

Minister Fast at APEC

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Minister Fast travelled to Honolulu, Hawaii to participate in the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting from November 10-13.

At the meeting of 21 member economies bordering the Pacific, Minister Fast supported free and open markets, green growth and efforts to reduce barriers to small and medium-sized enterprises. He also supported APEC's goal of greater economic integration through enhanced regulatory cooperation. In addition, Canada conveyed its intent to enter into formal consultations with members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on Canada's possible participation in negotiations.

On the margins of the APEC meeting, Minister Fast held separate discussions with his counterparts from nine APEC member economies, including Australia, China and the United States, and signed a [telecommunications cooperation agreement](#) with Mexico.