Economy is revolutionizing the way the world does business. From cryptocurrency to Big Data, the global economy has been dramatically re-shaped by digital innovation. What do the latest innovations mean for business, and how are regulators managing these rapid developments within their economies? This panel will focus

	its discussion on these issues and consider what progress can be made in 2018.
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Session Three: Cities of the Future</p> <p>What makes a truly innovative city? What are the incentives and tangible benefits of becoming a so-called “smart city”? How are private companies and regulators supporting growth and development of these “smart cities” across the Asia-Pacific? This panel will consider each of these questions and more.</p>
12:00 – 1:45 p.m.	<p>Luncheon Session: Keynote Speaker</p>
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	<p>Session Four: Changing Winds – Trade Policy in 2018</p> <p>Recent elections in APEC economies have affected governments’ trade policy priorities and objectives. Panelists from key economies will consider how new leadership in these economies could impact their trade priorities in 2018 and affect APEC’s agenda in the years ahead.</p>
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Networking Break</p>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<p>Future Flash</p>
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<p>Session Five: Building A Workforce of the Future</p> <p>From workforce diversity to labor productivity, companies are considering ways to build an industrious, healthy, and skilled workforce. What role should governments play in promoting this objective, and how can APEC contribute to building a stronger global workforce? This panel will focus on these topics and more.</p>
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Session Six: APEC – Building a Forum for the Future</p> <p>What will APEC economies look like in 2045? From demographics and energy supply to food sustainability and infrastructure, economies are expected to experience significant and fundamental changes in the coming years. How should APEC prepare for these changes? What should APEC focus on today to better prepare for challenges economies will face in the years ahead?</p>
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<p>Reception</p>