The APEC Handbook on Obligations in International Investment Treaties

Agenda

13:00-13:30 Light lunch

Light lunch sponsored by the Australian Permanent Mission, Geneva

13:30-14:15 Presentation of the APEC Handbook

Chair: Patricia Holmes, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the WTO

1. “Draft APEC Handbook on Obligations on International Investment Treaties”

Speaker: N. Jansen Calamita, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Book description: Under the auspices of the APEC Investment Expert Group (IEG), Australia has funded a project to develop a general handbook on investment treaty obligations designed to assist non-specialist frontline officials, at different levels of government, to better understand and implement international investment commitments. The APEC Handbook, which has recently been finalized, is the first international resource of its kind and will be made freely available for use by all governments. The next phase of the project, to be jointly funded by Australia under APEC and the AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Support Program (AECSP), will develop a country-specific handbook tailored to Vietnam’s particular international investment obligations and its domestic regulatory regime. Both phases of this work are being led by Professor Jansen Calamita, Head of Investment Law and Policy at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore. This event will present the APEC Handbook and provide an overview of its content and potential uses in government.