
ABAC AND BUSINESS LEADERS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

An exchange of views between business leaders and Australian ABAC members on the work of ABAC over 2013 and into 2014

**Corrs Chambers Westgarth Office, Sydney
23 OCTOBER 2013**

AGENDA

- 14:45 – 15:00** **Tea and coffee on arrival**
- 15:00 – 15:15** **1. Welcome and introductory comments – The role and global context of APEC and ABAC**
- Ken Waller, Director of the Australian APEC Study Centre
 - John Denton, Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, ABAC Member for Australia and host of the meeting
- 15:15 – 15:50** **2. Perspectives and issues covered by ABAC in 2013**
- Anna Buduls, Company Owner and Chairman of Tramada Systems, ABAC Member for Australia
 - Mark Johnson AO, Senior Advisor at Gresham Partners Limited, ABAC Member for Australia
 - John Denton, Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, ABAC Member for Australia and host of the meeting
- Open Discussion**
- 15:50 – 16:05** **3. APEC 2014 – Themes and priorities**
- Sam Gerovich, Ambassador for APEC and First Assistant Secretary, Trade and Economic Policy Division, DFAT
 - John Larkin, APEC Branch (APB) and Assistant Secretary, DFAT
- 16:05 – 16:15** **4. Links between APEC, ABAC and G20 - Perspectives by Australian ABAC members: John Denton, Anna Buduls and Mark Johnson AO**
- 16:15 – 16:40** **5. Views of Australian business representatives and G20**
- Potential areas of interests:
- WTO and regional trade and investment policies
 - Food and energy security
 - Services
 - Internationalisation of the RMB
 - Access to finance for SMEs
 - Entrepreneurship and innovation
 - Asia Pacific Financial Forum
 - Infrastructure development and financing
- 16:40 – 16:50** **6. Opportunities for Australian businesses - 2014 and beyond**
- 16:50 – 17:00** **7. Closing comments**
- John Denton, Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, ABAC Member for Australia and host of the meeting
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Drinks on the terrace**

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**Attendees:****Australian ABAC Members**

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John Denton, Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, ABAC Member for Australia and host of the meeting
Mark Johnson AO, Senior Advisor at Gresham Partners Limited, ABAC Member for Australia

Australian ABAC Secretariat

Lisa Barker, Lead Staffer of the Australian ABAC Secretariat
Ken Waller, Director of the Australian APEC Study Centre

Government Representatives

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Business Representatives

Ian Birks, CEO of the Australian Services Roundtable (ASR)
John Brogden, CEO, of the Financial Services Council (FSC)
Bryan Clark, Director - Trade & International Affairs of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
Peter Crone, Chief Economist and Director of Policy at the Business Council of Australia (BCA)
Bronwyn Evans, Incoming CEO of Standards Australia
Tracey Lyons, Director, Market Operations & Retail of Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA)
Paula Martin, NSW Business Chamber Representative/ General Manager of Australian Business Consulting and Solutions
Steven Münchenberg, CEO of the Australian Bankers Association (ABA)
John Strong, Advisor to The Council of Small Business Australia (COSBOA)/ Director of Strong Strategies Pty Ltd
Pauline Vamos, CEO of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA)