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FPCCI/R&D/APBF/2016/
November 14, 2016

Subject: Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2017, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February, 8 to 9, 2017

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclose herewith letter received from United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) which is self explanatory on the subject.

The Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) will be held on February 9, 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh and the International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh (ICCB) is organizing the said Business Forum.


Asia Pacific Business Forum (APBF) is a major regional dialogue and networking event facilitating exchanges between high-level professionals in the private and public sector. The theme of the APBF 2017 is "Sustainable Development through Regional Integration: The Role of Regional Business Networks".

It is self financed business Forum and the Participation token FEE is US \$ 250 per person.

You are requested to participate and intimate to the under signed. Please contact to Mr. Masato Abe Economic Affairs Officer, Business and Development Section, Trade and Investment and innovation Division at apbf@un.org for further information.

Best regards

Ahmed Zaman Khan
Assistant Secretary General

 14/11/2016

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Event Information

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Ministers, Business Leaders, Senior Government Officials, Executives of Multilateral Agencies, Policy Makers, Legislators, Economists, Academics, CEOs of Multinationals, Lawyers and other Professionals.

DATE

08-09 February 2017

VENUE

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel

107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh

Tel: +880 55028008, 9128008

HOTEL RESERVATION

ICC Bangladesh has already made BLOCK BOOKING with selected Hotels at a very specially negotiated rate. Upon receipt of Registration Form and choice of Hotel, ICC Bangladesh will confirm reservation. Reservations will be processed on a "first come first served" basis. Hotels require one nights deposit for confirmed reservation.

WELCOME DINNER & CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Welcome Dinner on 08 February 2017 will be preceded by a Cultural Show depicting culture, music & dances of Bangladesh.



VISA / IMMIGRATION

Delegates are requested to check visa requirements with Bangladesh Diplomatic Missions /travel agents/ airlines/ in the respective country. Bangladesh Embassies have been requested to issue visas to the intending Delegates. For delegates coming from countries where there is no Bangladesh Mission, ICC Bangladesh may also arrange visa on arrival; provided registration and passport details are received on or before 05 January, 2017.

SECRETARIAT

A Secretariat to assist the Delegates will be set up at Titus (Level 2) Pan-Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

The current exchange rate of Bangladesh Taka (BDT) to US\$1 is Tk. 78.50. Foreign currency can be converted easily into TK from any money changers/hotels and commercial banks.

Foreign Delegates can bring in up-to US\$5,000 or equivalent amount without declaration. Amount exceeding US\$5,000 or equivalent should be declared at the time of arrival.

CREDIT CARDS

Visa, Master, Amex and Diners Club cards are easily acceptable by Hotels, Restaurants & Shopping Malls etc.



Event Accommodation & Information

Name and Category of Hotel	Telephone / Fax (Country/Area Code: +880-2)	Tariff Per Night (US\$)		Location in Dhaka, Bangladesh
		Deluxe Room	Premium Room	
Pan Pacific Sonargoan*****	Tel :+880 55028008, 9128008 Fax: 913 8184 Email: reserve.ppdac@panpacific.com	US\$175	US\$214	107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka 1215 (APBF Venue)
Radisson Blu Hotels *****	Tel: +880 2 983 4555 Fax: +880 2 983 4554, 983 4504 E-mail: sales.dhaka@radisson.com	US\$250	US\$280	Airport Road Dhaka-1206
The Westin Dhaka*****	Tel: +880-2- 9891988 Fax: +880-2-9896661 Email: reservations.dhaka@westin.com	US\$300	US\$370	Main Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka 1212
Le Méridien Dhaka*****	Phone:+880 2 8900089 Fax: +880 2 8900090 Email: reservations.dhaka@lemeridien.com	US\$240	US\$340	79/A Commercial Area, Airport Road Nikunja 2, Khilkhet Dhaka 1229
Lakeshore Hotel***	Tel.: +880 2 985-9991, 9841787-92, Ext- 451 Fax: +880 2)9840519, 9840534, Mobile: +88 01911426105 Email: sales@lakeshorehotel.com.bd	US\$215	US\$230	Road # 41, House # 46, Gulshan- 2, Dhaka- 1212.
Platinum Suites	Tel: +8802 8831409 Mobile: +88 01975284686 Fax: +88 02 8816073 Email: reservation1@platinumhotels.com.bd	US\$128	US\$140	House # 58, Road # 11, Block # F Banani, Dhaka- 1213

Besides high quality Guest Houses with all modern facilities are also available at reasonable rate at Posh Residential Areas.

