

In 1996, the publication of the third edition of the APEC Investment Guidebook provided details of investment incentives and tax rules affecting foreign investment in member economies, indicating the investment protection arrangements and international agreements to which members are party, and reviewing recent trends in foreign investment.

4. Facilitating services trade

Examples of two noteworthy initiatives in a wide work program include: the conformance of all but two APEC economies to APEC Guidelines for Trade in International Value-Added Network Services by 1998; work towards mutual acceptance of energy test facilities and results; and, the creation of an inventory of impediments to tourism movements and development of a program for their removal.

5. Implementation of Uruguay Round commitments

Canada has implemented its commitments at the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations. APEC has held seminars aimed at prompt and faithful implementation in areas such as services, rules, government procurement, intellectual property, rules of origin, agriculture, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade and anti-dumping. These seminars have given other member economies the opportunity to discuss implementation problems and to identify the need for targeted assistance to address them.