

APEC summit 2023:

The future of climate and trade policies in a world of geopolitical divides

November 13, 2023
9:30am-11:45am

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Brookings Institution
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The leaders of the 21 member economies of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum will gather in San Francisco, California, the week of November 12. APEC has a track record of finding ways to foster collaboration between its members, but today's challenges are steep. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created upheaval in energy markets, U.S.-China tensions have stalled cooperation on climate change between two of the largest greenhouse gas emitters, and the weakened rules-based trading system has led to increased use of tariffs, technology restrictions, and other means of economic coercion that create complications for all economies. Can APEC members forge a path toward effective policies to sustain a green transition and preserve an open international economic system while building resilient supply chains?

On November 13, the Center for East Asia Policy Studies and the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) will host a group of experts to assess the goals and potential outcomes of this year's APEC summit. The first panel will focus on climate change and energy security, and the second panel will address the international trading system and supply chain resilience.

Viewers can submit questions via e-mail to events@brookings.edu or via Twitter using #APEC.

Agenda

Welcoming remarks

9:30am-9:35am

Speaker

- ❖ **Masakazu Toyoda**
Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Panel 1: Climate change and energy security

9:35am-10:35am

Moderator

- ❖ **Samantha Gross**
Director of the Energy Security and Climate Initiative & Fellow with Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

Panelists

- ❖ **Yukari Niwa Yamashita**
Managing Director, Energy Data and Modelling Center (EDMC), The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ)
- ❖ **Jonathan Elkind**
Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
- ❖ **Jennifer Sklarew**
Assistant Professor, Environmental Science & Policy Department, George Mason University

Panel 2: International trading system and supply chain resilience

10:40am-11:40am

Moderator

- ❖ **Naoyuki Haraoka**
Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Panelists

- ❖ **Tsuyoshi Kawase**
Professor, Faculty of Law, Department of Legal Studies of the Global Environment, Sophia University
- ❖ **Kojiro Fujii**
Partner, Nishimura & Asahi (N&A)
- ❖ **Mireya Solís**
Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies & Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies, Brookings Institution
- ❖ **Inu Manak**
Fellow for Trade Policy, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

Closing remarks

11:40am-11:45am

Speaker

- ❖ **Mireya Solís**
Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies & Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies, Brookings Institution