TRAVEL

The Airlines which fly to Dhaka include:
Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Jet Air, Thai Airways, Singapore Airlines, Emirates, Etihad, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Mihin Lanka, Dragon Air, Air India, PLA, Kuwait Airways, Malaysian Airlines, Turkish Airways, China Eastern, China Southern, Druk Air, Regent Air.

CAR RENTAL

Metered Taxi Cab services are available.
Just call the following numbers or ask hotel to arrange Taxi Cab/Car:
Toma Taxi Cab: 09612667070, 01866667070
The Hertz Corp.: +88-01711566337
Elite Car: +8802-8821078, 01715812152
Auto Link: +88-01911-390720

Hotel Limousine Service is also available

CLIMATE

Temp: Average Low 13°C- High 27°C

STANDARD TIME

GMT + 6 Hrs

Conference language : English
Bangla is the National language.
English is widely spoken and understood.

WEEKLY HOLIDAYS

Friday-Saturday

POWER SUPPLY

Regular voltage 220 / 50 cycle

DRESS CODE

Lounge Suit/Business Attire/ National

For any further information, please contact:

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**Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2017 and Sessions of United Nations ESCAP Business
Advisory Council (EBAC) and Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)**

“Linking Business with the Sustainable Development Goals: What Can We Do?”

7-9 February 2017
Dhaka, Bangladesh

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, 6 February	
	<i>Arrival of the members of various ESBN Tasks Forces</i>
Tuesday, 7 February	
	<i>Arrival of EBAC Members</i>
United Nations ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) Task Force Meetings	
09:00-17:00	<p>Separate and joint meetings of the Task Forces on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Economy and Green Business • Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation • Innovation and Competitiveness • MSMEs and Social Enterprises • Trade and Transport Facilitation • Banking and Finance • Pacific issues • Water Access • Agriculture and Food
19:00-21:00	<i>EBAC Welcome Reception, hosted by Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President, International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh (ICCB)</i>

Wednesday, 8 February	
	<i>Arrival of foreign guests</i>
Joint Plenary Meeting of the United Nations ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC) and the United Nations ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)	
09:30-10:00	Opening session: Opening remarks by Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal Rawther , EBAC Chairperson
10:00-11:00	Agenda 1: EBAC/ESBN work plan, APBF 2018, venue and agenda of EBAC 13rd session
11:00-13:00	<i>Arrival of Executive Secretary of ESCAP</i>
	Agenda 2: Presentations by ESBN Task Forces, giving briefing on current projects and concrete work plan and vision for their 2017-2018 activities and outputs. Closing session: Concluding statement by Dr. Shamshad Akhtar , Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP
<i>13:00</i>	<i>Networking Lunch</i>

Wednesday, 8 February (continued)

Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2017 (Day 1)

15:00-17:00	<p>Opening Session:</p> <p>Keynote Address on the Role of Business in SDGs It would be impossible to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) without a sufficient degree of cooperation from business, which is a chief engine of growth, development through innovation, job creation and income generation. Business has been required to adopt a renewed commitment to integrate their activities into all priority areas of the SDGs and contribute to effectively implement the SDGs under the necessary enabling regulatory environment.</p> <p>Mr. Tadashi Yanai, Founder and President of the Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. (tbc)</p> <p>Speakers at Inaugural Session:</p> <p>President/Prime Minister of Bangladesh His Excellency Prof. Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Former President of Indonesia (tbc) Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President, International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh (ICCB) Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal Rawther, EBAC Chairperson</p> <p>Group photo taking</p>
<i>19:00-22:00</i>	<i>Cultural programme followed by GALA dinner</i>

Thursday, 9 February	
Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2017 (Day 2)	
<i>08:30-09:00</i>	<i>Registration</i>
09:00-10:30	<p>Plenary Session:</p> <p>Supporting SDGs through Digital Financial Models by Inclusive Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the digital financial models? • What are their roles and impacts on sustainable development in the region? • What are challenges for the governments to maximize their benefits? <p>Moderator: Prof. Barbara Meynert, Chair of the ESNB Task Force on Digital Economy</p> <p>Speakers: H.E. Tofael Ahmed, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh Mr. Phang Yew Kiat, Vice Chair and CEO of Credit China FinTech Holding Limited A senior executive from the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) Senior experts in the fields of Islamic finance, impact finance, and/or FinTech A senior level UN official responsible for SDG/financial inclusion initiative</p>
<i>10:30-11:00</i>	<i>Networking break</i>

