# STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

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## Value of Common Approaches

- Easier for investors (and lawyers).
- Avoid gaps in drafting by building on previous provisions.
- Common interpretative jurisprudence.
- Reduce Forum Shopping.

## Coherence & Consistency

- APEC Dec 2007 Report of 14 regional IIAS highlighted common provisions:
  - NT
  - MFN
  - FET
  - Expropriation
  - Free transfer
  - Consent to Investor-State and State-State Dispute Resolution.
- The US and Japan use Model Templates.
- However, Australia and Singapore have very different IIAs.
- Emerging ASEAN model of an IIA.

## Common Objectives

- APEC 2007 found that:
  - Most were intended to protect investments;
  - So as to be indirectly FDI promotional;
  - By being moderately liberalizing.
- However, recent APEC IIAs textually modified FET, MST, expropriation and dispute settlement provisions.
- This has been done to provide more policy space for "public policy" regulatory responses.

#### FTAs and IIAs

- FTA Investment Chapters also have played a significant role in investment promotion and protection.
- There is also a need to have coherence and consistency between FTAs and IIAs.
- Increasing number of FTAs with Investment Chapters entered into by APEC Member Countries.
  - Recent FTAs include: ASEAN-AUS-NZ FTA, U.S.-Peru TPA, Japan-India CEPA and Peru-Korea FTA.

### FTAs and IIAs

- FTA and IIAs may cover the same subject matters:
  - Investment;
  - Services (Mode 3); and
  - Dispute Settlement.
- Consequently, there may be inconsistencies as a result of the overlapping obligations and procedural mechanisms.
- It is therefore important to harmonize the different obligations.

#### Investment and Services

- Services delivered through Mode 3 (Commercial Presence) have an important interaction with investment obligations.
- Two general approaches have evolved:
  - GATS Approach: Services is covered in both the services and investment chapters.
  - NAFTA Approach: Mode 3 is covered only by investment chapter. Clearer separation between investment and services chapters (note: definition of "inconsistency" in jurisprudence).

## FTA Type Agreements

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Interaction Structure because of Negative /e Out

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