## CPTPP Committee on Cooperation and Capacity Building and Committee on Development

#### **Committee Report**

- 1. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Committee on Cooperation and Capacity Building and Committee on Development were held virtually on 6 and 7 July 2021. Delegates from the following CPTPP members participated: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Viet Nam. Ms. ONISHI Tomoko of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, chaired the Committee.
- 2. The Committee agenda is attached at **ANNEX A**.
- 3. A summary of the Committee's discussion and any outcomes agreed under the respective agenda items is set out below.
- 4. AGENDA ITEM 1: The Committee adopted the agenda.
- 5. AGENDA ITEM 2: Based on New Zealand's proposal, the Committee discussed and adopted a template to be used for proposing cooperation. The template (ANNEX B) will be used in case any Party requests for capacity building or any other assistance in accordance with Article 21.4, bearing in mind that this provision is not linked to any bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA) schemes, and there's no dedicated funding for the implementation of this provision. It envisages that the ways to implement future cooperation and capacity building activities are subject to further discussion and consideration at the Committee. The template can also be used in case any Party wishes to offer a proposal of assistance for specific activities. The form filled out by a requesting Party will be sent to the Chair and the contact points of the Committee, taking into account the priorities and the limitation of the scheme, and will be circulated by the Chair among the contact points of the Committee so that the Committee will discuss and consider how to proceed with the request.
- 6. AGENDA ITEM 3: The Committee exchanged information regarding the implementation of subparagraph 2(a) and (b) of Article 21.4.

New Zealand shared their experience of offering capacity building to Viet Nam on government procurement in 2019. Peru shared their experience of utilizing the training program of Canada's Expert Deployment Mechanism (EDM) on impact assessment and trade policy development. Viet Nam also appreciated the technical supports provided under Canada's EDM.

Viet Nam also express their thanks to Australia for their great support to build up the Viet Nam Portal of Free Trade Agreement (FTAP). Viet Nam hopes to receive support from the other countries and their support would be more meaningful if it can come promptly.

- 7. AGENDA ITEM 4: The Committee exchanged information regarding the implementation of Article 23.7.
- 8. AGENDA ITEM 5: Canada, New Zealand and Chile jointly made presentation on Global Trade and Gender Arrangement (GTAGA). The Committee appreciated their presentation and recognized the importance of inclusive trade, especially integrating gender perspective more fully into trade activities in the post-COVID world.
- 9. AGENDA ITEM 6: Nothing was raised.
- 10. AGENDA ITEM 7: Singapore, as the Chair for the 2022 CPTPP Commission, will internally discuss and update members regarding the next meeting of the CPTPP Committee on Cooperation and Capacity Building and Committee on Development.
- 11. AGENDA ITEM 8: Its report will be finalized after confirmation by correspondence.

### ANNEX A

## CPTPP Committee on Cooperation and Capacity Building and Committee on Development

AGENDA				
Date and Time:	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 10:00am (Tokyo Time)			
Venue:	Video-Conference			
Day 1				
ITEM 1:	Adoption of the Agenda			
ITEM 2:	Procedures of Collaboration related to Article 21.4			
ITEM 3:	Information Exchange (Article 21.4.2(a)&(b))			
ITEM 4:	Information Exchange (Article 23.7)			
Day 2				
ITEM 5:	Presentation on Inclusive Trade Action Group (ITAG) by			
	Canada, New Zealand and Chile			
ITEM 6:	Other Issues			
ITEM 7:	Next Meeting			
ITEM 8:	Committee Report			

#### **ANNEX B**

# Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Proposal for Cooperation

This form has been developed by the Cooperation and Capacity Building Committee as a mechanism to receive and process requests for cooperation between the Parties in the implementation of the CPTPP Agreement.

Requesting Party	
Name of requesting	
organisation	
Contact person and role	
Contact telephone/mobile	
Contact email address	
Project Title (and brief description):	
Type of cooperation requested	☐ Technical expertise
(more than one option possible)	
	☐ Training and capacity building
	☐ Information sharing
	☐ Other (specify)
Direct stakeholder group	☐ Internal staff of the requesting organisation
(more than one option possible)	

☐ Staff of other public agencies
☐ Private sector (e.g., exporters or SMEs)
☐ Staff of other private entities
□ Other

#### 1. Proposal

#### 1.1 Background Information

Provide some background information, including the CPTPP provision with which assistance is requested, rationale for the request [include link to the provision].

#### 1.2 Project Objectives

What are the specific objectives that the project aims to achieve? How will you know when these have been met?

Activities  t the expected project activities,	expected outcomes, and timeframes.	
Activity	Expected Outcome	Timeframe
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Focal point <sup>i</sup>	Position	
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**Project Description** 

Provide a description of the cooperation project.