Session Title: <u>Small and medium size enterprises and cross-border transaction in the APEC</u> region

Date: 8 April 2017

Time: 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Synopsis: Along with the recent drastic development of innovative internet technology, countries are competing with each other to promote start-ups and fund-raising. This session will explore feasibility and challenges on methods of funding to SMEs in major APEC member states, such as local barriers for foreign investment especially to SMEs, type of securities which SMEs can provide to foreign creditors to secure their loans, etc. This session will also introduce the policy of promoting SMEs and the trend of SME activities in such jurisdictions.

Committee: Cross-Border Investment Committee with the APEC Committee and the Corporate Counsel Committee

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