

immediately prior to the Ministerial meeting to develop recommendations for APEC directions on this important aspect of trade facilitation.

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## APEC & THE ENVIRONMENT: ENSURING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

**APEC Environment Ministers**, led by the Canadian Environment Minister, will meet in Toronto on June 9-11. The Ministers will take the next steps required to ensure that as rapid economic growth continues, the rights of future generations to economic prosperity, environmental security and social stability are protected. Particular attention will be paid to ensuring that the increasing number of urban centres in the region develop in a way that is sustainable and livable for all citizens, through cleaner technology and production methods and protection of the marine environment, among other means. They will also work with environment-related companies and local authorities around the APEC region through a Business and Local Authorities Forum to discuss partnership opportunities in urban environmental infrastructure.

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