11:00-12:30	<p>Business Session One:</p> <p>Devising Strategies for Resilience: Role of Business in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role and potential of business in disaster risk management in Asia-Pacific? • What are available measures and tools for business to promote climate change adaptation? • How can we facilitate public private partnerships in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation? <p>Moderator: Mr. Asif Ibrahim, Chair of the ESNB Task Force on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Binod K. Chaudhary, President, Chaudhary Group, Nepal Mr. Puji Pujiono, Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction, ESCAP <i>Prominent business leaders and/or leading experts on DRR and climate change adaptation</i></p>	
12:30-14:00	Business lunch	
14:00-15:30	Parallel Sessions	
	<p>Business Session Two:</p> <p>Incentivizing R&D and Technology Advancement for achieving the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of innovation for achieving the SDGs? • How can innovation be fostered? • How can the governments encourage business to invest in R&D and technology advancement more? <p>Moderator: Mr. Akash Bhaysa, Managing Director, Skyquest Technology Group</p> <p>Speakers: tbc.</p>	<p>Business Session Three:</p> <p>Fostering Regional Energy Cooperation for Alternative and Renewable Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can business assist governments in energy infrastructure investment for alternative and renewable energy? • How can the poor's energy access issues be addressed? • Why isn't sustainable energy being more widely promoted? <p>Moderator: Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Speakers: tbc.</p>

<p>15:30-17:00</p>	<p>Business Session Four:</p> <p>Supporting and Empowering Disadvantaged MSMEs to Become More Competitive and Sustainable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main difficulties for MSMEs' effective participation in regional and global value chains? • How can international investors better connect with MSMEs, helping them be more sustainable? • How can the governments and business associations promote the development of MSMEs through technology and innovation development? <p>Moderator: Tan Sri Michael Yeoh, CEO of Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) (tbc)</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. John Denton, First Vice Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Mr. Suren VARDANYAN, Vice-President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Don Dhammika Perera, Chairman and Managing Director, Vallibel One Group, Sri Lanka (tbc) Ms. Mai Kieu Lien, Chairperson and CEO, Vietnam Dairy Products Joint Stock Company (Vinamilk), Viet Nam (tbc)</p>
<p><i>17:00-17:30</i></p>	<p><i>Refreshment</i></p>
<p>17:30-18:00</p>	<p>Closing and Press Briefing</p>

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

TIID/BDS/APBF-2017

11 November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2017
Dhaka, Bangladesh, 8 to 9 February 2017**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) will take place on 8 and 9 February 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Forum is jointly organized by ESCAP, the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh and the International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh (ICCB).

APBF has been a major regional dialogue and networking event held annually in Asia and the Pacific since its inception in 2004, facilitating exchanges between high-level professionals in the private and public sectors. Participants discuss the role and responsibilities of business in sustainable development with an emphasis on the particular issues of importance, such as inclusive and sustainable trade and investment and capacity building through science, technology and innovation, as well as other issues as identified by the business community. The multi-stakeholder setting of the forum effectively engages policy-makers, business representatives, international agencies, civil society organizations and academics.

The theme of APBF 2017 is “Sustainable Development through Regional Integration: The Role of Regional Business Networks.” More than 300 senior government officials and business executives from throughout Asia and the Pacific are expected to participate. The tentative programme of the Forum is attached for information.

We hereby have the pleasure to invite you or your representative to attend APBF 2017. By extension this invitation also covers your members and/or associates. In this regard, we seek your kind cooperation in circulating this invitation and information within your business/professional network. Participants are kindly requested to register for the event using the attached registration form. Please feel free to contact Mr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Business and Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division at apbf@un.org with any inquiries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan F. Stone', enclosed in a rectangular box.

Susan F. Stone
Director
Trade, Investment and Innovation Division

Attachment



Photo

REGISTRATION FORM*

Asia-Pacific Business Forum

Dhaka, Bangladesh

8-9 February 2017

Delegate

Title: (Mr. /Dr. /Mrs. /Ms.)

Family Name..... First/given Name.....

Position.....

Company.....

Address.....

Phone: Office..... Res. Fax.....

Mobile..... Email.....

Token contribution to cost

US\$ 250.00 or BDT 20,000.00

Mode of Payment

Payment to be made by TT/ Account Payee Cheque/ Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANGLADESH. Online payment can also be made through Bank Transfer to A/C No.: STD 004836001171 with National Bank Limited, Kawran Bazar Branch, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel/Fax: +880-2-8127223 SWIFT: NBLBDDH048

Company/ Organization Profile:**

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Personal Profile.....

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Date..... Signature.....

* Please return this Registration Form duly filled in along with contribution to the **Secretary General, ICC Bangladesh, Suvastu Tower (6th Floor), 69/1 Pantha Path, Dhaka- 1205, Bangladesh.** e-mail: info@iccbangladesh.org.bd, Fax +880-2-9641287

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