Overview: At APEC 2010 Yokohama, the leaders agreed to pursue five growth strategies: balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth. Under the banner of inclusive growth, APEC economies will strive to ensure that all people of the region have the opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from global economic growth. “The APEC Leaders’ Growth Strategy” further states that APEC should support policies that increase opportunities for workers to benefit from (1) regional economic integration, (2) an improved business environment for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and (3) increased access to finance for the most vulnerable sectors such as microenterprises (MEs). In addition, the statement calls on APEC economies to create sufficient opportunities for potentially disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including youth, elderly and women, through better education, training, and employment programs.

In this session, speakers will explore social policy issues and human development measures, such as employment, education, empowerment, and social security. They also will examine the current status of PECC economies and the ways in which they hope to achieve inclusive growth in the future.

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