

ABAC II 2022 Meeting

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What is ABAC?

The APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) is a private sector arm of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Founded in 1995, ABAC presents recommendations to APEC Leaders in an annual dialogue and advises APEC officials on business sector priorities and concerns. ABAC meets four times each year and is a key business forum to discuss trade and economic co-operation issues in the APEC region.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) was established in 1989 to further enhance economic growth, prosperity, and community ties in the APEC region. Since its inception, APEC has worked to reduce tariffs and other trade barriers across the region, support sustainable economic growth, and create efficient domestic economies with increasing export levels.

There are 21 member economies in ABAC: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, U.S., and Vietnam.

Currently, there are five Working Groups within ABAC:

- 1 Regional Economic Integration Working Group
- 2 MSMEs and Inclusiveness Working Group
- 3 Finance and Economics Working Group
- 4 Digital Working Group
- 5 Sustainability Working Group

The ABAC International Secretariat is based in Manila, the Philippines. The 2022 ABAC Chair is Mr. Supant Mongkolsuthree, Chairman, Synnex Thailand PCL. Thailand is the 2022 host economy of ABAC.



Timothy D. Dattels,
Chairman of TPG Asia (ABAC Regional
and Economic Integration Working
Group Co-Chair 2022)

Janet De Silva,
President and CEO of the Toronto
Region Board of Trade (ABAC Digital
Working Group Chair 2022)

Joseph S. Fung,
Managing Partner, Saltagen Ventures
(ABAC Sustainability Working Group
Co-Chair 2022)

ABAC members include CEOs, presidents, and senior executives from APEC member economies. Canada's ABAC Member representatives are **Timothy D. Dattels**, Chairman of TPG Asia (ABAC Regional and Economic Integration Working Group Co-Chair 2022), **Janet De Silva**, President and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade (ABAC Digital Working Group Chair 2022), and **Joseph S. Fung**, Managing Partner, Saltagen Ventures (ABAC Sustainability Working Group Co-Chair 2022).

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada serves as the secretariat for Canada's ABAC members, providing research, analysis, and administrative support.

Click [here](#) to visit ABAC's official website.

What is ABAC II 2022?

ABAC II 2022 is the second ABAC meeting in 2022 in the lead-up to the Council's meeting with APEC leaders in November to present a report detailing its top recommendations for business in the APEC region. Hosted and sponsored by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, and organized by ABAC and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, ABAC II will be held at The Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, Canada, from April 25-28, 2022.

ABAC II will be interspersed with networking opportunities between business members and government representatives, a [Cybersecurity Symposium](#) convening experts, business leaders, and policy-makers to chart a path forward to a more secure digital future across APEC, panel discussions on innovation, sustainability and digital themes, and site visits to showcase innovative and sustainable projects in Vancouver.

Media Opportunity

ABAC Press Conference

When: April 28, 11:00 – 11:30 PT

Venue: The Vancouver Convention Centre, West 202-203

What: Final Press Conference with ABAC 2022 Chair Mr. Supant Mongkolsuthree, Working Group Chairs, and ABAC Canada Members, who will present a statement and field questions from accredited journalists.

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