

US-PECC 2021 Policy Forum

Strengthening Trade and Economic Ties in the Indo-Pacific

In recent years, leading economies in the Indo-Pacific concluded two major plurilateral trade agreements that exclude the United States. The Biden administration has expressed a desire to reverse this trend by re-engaging with multilateral institutions and bolstering economic engagement in this critical region. However, the domestic political environment makes neither U.S. accession to an existing trade agreement nor the launch of new talks likely in the near term. This two-part event will feature speakers from business, government and academia who will discuss the administration's trade and economic priorities in the Indo-Pacific and ways the U.S. can achieve its objectives when the usual tools for writing the rules of trade in the region are not at hand.

AGENDA DAY 1 JUNE 30

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome and program overview**
ET **Richard Cantor**, Chair US-PECC, PECC co-chair, and Chief Credit Officer, Moody's
- 10:05 a.m. **Opening remarks and Conversation**
ET U.S. Rep. **Rick Larsen** (WA-02)
Facilitated by Richard Cantor
- 10:20 a.m. **Panel discussion, U.S. Priorities in the Indo-Pacific: Digital Governance**
ET **Moderator:** Kurt Tong, Partner, Asia Group
Panelists:
- **Dr. Susan Aaronson**, Research Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub, George Washington University
 - **Peter Cowhey**, former Dean University of California San Diego School of Global Policy & Strategy and Qualcomm Endowed Chair in Communications and Technology Policy
 - **Matthew P. Goodman**, Senior Vice President for Economics and Simon Chair in Political Economy, Center for Strategic & International Studies
- 10:58 a.m. **Closing remarks**
ET **Richard Cantor**, Chair US-PECC, PECC co-chair, and Chief Credit Officer, Moody's
- 11:00 a.m. **Adjourn**
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AGENDA DAY 2 JULY 1

- 11:00 a.m. **Welcome and program overview**
ET **Richard Cantor**, Chair US-PECC, PECC co-chair, and Chief Credit Officer, Moody's
- 11:05 a.m. **View from the administration**
ET **Biden administration representative** *TBC*
- 11:20 a.m. **Panel discussion, U.S. Priorities in the Indo-Pacific: Inclusive Trade**
ET **Moderator:** Kurt Tong, Partner, Asia Group
Panelists:
- **Devry Boughner Vorwerk**, Founder and CEO, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies
 - **Edward Alden**, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
 - US-PECC member *TBC*
- 11:58 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
ET **Richard Cantor**, Chair US-PECC, PECC co-chair, and Chief Credit Officer, Moody's
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
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