

About the 2005 Policy Dialogue in Bangkok

A follow-up from last year's APEC Symposium in Tokyo, Japan, this coming event will bring together participants from both inside and outside APEC economies to discuss the role of the private sector in the remittances industry. Policymakers, researchers, remittance industry analysts and private sector entities will share various experiences on successful ways to strengthen formal sector remittance channels, create incentives for customers, and improve the environment for the provision of cost-effective and accessible remittance services, in order to shift from informal to formal systems.

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Policy Dialogue on Remittances



Co-Chairs of the APEC Initiative on Remittance Systems present:

The Second APEC Policy Dialogue: *The Role of the Private Sector in Shifting from Informal to Formal Remittance Systems*

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Bangkok, Thailand

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Preliminary Agenda

Venue: The Amari Watergate Hotel

May 26 (Thursday)

- 8:45a Opening Remarks by the Thai Ministry of Finance (MoF) and ADB
- 9:00a Panel 1: Initial Conditions for the Shift from Informal to Formal and an Overview of Remittance Systems
- 10:30a Coffee Break sponsored by the Thai MoF
- 10:45a Panel 2: First Mile – Diversifying Remittance Products
- 12:30p Lunch – Hosted by the Thai MoF
- 1:30p Panel 3: Intermediary – The Role of Technologies
- 3:30p Coffee Break sponsored by the Thai MoF
- 5:00p “Workshop”
- 7:00 p Dinner hosted by the Thai MoF with keynote speech

Preliminary Agenda (Continued)

May 27 (Friday)

- 8:45a Panel 4: Last Mile – Innovative Banking Products
- 10:15a Coffee Break sponsored by the Thai MoF
- 10:30a Panel 5: Market Incentives for Private Sector Players: Business Model of Profitable Remittances Business
- 12:00p Lunch – Hosted by the Thai MoF
- 1:30p Panel 6: The Role of Government in Creating a Sound and Competitive Remittance Industry Environment
- 3:00p Coffee Break sponsored by the Thai MoF
- 3:15p “Workshop” and Summary of “Workshop”
- 5:00 p Closing Remarks by the World Bank

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Please visit the Policy Dialogue website.

Venue

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