

## About APK

Since the first APK in 1986, the conference has steadily increased in significance and attendance. Today it is jointly organized by the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), and the bilateral German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHK). It is co-chaired by the APA Chairman and the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy.

The APK 2018 in Jakarta is where German and Asian business interests meet, where economic partnerships between Germany and Asia-Pacific are strengthened, and where business trends and market opportunities are explored.

“*The Asia-Pacific region is a key driver of growth in the global economy, and therefore of major interest to German business. [...] The APK is an important platform for our governments and businesses to deepen their dialogue.*”



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**Sigmar Gabriel on the APK 2016**  
Vice Chancellor of Germany

## Confirmed Speakers



**Dr. Hubert Lienhard**

CEO & President at Voith and Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA)



**Thomas Trikasih Lembong**

Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board



**Cathrina Claas-Mühlhäuser**

Chairman Supervisory Board at CLAAS



**Wolfgang Ischinger**

Chairman of the Munich Security Conference



**Joe Kaeser**

President and CEO at Siemens



**Dieter Kempf**

President of the Federation of German Industries (BDI)



**Dr. Eric Schweitzer**

President of the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

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**We look forward to welcoming you in Jakarta!**



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## Where German and Asian Business Interests Meet

Over the last three decades, the Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business (APK) has evolved into Germany's signature business event in Asia. At the APK, top business and government leaders from Germany and Asia-Pacific meet every two years to discuss and promote economic relations between Europe's largest economy and the fastest-growing region in the world.

For the APK 2018 in Jakarta, up to 1,000 participants are expected – many of which are decision makers in business, associations, and politics.



“The APK brings Germany and the Asia-Pacific region closer together by connecting its political and economic representatives and in addressing challenges in an increasingly complex world. I am convinced that the APK in Jakarta will prove once more that personal encounters and discussions promote cooperation and deepen ties between Asia and Germany.”

**Dr. Hubert Lienhard**  
Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business

## Sessions

### Ministers' Dialogue: The EU and Asia in the World Economy

This session provides a platform for dialogue between the trade and industry ministers of the Asia-Pacific region. Where will future growth take place and which trends will shape the future economy?

### Political Stability and Security in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Asia-Pacific region is not only the most dynamic growth region in economic terms, it has also become a key driver in defense spending – increasing its global share from 20% in 2010 to 33% by 2020. This panel provides an overview of the most important current security challenges in the Asia-Pacific region and the development of the region's overall security architecture.

### Trade Policy

“Fair trade” has become something of a buzzword in recent times, often voiced by politicians aiming at bolstering their trade relations or economies against “unfair” conditions. However, whereas free trade is defined by the general absence of force and coercion, fair trade is always a matter of perspective and often requires market interventions. These interventions may seem fair to one party but unfair to another. This session engages in a contentious debate: Should fair trade replace free trade?

## Infrastructure

The Asia-Pacific region is already home to more than half of the world's population. The further growth to over 5 billion people by 2050 and an intensifying urbanization raise infrastructure investment demand. Apart from China's Belt and Road Initiative, Japan and India are developing approaches to convert this need into new opportunities. Which solutions are offered by Europe?

Infrastructure sessions:

- Infrastructure Financing in Asia
- Sustainable Urbanization

## Digitalization & Innovation

Digitalization and innovation will continue to change markets, products, and processes. These developments are relevant to established industries as well as start-ups. The latest digitalization trends will be discussed in the following sessions.

Digitalization & Innovation sessions:

- Digitalization in Trade and Services
- Consumer of the Future
- Start-up: Innovation in Asia
- Digital Manufacturing & Industrie 4.0

