

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

CHAPTER SUMMARY: COOPERATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Cooperation and Capacity Building Chapter acknowledges the importance of cooperation and capacity building between TPP Parties in implementing and enhancing the benefits of the TPP.

The Chapter recognises that cooperation and capacity building activities will be undertaken on a mutually agreed basis between two or more TPP Parties and seek to build on existing arrangements and agreements.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHAPTER

The Chapter specifies a range of possible cooperation and capacity building activities. For example, TPP Parties are encouraged to engage in activities relating to agriculture, industrial and services sectors, and the promotion of education, culture and gender equality.

The Chapter encourages the involvement of the private sector and application of technology and innovation when undertaking cooperation and capacity building activities between TPP Parties.

The Chapter recognises that cooperation and capacity building can be undertaken through various means, including workshops, project collaboration and exchange of experts.

A **Committee on Cooperation and Capacity Building** will be established, comprising government representatives of each TPP Party. The Committee will:

- share information on experiences and lessons learned in relation to cooperation and building activities;
- discuss proposals for future cooperation and capacity building activities;
- enhance donor coordination and facilitating public-private partnerships in cooperation and capacity building activities; and
- invite international donor institutions, private sector entities, and non-governmental organisations to assist in the development and implementation of cooperation and capacity building activities.

The Cooperation and Capacity Building Chapter is not subject to the TPP Dispute Settlement Chapter.

