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# Trans-Pacific Partnership: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Regional Agreement

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# Outline

- 1. What's unique about P4?
- 2. What's unique about TPP?
- 3. Comparison between P4 and TPP.
- 4. Progress of negotiations.

1. What's unique about P4?

The P4 Agreement is inclusive - allows for it to evolve and expand by adding new members.

Countries joining the TPP;

The U.S. - September 2008
Australia and Peru - November 2008
Viet Nam - November 2010
Malaysia - 4 October 2010.

# 2. What's unique about TPP?

- High level of ambition worthy of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Agreement
- Aim to create and retain jobs
- Promotes innovation and competitiveness
- Addresses new and emerging issues where traditional FTA does not give enough focus on, i.e.
  - Horizontal Issues
  - Regulatory coherence
  - Development
  - Competitiveness and Business Facilitation
  - SME's,

# **3.** Comparison

#### **Chapter Commitment in P4 and TPP**

Cooperation Customs Procedure Government Procurement Rules of Origin Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary and Technical Barrier to Trade Trade in Goods Trade in Goods Trade Remedies Trade in Services Temporary Entry of Business Persons Competition

#### **Chapters where P4 does not have one**

E Commerce Financial Services Investment Telecommunications Horizontal Issues

#### What's unique about TPP? (cont'd)

- Stakeholders participation:
  - Business, academics, NGO's
  - Opportunity to present their views
  - Opportunity to talk to negotiators

# 3. Comparison (cont'd)

# **Chapters with Different level of Commitment**

- Environment Cooperation
   Agreement
   MOU on Labour Cooperation
   Intellectual Property
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# **Horizontal Issues**

- Focus on Competitiveness and Business Facilitation
  - Development,
    - SME's
  - Regulatory Coherence

# **TPP enhances Transparency**

Behind the border measures

#### **4. Progress of negotiations?**

8<sup>th</sup> round held in Chicago, 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011.

Essentially, good progress was made on virtually all texts

Some chapters are more complex and require more detailed negotiations.

Remain hopeful on meeting Ministers' instructions to provide a broad outline/framework of the TPP Agreement by November.



# **THANK YOU**