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Takeaways from IGF 2016: an APAC Perspective

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Context

AP region wants more tangible results

- Generally satisfied with status quo because things work
- There are (always) other more pressing issues to work on

Two Personal Actions

1. Highlight discussion of trade in the digital economy (<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/starting-a-digital-economy-trade-agreement> op-ed in local leading daily)
 - Continues the theme of globalisation
 - Focuses on need to build trust (because trust helps trade)
 - Draws attention for need to bring in civil society
2. Pass the baton on
 - Introducing serious scholars/activists/researchers into the Internet Governance space