## **RCEP – CPTPP – IPEF:** The Future of Supply Chain

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## Regional and Multilateral Trade Agreements Benefits



Strengthen global/regional economy through standardized export import procedure.



Wider market access, exporter can access new markets with less barriers.



Increased trade means increased production which leads to more job creation

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#### The broader Asia is part of two existing Regional Trade Agreements

- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a regional trade agreement between the member states of ASEAN and its free trade agreement (FTA) partners. It aims to create an integrated market with 16 countries
- The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is a free trade agreement between 11 countries. It aims to reduce trade barriers and facilitate trade.
- The RCEP is often compared to the CPTPP since both have similar objectives to promote trade and investment in a mutually beneficial manner



#### Asia-Pacific Regional Trade Groups

#### Significance of RCEP

#### Significance of CPTPP

Created the largest trading block in the world covering 30% of global GDP



CPTPP will form a trading bloc representing 500 million consumers and 13.5% of global GDP

Market access improvement with progressive duty elimination for at least 92% of goods traded among RCEP members.



Eliminates tariffs and reduces barriers for 98% of exports to CPTPP member countries.

Forecasted to increase the trading bloc GDP by 0.4% (US\$170 billion) by 2030.\*



Expected to increase exports among the partners by 2.43%

#### Trade Facilitation is essential to ensure seamless trade and is embedded in CPTPP & RCEP

Trade facilitation — the simplification, modernization and harmonization of export and import processes



- The two FTAs call for goods to be released within 48 hours of arrival at customs. For express consignments RCEP mandates the time limit to 6 hours.
- Both RCEP and CPTPP recognize advance ruling provisions. These provisions are especially important for trade in complex goods
- RCEP recognizes the different levels of readiness of Parties in implementing some of the commitments and allows them a longer period for full implementation.

### How about the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework?

# IPEF has the potential of creating a robust economic cooperation in the region if...

## The *Trade* Pillar should reflect:

- Simplified clearance of low-value shipments will refocus time and revenue resources.
- Paperless clearance and digitization of import/export processes while promoting cross-border interoperability among different countries' personal data protection rules

#### While *Supply Chain Resilience* Pillar should:

- Recognize the distinct role between cargo carriers and passenger airlines in supporting the necessary response to a global crisis.
- Establish a designated supply chain disruption task force with representatives from each IPEF participant's

## **Thank you!**

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